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Special Use Permit – Outdoor Venue

The Alcohol Control Regulations, 2016 (Regulations) have been amended to allow a special use permit to be issued to an outdoor venue.

The policy is attached as an appendix to this bulletin.

For further information about Special Use Permit- Hotel and Motel Lobby, contact SLGA Licensing Services at 1-800-787- 5563 or ll@slga.com.

Appendix – Outdoor Venue Policy

a) Eligibility

- i) The Outdoor Venue must be approved by the municipality in which it is situated.

b) Permitted Premise

- i) The permitted area will be the entire outdoor area, unless otherwise stipulated by SLGA or requested by the applicant.
- ii) A site plan of the entire outdoor venue will be required with a permit application.

c) Operating Requirements

- i) Beverage alcohol purchased within the permitted area may be consumed anywhere within the outdoor venue (i.e. patrons are allowed to walk throughout the outdoor venue with their drinks), unless otherwise stipulated by SLGA.
- ii) Generally speaking, the permanent enclosure around the outdoor venue must be at least 0.6 metres (2 feet) in height. However, in cases where SLGA deems the potential impact on the surrounding area or the risk of injury to patrons to be high, additional height up to 1.524 metres (5 feet) total may be required.
- iii) Entrances and exits must be monitored to ensure that outside beverage alcohol is not brought into the permitted area and that beverage alcohol purchased in the permitted area does not leave the permitted area and so that intoxicated persons do not enter the permitted area.

d) Alcohol Service

- i) Alcohol must be served and sold from a permanent location within the Outdoor Venue (no hawking or roaming sales, no sale from mobile food trucks).
- ii) The Outdoor Venue permit holder is responsible for ensuring that there is adequate monitoring and security of the area.
- iii) The holder of a Special Use Permit – Food Catering Business or a commercial permittee with a catering endorsement may be contracted by the Special Use – Outdoor Venue permit holder to provide the beverage alcohol service for the outdoor venue.
- iv) If alcohol service is being provided under contract, the permittee that is providing alcohol services is responsible for ensuring that intoxicated persons and minors are not served.

e) Food Service

- i) Light meals must be available. A light meal generally consists of one item, or a smaller serving commonly referred to as an appetizer (e.g. nachos, dry ribs, chicken fingers, sandwiches, salads, etc.). Snacks such as chips or peanuts are not sufficient to meet the general food service requirements.
- ii) Food trucks are allowed to be used to meet the food service requirement at an Outdoor Venue but are not allowed to provide beverage alcohol.
- iii) Non-alcohol beverages must always be available for sale or provision when beverage alcohol is being sold.

f) Alcohol Storage Requirements

- i) When beverage alcohol is not being stored within the permanent location where alcohol is being served and sold from, it must be stored in a secure place at a commercial location.
- ii) The commercial location must be owned or leased by the permittee or the permittee contracted to provide alcohol service. If the permittee does not own or lease the commercial property, they must have a written agreement in place to keep the secured alcohol at the location.
- iii) The commercial location must have a floor plan depicting where the secured beverage alcohol is located.
- iv) The permittee is responsible for ensuring the commercial location is appropriately secured and is satisfactory to SLGA. Typically, this is achieved by ensuring all entrances to the facility are locked.
- v) The permittee must ensure that reasonable measures are in place to minimize the risk of theft.

- vi) The permittee is to ensure that the commercial location adheres to facility standards set out in applicable building codes, health and fire regulations.
- vii) Additional information or proof of the above requirements may be requested at the discretion of SLGA Liquor Licensing and Inspections Branch.

g) Events hosted by third parties

- i) Beverage alcohol may be provided under the special use permit at a public or private event in the outdoor venue that is hosted by the special use outdoor venue permittee or an outside individual/organization.
- ii) A special use Outdoor Venue may allow third parties to rent the facility for a public or private function where the beverage alcohol is purchased and sold under a Special Occasion permit. The special use permit may remain in effect during such events, but liquor may not be sold under that permit except in circumstances as described in the Special Occasion Permits Policy Manual – Multiple Permits at One Event.