

CHAPTER 10 – AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

ARTICLE III – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Sec. 10-80. - Temporary special event licenses. Modified

(A)

There are hereby created two types of temporary event licenses: one for non-profit organizations and one for other special events and festivals. Both must file an application with the Commissioner's Office, pay the required fees, and be subject to the following:

(1)

All special events must receive approval from the Union County Sheriff's Office on crowd control, parking and security measures;

(2)

All licensed temporary special events must comply with the times and days allowed for selling alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. On New Year's Eve or December 31st, at a licensed temporary special event, consumption on the premises must stop prior to 1:00 a.m. the following day. State and local alcohol consumption laws will apply.

(3)

Any temporary license may be immediately revoked if it is determined by law enforcement that underage persons are being provided alcohol or if there is a disturbance of the peace or any other danger to the health, safety or welfare of the public;

(4)

As a condition of the issuance of either type of temporary special event license, the licensee shall indemnify and hold the county harmless from any claims, demands or causes of action that may arise from activities associated with the special event;

(5)

The requirements of an eating establishment, number of seats, and percentage of sales shall not apply to either type of temporary special event license.

(6)

At any temporary special event any person who serves alcohol must have a valid permit to serve alcohol through the state of Georgia or any municipality in the state of Georgia.

(7)

At any temporary special event the applicant must obtain the appropriate state license for that special event.

(8)

Applications for a temporary special event and festival licenses must be made no later than sixteen (16) days before a regularly scheduled Alcohol Board Meeting to the Commissioner's Office for approval.

(9)

No more than six permits for a maximum of two days at a time shall be issued to an applicant in any one calendar year.

(B) SPECIFIC RULES FOR NON-PROFIT SPECIAL EVENTS

(1)

Any local nonprofit organization (in Union County or contiguous counties) must have been established for one year or more prior to the date of application. If a state-wide or national nonprofit organization, then it must have been established in Georgia for one year or more prior to the date of application.

(2)

The nonprofit civic organization must provide verification of the organization's current nonprofit status, all events must be associated with and benefit the cause of the non-profit organization, and the location at which the event is to take place must be approved in writing by the owner of the property.

(3)

The non-profit temporary license will be considered by the alcohol board, which may approve of the license at their discretion while considering the worthiness of the cause, the suitability of the event, and the proposed compliance with all regulations.

(C) SPECIFIC RULES FOR PROFITING SPECIAL EVENTS

(1)

Temporary general special event alcohol permits may be obtained for events at the Union County Farmers Market, private golf courses, resorts, and any other appropriate venues and as for such purposes as determined appropriate by the governing authority or the alcohol board, keeping in mind the character of the community and the value of the event to the community.

(2)

At a special event or festival the permitted servers are authorized to dispense an alcoholic beverage in a paper or plastic cup, or other container other than a can, bottle, or glass, for consumption only on the premises of the special event or festival; provided, however, that no establishment shall dispense to any person more than one such alcoholic beverage at a time, or any alcoholic beverage for removal from the premises. No container in which an alcoholic beverage is dispensed shall exceed 16 fluid ounces in size.

(3)

The application for the event shall include the names of all applicants; the date, address, time and name of the event. If multiple applicants participate in the event or festival, then multiple copies of a permit shall be issued by Union County, and it shall be so noted on each copy, signed by the alcohol board chair or the county clerk. An applicant is any individual, organization, or business that is attempting to make money from the temporary special event.

(4)

An original event permit, or copy as described above, if multiple licensees, shall be kept in the vehicle transporting alcoholic beverages to the event or festival, and shall be available for inspection at the event or festival during the duration of such event or festival.

(5)

Alcoholic beverages consumed pursuant to this section must be purchased from a licensed dealer. No alcoholic beverages may be given away or sold for any less than the price charged to all event attendees for that particular beverage from any individual vendor.

(6)

At any special event or festival food must be available for purchase or may be given away, without regard for any percentage requirements.

(7)

The general design and proposed locations of any proposed signs for special events should be cleared in advance with the alcohol code enforcement officer or the alcohol board and must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the event.

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