

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE TASTINGS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. A tastings permit application is available through the Commerce City Clerk's Office and once completed, is filed with the same office. The permit is valid for the term of the liquor license
2. An annual \$50 application fee is due at time of application submittal.
3. Pursuant to the Commerce City Revised Municipal Code, 48-hour notice is required prior to any tasting event.
4. Tastings shall be conducted only by a licensee, an employee, licensed wholesaler, brew pub, distillery pub, manufacturer, limited winery, importer, or vintner's restaurant representative
5. Tastings shall be conducted only by a person who has completed a server-training program that meets the standards established by the state's liquor enforcement division. *A certificate of completion for each server shall be on file with the Office of the Commerce City Clerk*
6. The alcohol used in tastings must be purchased, through a licensed wholesaler, licensed brew pub, licensed distillery pub, or winery at a cost no less than the actual laid-in cost of the product.
7. Sample sizes may not exceed one ounce of beer or wine or one-half ounce of spirituous liquor.
8. Tastings shall not exceed a total of five hours in duration per day, which need not be consecutive. Tastings shall occur on no more than 156 days per year
9. Tasting shall be conducted only during the operating hours in which the licensee on whose premises the tastings occur is permitted to sell alcohol beverages and in no case earlier than 11:00 a.m. or later than 9:00 p.m.
10. Patrons are prohibited from leaving the licensed premises with an unconsumed sample.
11. All open and unconsumed products must be removed from the licensed premises, destroyed immediately upon completion of the tasting or stored in a secured area outside the sales area of the licensed premises for use at a tasting conducted at a later time or date.
12. A person who is under 21 years of age or visibly intoxicated may not be served.
13. A patron may not be served more than four samples during a tasting.
14. Samples shall be in open containers and shall be free of charge.

15. A supplier may not induce a retail licensee through free products or any other financial assistance to favor a particular product for sampling.
16. A valid tastings permit shall be posted prominently on the licensed premises during all tastings events.