

Existing Alcoholic Beverage Sales Regulations

TABLE 2-2

ALLOWABLE LAND USES AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

LAND USES	PERMIT REQUIREMENT BY ZONING DISTRICT															SPECIFIC USE STANDARDS
	RE	RL	RM	RH	CO	CN	CG	CD	CL	CA	IL	IG	PT	PF	OS	
RETAIL TRADE																
Alcoholic beverage sales																
Bars and nightclubs—On-sale						C	C	C	C							16.80.270
Sale of alcohol—Off-sale						C	C	C	C				C	C		16.80.040
With another use—On-sale						L	L	L	L				L	L		

“C” - Commission Use Permit, “L” - Land Development Permit

Separation Standards – A 300-foot separation is required between public and private academic schools for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and a new off-sale alcoholic beverage establishment (Section 16.080.040).

Problem Use - Most off-sale alcoholic beverages establishments, bars, and nightclubs are defined as a “Problem Use” and are subject to a Commission Use Permit (Section 16.080.040).

Exemption of Location and Commission Use Permit (CUP) - Grocery stores and large-scale commercial stores greater than 40,000 square feet in size are exempt from location restrictions and Commission Use Permit requirements (Sections 16.080.040 and 16.240.020).

Outdoor Dining and Seating Including Sidewalk Café - Outdoor dining and seating areas on private property, including those that serve alcohol, are subject to securing an approved Land Development Permit (Section 16.80.250).

Findings and Decision – Additional findings for approval are required for Problem Uses (Section 16.168.050).

Definitions of Mini-Market/Grocery Store and Liquor Store

Mini-market/Grocery Store: any retail establishment having 20 percent or less of its gross floor area devoted to the sale, storage, and/or display of alcohol.

Liquor Store: any retail establishment having more than 20 percent of its gross floor area devoted to the sale, storage, and/or display of alcohol. (Section 16.240.020).