



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Information on Expanded Alcohol Services for Local Authorities

Second Substitute House Bill 1515 (SHB 1515) allows local governments to request temporary allowances for expanded alcohol services in their jurisdictions. If you have specific questions, please email ExpandedAlcoholServices@lcb.wa.gov.

Authorization: Expanded outdoor alcohol service in public areas

Allowances	Responsibilities for Local Authorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expanded outdoor alcohol service for participating liquor licensees within the requested jurisdiction that may be held between Jul. 27, 2025 and Dec. 31, 2027.Included licensees: beer/wine restaurants, domestic and microbreweries, domestic wineries, distilleries, snack bars, spirits/beer/wine restaurants and taverns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive approval for the expanded area by submitting a request for authorization through the LCB Portal.<ul style="list-style-type: none">An employee or a primary liquor licensee may apply as an appointed designee for a local government.If approved, must conduct a public engagement review by Sep. 1, 2026.Ensure all outdoor alcohol service areas use either barriers or demarcations to indicate the space authorized for alcohol consumption.Provide resources to ensure safety in the local area (including law enforcement patrols).Provide services to keep the public space clean and free of litter.

Authorization: Civic Campus Events

Allowances	Responsibilities for Local Authorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cities with populations of 220,000 people or more may request authorization for up to 25 events per year (up to seven may be multiday) between Jul. 27, 2025 and Dec. 31, 2027.<ul style="list-style-type: none">May authorize licensees to share indoor and/or outdoor space either partially or the whole civic center.Included licensees: special occasion licensees, caterers (even if sponsor is not society or non-profit), beer/wine restaurants, domestic and microbreweries, domestic wineries, distilleries, snack bars, spirits/beer/wine restaurants and taverns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive approval for civic campus events by submitting a request for authorization through the LCB Portal.<ul style="list-style-type: none">An employee, campus operator, or a primary liquor licensee may apply as an appointed designee for a local government.If approved, must conduct a public engagement review by Sep. 1, 2026 and must report to the legislature and LCB by Jan. 1, 2027.Post a public notice seven days before the event about the upcoming use of the alcohol service area.Provide security and physical barriers at all entry points.Post signage during event that the area is in use as an expanded alcohol area.

Authorization: Fan Zones

Allowances	Responsibilities for Local Authorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expanded indoor and outdoor alcohol service for a city, county, town, or port authority that has been designated as a fan zone or host city by an international self-regulatory governing body of a sport's association.A single, multiday event in June or July 2026.Included licensees: same as civic campus events (see above).Licensees are not required to obtain a local permit to operate under this authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive approval for a fan zone event by submitting a request for authorization through the LCB Portal.<ul style="list-style-type: none">If approved, must conduct a public engagement review by Sep. 1, 2026 and must report to the legislature and LCB by Jan. 1, 2027.Provide advance notice to LCB.Post a public notice seven days before the event about the upcoming use of the alcohol service area.Provide security and physical barriers at all entry points.