34.03.99.R0.01 Alcoholic Beverages on University Property

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Procedure Summary

The purchase, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in facilities under the control of East Texas A&M University (the University) shall in all respects comply with state law and the guidelines established under S*ystem Policy 34.03 Alcoholic Beverages*.

This procedure provides guidelines within the university to govern the purchase, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages under the control of the university.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted except in special-use buildings and facilities as may be designated by the President, approved by the chancellor, and subsequently reported to The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on an annual basis. The President or designee and the Chief of Police or designee must approve each request to serve alcoholic beverages at university-sanctioned events.

2. Locations that have been approved are:

    2.1. Heritage House and Lyday Gardens,

    2.2. Sam Rayburn Student Center,

    2.3. Keith D. McFarland Science Building Foyer,

    2.4. Alumni Center,

    2.5. Performing Arts Center,

    2.6. Waters Library,

    2.7. Music Building (excluding classrooms),

    2.8. Memorial Stadium,

        2.8.1. President’s Box,

2.8.2. Guest Box (visitor's side),

2.8.3. All other areas (parking lots and grass lots adjacent to and inside Memorial Stadium).

2.9. The Field House and surrounding grounds (including parking lots and grass lots),

2.10. Tailgate Parties sponsored by the University,

2.11. University Apartments and Residence Hall rooms (individuals 21 years or older),

2.12. Morris Recreation Center,

2.13. Art Gallery,

2.14. McDowell Administration Building (excluding classrooms),

2.15. David A. Talbot Hall of Languages (excluding classrooms),

2.16. Mary Bonham Equine Arena Pavilion,

2.17. Amphitheater,

2.18. John Cain Family Softball Facility,

2.19. Charles J. Austin Industrial Engineering & Technology and Agricultural Sciences Building (excluding classrooms),

2.20. Nursing and Health Science Building (excluding classrooms),

2.21. Lakeside Pavilion (space between Performing Arts Center and Garvin Lake)

2.22. East Texas A&M University at Dallas (8750 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75231) 8th, 9th, 19th, and 20th floors,

2.23. Student Services Building/Welcome Center,

2.24. Ferguson Social Sciences Building (excluding classrooms),

2.25. Buffalo Wild Wings,

2.26. Agriculture Complex and Arena (The Spur),

2.27. Ted and Donna Lyon Gamebird Research Center.

3. The University may provide complimentary beer and wine at events at the above-approved sites.

4. Alcohol may be purchased and consumed by individuals of appropriate legal age (21 years or older) in residence hall rooms or apartments.

5. Beer and wine may only be sold at The Sam Rayburn Student Center (SRSC), Memorial Stadium, and the Field House. Beer and wine may be served outside in a controlled site adjacent to these sites. A request for a cash bar for the sale of beer or wine by the university's food contract service company at any approved location outside these locations will require a permit at an additional cost and a minimum of two weeks' notice.

6. A license to sell beer and wine on campus will be held by the university's contract food service company. Trained food service employees who have received Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) seller/server certification are the only approved servers of alcoholic beverages for campus events where alcohol is sold. All events other than designated tailgating on University property that provide complimentary beer and wine must utilize a third-party vendor with current TABC seller/server certification. The food service may transport beer to approved sites on campus but cannot transport wine sold to the university. Approved university employees must transport wine from the SRSC to and from approved campus sites.

7. Beer and wine may only be included in the price of admission to an event and be advertised as part of an event that sells tickets if all TABC-specific conditions and permits are met. Complimentary beer and wine may be served in a foyer area but not within a theatre or performing arts area of a ticketed event.

8. Complimentary beer and wine purchased for an event is owned by the University and must be disposed of if unused or transported to a secure site for later disposition by authorized university employees. University-purchased alcoholic beverages may be stored only at designated secure sites, including the Alumni Center and the Heritage House.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy *34.03 Alcoholic Beverages*

University Procedure *34.03.01.R0.02 Alcoholic Beverages at University-Sanctioned Tailgate Events*

Student Guidebook: University Residence Life Procedure on Alcohol

Suspends University Procedure *34.03.01.R0.01 Alcoholic Beverages on University Property*

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