

ALCOHOL AT CATALYST



SERVING ALCOHOL AT YOUR EVENT? PLEASE READ THIS GUIDE AND CHOOSE THE BEST OPTION FOR YOUR GATHERING. EMAIL KEVIN@SAACA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS

Private parties

If you host a private party at an unlicensed private premises (such as a venue like CATALYST with no liquor license) and no admission tickets are sold, you, as the host, may provide free alcoholic drinks in small volume to your guests so long as the party is located in the event space. This includes family and friend oriented events that are not advertised to the public (including on social media sites such as Facebook, Meetup, and Eventbrite). As the host, you are not allowed to charge guests for alcohol because you do not have a license to sell alcohol nor does the venue. Charging an entrance fee to your event to defray the cost of the alcohol is also not permitted. Events providing alcohol in this manner should bring in their own bartender, or may hire SAACA staff to serve and monitor consumption at \$100 / hour, with a three hour minimum.

Catered Events

A host can hire a licensed caterer with a liquor license to provide food and alcohol at a private party. At this point, CATALYST becomes what is known as the caterer's "licensed premises." By law, whenever a caterer is selling alcohol, the caterer's total sales at that party must include a certain percentage of food sales as well. You can also hire a caterer just to serve food at a private party, with you as the host providing and monitoring the alcohol, so long as neither you nor the caterer are selling the alcohol.

Public Events where Alcohol is Sold (Ticketed or non-Ticketed)

The organization selling or serving alcohol at the event, even if it is part of an inclusive ticketed price, must obtain a temporary liquor license from the City/State. Special Event applications must be received by the Department of Liquor 10 days prior to the event. Guidelines can be accessed at the below link. In this case, once the permit is obtained, you can contract directly with a bartending company to provide these services, provide your own sellers, or hire SAACA staff to serve.

https://www.azliquor.gov/faq/charity_specialevent.cfm#license