



CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE LIQUOR LICENSING

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Liquor and Gaming licenses are privileged licenses that require the applicant to submit a liquor license application packet and/or gaming license application packet. The licensing process will include a criminal background investigation conducted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department of all owners with 10% or more ownership interest in the business and a financial suitability investigation conducted by the Department of Business License to verify the source of funding for the liquor establishment. In addition, applicants for gaming licenses must obtain a gaming license from the Nevada Gaming Control Board prior to the issuance of a Clark County gaming license. Upon completion of the financial suitability investigation, the Department may issue a temporary license to allow the business to operate pending completion of the criminal background investigation(s). For additional information, please call the Department of Business License Liquor and Gaming Help Line at (702) 455-4125.

Liquor licenses are categorized within the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as follows:

NAICS CODE: 722410 (Drinking Places-Taverns)

A Tavern is a lounge or bar operation where alcoholic liquors are sold at retail by the drink to the general public. Minors are not permitted in Taverns unless the Tavern also has a restaurant. Minors may only be permitted in the restaurant portion of the tavern if there is a physical barrier between the bar/lounge area which is sufficient to prevent minors from entering the bar area. A Tavern cannot be located within 2,000 square feet from another tavern. For more information, see Clark County Codes 8.20.020.385 and 8.20.295.

NAICS CODE: 722410 (Drinking Places-Full Service Liquor Bar)

A Full Service Liquor Bar is a bar or lounge where alcoholic liquors are sold at retail by the drink to the general public. Gaming is not allowed within a full service liquor bar. Full service liquor bars are allowed within multi-use developments located in an H-1 zone (currently, only establishments located in the Town Square Shopping Center are eligible for a full service liquor bar). Admission for entry may be charged in a Full Service Liquor Bar. Food service is permitted but not required in a Full Service Liquor Bar.

NAICS CODE: 722511 (Food Services-Full Service Restaurants)

Full service restaurants serving alcoholic beverages in conjunction with complete meals are eligible for a service bar liquor license.

NAICS CODE: 722511 (Food Services-Full Service Restaurants with Full Service Bar or Lounge)

Full service restaurants that have seating for at least fifty (50) and have a separate bar or lounge area are eligible for a supper club liquor license. Supper clubs must maintain food sales at least 50% of the gross sales as compared to the sale of liquor.

NAICS CODE: 445300 (Package Liquor Store)

Liquor stores must have at least 1,200 square feet devoted exclusively to the sale of liquor and related items including magazines, newspapers, tobacco products and snack foods. Minors are not permitted in liquor stores. Liquor stores are subject to the location requirements set forth in Clark County Code 8.20.450.

NAICS CODE: 445110 (Grocery Store)

Grocery stores must have over 6,000 square feet devoted to the display of food and merchandise to be eligible for a package liquor or package beer, wine and spirit based products license. Package licenses permit the sale of liquor or beer, wine and spirit based products for off-premise consumption only.

NAICS CODE: 445120 (Convenience Store)

Convenience stores must have at least 1,200 square feet, but not more than 6,000 square feet devoted to the display of food and merchandise and at least one public restroom to be eligible for a package beer, wine and spirit based products liquor license for off-premises consumption only. Convenience stores are not eligible for a package liquor license.

NAICS CODE: 445120 (Neighborhood Specialty Grocery Market)

A "neighborhood specialty grocery market" is a business that specializes in a particular ethnic or other niche market of groceries for retail sale, and having not less than 500 square feet, nor more than 2,000 square feet of floor space, exclusive of warehouse and office areas, devoted to the display of such groceries. Businesses selling groceries at retail having one thousand two hundred square feet to two thousand square feet may apply for either a neighborhood specialty grocery market license or a convenience store license.

Neighborhood specialty grocery markets are subject to the following operating requirements:

- (1) A neighborhood specialty grocery market must maintain more than seventy-five percent of its retail space dedicated to the sale of groceries;
- (2) A neighborhood specialty grocery market shall only operate during the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.; and
- (3) A neighborhood specialty grocery market may provide for the on-premise consumption of prepared foods and grocery items at tables, booths, or a counter by patrons.
- (4) A neighborhood specialty grocery market is eligible for a package beer, wine and spirit based products liquor license provided that the retail space dedicated to the sale of package beer, wine and spirit based products shall not be more than five percent the total square footage measured in cubic feet;
- (5) A neighborhood specialty grocery market is not eligible for the following licenses: Gaming; Amusement machine; Auto wash detailing; Service station; and Restaurant.

NAICS CODE: 446110 (Drug Store/Pharmacy)

"Drug store" means the business of apothecary or druggist or pharmacy where drugs or medicines are compounded or dispensed by state-licensed pharmacists and may include grill and fountain services and retail sales of sundries such as stationery, magazines and cosmetic and health items. Drug stores are eligible for package liquor and package beer, wine and spirit based products licenses for off-premises consumption only.

NAICS CODE: 722320 (Caterer)

Liquor caterers are eligible for portable bar licenses to allow the retail sale of alcoholic events and locations that do not have liquor licenses.

NAICS CODE: 487210 (Excursion Boat Master License)

An "excursion boat" shall have a displacement of not less than fifty tons and shall have a passenger capacity of eighty persons or more. No person may be permitted to bring alcoholic liquor on board except that purchased by the appropriately licensed liquor licensee or employee thereof for resale according to law, and no boat captain or crew member shall consume alcoholic liquor while serving as a crew member. No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or served on an excursion boat unless the vessel is under way and all required liquor licenses have been obtained pursuant to the requirements of this chapter. An excursion boat is eligible for a full bar liquor license. "Full bar" means a bar where alcoholic liquors are dispensed by the drink through retail sales to customers at such bar.

NAICS CODE: 713910 (Golf Course)

"Golf course" means any links consisting of at least eighteen holes which have been certified by the United States Golf Association for individual and group play and which provide a variety of golf facilities including but not limited to a driving range, golf lessons, professional shop, golf carts and a clubhouse. Golf courses are eligible for the following types of liquor licenses: full bar service bar and portable bar. "Full bar" means a bar where alcoholic liquors are dispensed by the drink through retail sales to customers at such bar. A "portable bar" is a bar which may be moved at will, or operated intermittently, from which alcoholic liquor may be served or sold at retail directly or by waitresses or waiters to customers or patrons.

Miniature golf and/or putting course facilities and electronically simulated golf courses do not meet this definition.

NAICS CODE: 713998 (Billiard/Pool Hall)

"Tournament billiard club" means an establishment whose primary purpose is the providing of billiard related entertainment that contains the following:

- (a) A minimum of thirty-five billiard tables (thirty of the billiard tables shall measure at least four and one-half feet by nine feet in size);
- (b) At least a five-foot separation on all sides between all billiard tables;
- (c) A restaurant as defined in this chapter; and
- (d) An area dedicated for play of ten or more coin-operated nongaming amusement devices.

All of the above requirements must be available to the public at all times that liquor service, if offered and properly licensed, is available. A tournament billiard club is eligible for a full bar liquor license. "Full bar" means a bar where alcoholic liquors are dispensed by the drink through retail sales to customers at such bar.

NAICS CODE: 713999 (Sports Facility Master License)

An "interactive sports facility" means an establishment whose primary purpose is the provision of customer participatory sports-related entertainment for a fee. The fee may be assessed by either an admissions fee to enter the facility and/or by an individual event/venue fee. An interactive sports facility must have a sports theme throughout the premises, and must include, but is not limited to, a minimum of twelve regulation size outdoor baseball/softball batting cages, an outdoor carting race track with vehicles having a seating capacity for at least one adult size person, an arcade area with minimum of twenty-five games, at least one retail display/sales area, and an arena sports area with a ground/floor surface of at least fifteen thousand square feet and permanent seating for at least one thousand two hundred spectators. The arena area must, however, be capable of seating a minimum of three thousand patrons should the area be configured for maximum attendance events other than participatory sports contests.

An interactive sports facility shall also be required to have all of the following:

- (1) A pavilion building consisting of a minimum of ninety thousand square feet situated up a minimum of twenty acres of land;
- (2) A parking area of sufficient size to accommodate spaces for a minimum of nine hundred vehicles;
- (3) At least one restaurant with a minimum seating capacity of two hundred patrons at all times the restaurant is open to the general public; and
- (4) One category 2 restaurant as defined in this section.

Restaurants operated in conjunction with an interactive sports facility are eligible for a full bar liquor license and other liquor licenses as otherwise permitted by this chapter. The liquor license at an interactive sports facility shall provide adequate security to ensure that minors are not served or permitted to consume alcoholic beverages anywhere on the premises and that all liquor code regulations are complied with.

An interactive sports facility is eligible for, and may be required to hold, the following categories of liquor licenses depending upon its specific manner of operation: full bar, service bar, portable bar, retail beer, and/or retail beer and wine.

NAICS CODE: 722321 (Banquet Facility)

"Banquet-reception hall" means a permanent structure used for the sole purpose of lease or rental by others for a privately sponsored event that is not open to the public and does not charge an admission fee of any type for entry into the event or establishment. Examples of privately sponsored events that are allowed to be held at banquet-reception halls include, but are not limited to, wedding receptions, graduation parties, bar mitzvahs, etc. A banquet-reception hall is eligible for a portable bar. A "portable bar" is a bar which may be moved at will, or operated intermittently, from which alcoholic liquor may be served or sold at retail directly or by waitresses or waiters to customers or patrons.

NAICS CODE: 453220 (Gift Store)

"Gift store" means a retail store located in an H-1 or H-2 zoning district which sells souvenirs, magazines, candy and gifts primarily to tourists. A gift store must maintain at least fifty-one percent of its retail floor space dedicated to the sale of souvenirs, magazines, candy and gifts not otherwise definable as groceries. A gift store is eligible for a package liquor license, however, no package liquor license shall be granted if the entry door is located within one thousand five hundred feet of the entry door of any other package liquor licensee. Gift stores located in resort hotels are not subject to this restriction.

NAICS CODE: 424800 (Importer/Wholesaler)

Import-wholesale license" means a license authorizing the holder to be the first person in possession of alcoholic liquors within the county after completion of the act of importation into the state of Nevada. Import-wholesale alcoholic liquor licenses must receive approval from the State of Nevada prior to operating.