

**DOUGLAS COUNTY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE CONDUCT OF TASTINGS BY A RETAIL LIQUOR STORE OR
LIQUOR-LICENSED DRUGSTORE LICENSEE**

The following Douglas County Regulations and Procedures for the conduct of tastings by a retail liquor store or liquor-licensed drugstore licensee are hereby approved by the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners, effective July 13, 2004.

DEFINITION: "Tastings" means the sampling of malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors that may occur on the premises of a retail liquor store licensee or liquor-licensed drugstore licensee by adult patrons of the licensee, pursuant to the provisions of **Section 12-47-301 (10), C.R.S. & SB 18-243 Effective 6.4.2018**

REGULATIONS: Tastings shall be subject to the following limitations:

1. Tastings shall be conducted only by a person who has completed a server training program that meets the standards established by the Liquor Enforcement Division of the Department of Revenue and a representative, employee, or agent of a manufacturer, limited winery, wholesaler, or importer may pour or serve alcohol beverages as part of a tasting at a RLS or LLDS licensed premises. A certificate of training shall be provided to the local licensing authority with the application form attached hereto.
2. The alcohol used in tastings shall be purchased through a licensed wholesaler, licensed brew pub, or winery licensed pursuant to Section 12-47-403 at a cost that is not less than the laid-in cost of such alcohol.
3. The size of an individual alcohol sample shall not exceed one ounce of malt or vinous liquor or one-half of one ounce of spirituous liquor.
4. Tastings shall not exceed a total of five hours in duration per day, which need not be consecutive.
5. Tastings may occur until 9:00 p.m. any day of the week, not to exceed one hundred four **(156) days per year**.
6. Licensee shall provide the local licensing authority with a schedule of dates and times the tastings will be conducted. Such notice shall be at least 24 hours prior to the tasting.
7. The Licensee shall prohibit patrons from leaving the licensed premises with an unconsumed sample
8. The Licensee may securely store open and unconsumed alcohol beverage containers for future tastings as long as they are not stored in the sales area.
9. The Licensee shall not serve a person who is under twenty-one years of age or who is visibly intoxicated.

10. The Licensee shall not serve more than four individual samples to a patron during a tasting.
11. Alcohol samples shall be in open containers and shall be provided to a patron free of charge.
12. No manufacturing of spirituous or vinous liquors shall induce a licensee through free goods or financial or in-kind assistance to favor the manufacturer's products being sampled at a tasting. The Licensee shall bear the financial and all other responsibility for a tasting.
13. A violation of any of the limitations specified herein by a retail liquor store or liquor-licensed drugstore licensee, whether by his or her employees, agents, or otherwise, shall be the responsibility of the retail liquor store or liquor-licensed drugstore licensee who is conducting the tasting and shall be subject to the same revocation, suspension and enforcement provisions as otherwise apply to the licensee.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

An application form, attached hereto, must be submitted to the Douglas County Liquor Licensing Clerk, 100 Third Street, Castle Rock, Colorado. Upon receipt and review of the application, and an application fee of \$25.00, and required documentation, a permit shall be issued by the Liquor Licensing Clerk.

TASTINGS PERMIT APPLICATION

RETAIL LIQUOR STORE OR LIQUOR-LICENSED DRUGSTORE

LOCATION

STATE LICENSE NUMBER

The above Licensee hereby requests a permit to conduct Tastings at the location specified above.

Licensee hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Douglas County Regulations and Procedures for the Conduct of Tastings by a Retail Liquor Store or Liquor-Licensed Drugstore and agrees to the provisions contained therein.

The following documents must be attached to this application for a permit to be issued:

Application Fee: \$25.00 for a 12-month period

Certificate(s) of Training - for individuals that will conduct the tastings

Schedule Calendar of dates and times Tastings will be conducted (Notice of schedule changes must be provided to the Liquor Licensing Clerk not less than 24 hours in advance of a Tasting.)

Signature of Owner/Manager/Officer

Date