

OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
CHAPTER 845
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Prohibited Conduct

The Commission holds licensees accountable for the acts of their agents and employees. (OAR 845-006-0362). No employee or agent of a licensee may violate any provision of this rule. A violation of any section of this rule by an employee or agent of a licensee is considered a violation by the licensee.

(1) Drinking on Duty: No licensee or permittee will drink or be under the influence of intoxicants while on duty.

(a) "On duty" means from the beginning of a work shift that involves the mixing, sale or service of alcoholic beverages, checking identification or controlling conduct on the premises, to the end of the shift including coffee and meal breaks.

(b) "On duty" also means, for those working outside a scheduled work shift, having the authority to put himself or herself on duty and performing acts on behalf of the licensee which involve the mixing, sale or service of alcoholic beverages, checking identification or controlling conduct on the premises. Whether a person is paid or scheduled for work is not determinative of whether the person is considered "on duty" under this subsection.

(c) "A work shift that involves the sale and service of alcoholic beverages" includes supervising those who mix, sell or serve, check identification or control the premises.

(d) Being under the influence of intoxicants on duty is a Category II violation.

(e) Drinking on duty is a Category III violation.

(2) No licensee or permittee will fail to call the police when a Commission regulatory employee directs the licensee or permittee to call. Violation of this section is a Category II violation.

(3) Evidence:

(a) No licensee or permittee will:

(A) Destroy, damage, alter, remove, or conceal potential evidence, or attempt to do so;

(B) Refuse to give a Commission regulatory employee or police officer this evidence when the employee or officer lawfully requests it; or

(C) Ask or encourage another person to do subsections (a) or (b) of this section.

(b) Violation of this section is a Category III violation.

(4) Access to Premises:

(a) Both during regular business hours and when a premises is closed, no licensee or permittee will refuse to admit or fail to promptly admit to the licensed premises a Commission regulatory employee or police officer who identifies him/herself and who enters or wants to enter to conduct a reasonable search to ensure compliance with alcoholic beverage law. Examination of premises that are or appear closed occurs only when there is reason to believe an alcoholic beverage law violation is occurring.

(b) Once the regulatory employee or police officer is on the licensed premises, no licensee or permittee will ask the regulatory employee or officer to leave until the regulatory employee or officer has had an opportunity to conduct a reasonable search to ensure compliance with the alcoholic beverage laws.

(c) Violation of this section is a Category II violation.

(5) Open Containers: No licensee or permittee will permit a person to take an open container of alcoholic beverages from the licensed premises, except as ORS 471.175, 471.178, 471.186, 471.200, 471.223 and 471.227 allow. Except for tastings as allowed in OAR 845-006-0450, no Off-Premises Sales licensee will permit an open container of alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises unless the licensee also holds another license at the premises that allows on-premises consumption. Violation of this section is a Category V violation.

(6) Liquor on Premises: No licensee or permittee will have or permit any alcoholic liquor on the licensed premises which the license does not allow the licensee to sell or serve. Notwithstanding this requirement, a limited on-premises or brewery-public house sales licensee may have distilled spirits on the premises if the distilled spirits are used only for cooking, are kept in a container only in the food preparation area, and the container is clearly marked "for cooking only." Violation of this section is a Category V violation.

(7) Drive-up Window: No licensee or permittee will sell or deliver any alcoholic beverages through a drive-up window. Violation of this section is a Category III violation.

(8) Liquor as a Prize: Except as allowed in ORS 471.408, no licensee or permittee will give or permit any alcoholic beverage as a prize, premium, or

consideration for any lottery, contest, game of chance or skill, exhibition, or any competition of any kind on the licensed premises. Violation of this section is a Category V violation.

(9) "Good Faith Effort": ORS 471.315(1)(a)(H), and 471.412(1) prohibit a licensee or permittee from allowing a visibly intoxicated person to drink alcoholic beverages. A licensee or permittee who makes a good faith effort to remove the alcoholic beverage does not violate these statutes.

(a) As used in ORS 471.412(2) and this rule, "good faith effort" means:

(A) Placing a hand on the drink and trying to remove it; or

(B) Making a verbal request for the drink, if the server has reason to believe that touching the patron's drink could cause a disturbance.

(b) The Commission will issue letters of reprimand for the first three violations of this section within a two-year period. A fourth violation within a two-year period is a Category III violation assessed at the fourth level (cancellation).

(10) Promotions.

(a) The following practices are prohibited:

(A) The sale, offer or service to any person of an unlimited number of alcoholic beverage(s) during any set period of time for a fixed price;

(B) The sale, offer or service of alcoholic beverages by the drink for a price per drink that is less than the licensee's cost for the alcohol to any person paying a fixed "buy in" price, entry fee, cover or door charge;

(C) Price reductions on alcoholic beverages by the drink from 12:00 midnight until 2:30 a.m. A price reduction is a lower price as compared to the usual, customary, or established non-discounted price the licensee charges for a drink of that type on the licensed premises;

(D) The sale, offer or service of distilled spirits by the bottle for consumption on the premises, except as allowed in OAR 845-006-0433 (Minibars in Hotel Guest Rooms) and 845-006-0434 (Minibars in Arena Suites). This subsection does not prohibit a Full On-Premises Public Location Sales Licensee (F-PL) or Full On-Premises Catering Sales Licensee (F-Cat) from charging clients by the bottle for distilled spirits that are served by the drink at hotel suites, banquets, receptions or catered events where the reasonably projected attendance is at least 20 patrons;

(E) Operating, encouraging or permitting games of chance or skill, contests, exhibitions, or competitions of any kind on the licensed premises that involve drinking alcoholic beverages, (~~i.e.~~ **e.g.**, beer pong, “21 for 21”);

(F) Dispensing, pouring or otherwise serving any alcoholic beverage directly into a person’s mouth, including through any device such as a “bong”; **and**

(G) **The use of any device or serving technique that produces an alcoholic mist for consumption by inhalation.** ~~Permitting use of an alcohol vaporization device on a premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic liquor.~~ An alcohol vaporization device, **for example**, also called an alcohol without liquid machine, is a device, machine or process which mixes spirits, alcoholic liquors or any product containing alcoholic liquor with oxygen or any other gas to produce a vaporized product for consumption by humans by inhalation.

(b) Violation of this section is a Category III violation.

(11) Self-Service. No licensee or permittee will permit any patron to mix, sell or serve an alcoholic beverage to himself or herself for on-premises or off-premises consumption. Violation of this section is a Category III violation.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 471, 471.030, 471.040 & 471.730(1) & (5)

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