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**Liquor and Cannabis Board**

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**To:** David Postman, Board Chair  
Ollie Garrett, Board Member  
Russ Hauge, Board Member

**From:** Kathy Hoffman, Policy and Rules Manager

**Date:** October 13, 2021

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**Subject:** Request for approval to rescind Liquor Control Board Policy (BIP) 01-2011 concerning wine dispensing machines.

On February 2, 2011, the Board approved an interim policy to allow wine dispensing machines for wine tastings on a winery premise with appropriate supervision.

The policy was prompted by a request from a company wishing to sell wine dispensing machines to retail liquor licensees. Following discussion between the wine dispensing company president and agency staff regarding how and when the wine dispensing machines would be used, and the safety precautions that would be taken, including appropriate conditions and supervision, staff concluded that use of the machine for wine tastings at a winery did not compromise public safety or under age consumption.

The language of this policy was incorporated into WAC 314-12-085 as WSR 18-11-02, effective June 2, 2018. For these reasons, BIP 01-2011 is no longer necessary.

If the Board approves rescission of BIP 01-2011, the agency will send notice to stakeholders, and remove the BIP from the LCB website.

The Board approves/disapproves the rescission of BIP 01-2011.

Approve  Disapprove



David Postman, Chair

10.12.2021

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Ollie Garrett, Board Member

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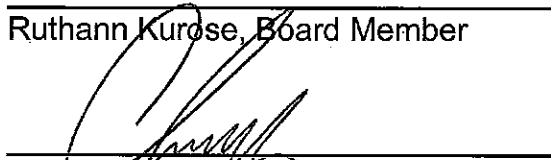
**Liquor Control Board Interim Policy #01-2011**

**Subject:** Wine Dispensing Machines  
**Effective Date:** February 2, 2011  
**Ending Date:** Upon adoption of rules to implement this policy.

**Approved:**

  
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Sharon Foster, Chairman

  
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Ruthann Kurose, Board Member

  
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Chris Marr, Board Member

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of Liquor Control Board Interim Policy #01-2011 is to allow an added activity for using wine dispensing machines for wine tastings at a winery premises with proper supervision.

**Background:**

In December, 2007, the Board responded to a company that wanted to sell wine dispensing machines to retail liquor licensees. The Board stated, *"The Board discussed your product and proposal with members of our staff, and we understand the benefit your product can bring to a retailer. We have no objection to liquor licensees using the Enomatic Wine Serving System in their businesses behind the bar where only employees will be pouring the wine. Public safety is a top priority for the Board. Washington State has laws requiring any person who serves alcohol to have an Alcohol Server Permit. Customers are not allowed to serve themselves in any manner."*

In December, 2010, Sal Leone, President/CEO of Washington Wine & Beverage Company asked board staff if he could use the Enomatic Wine Serving System for tastings at his winery. Board staff responded the Board's position on these systems was that they were not to be used by customers to serve themselves.

Board staff met with Mr. Leone to discuss his plan to use the Enomatic Wine Serving System. Mr. Leone provided staff with information on how and when the system would be used and the safety precautions that would be taken under proper conditions and supervision. Board staff feels the use of this machine for wine tastings at a winery doesn't compromise public safety or under age consumption.

**Policy Statement:**

The requirements for the added activity, allowing a winery to use a wine dispensing machine for wine tastings under certain conditions, are as follows:

- A winery must request permission from the Board for the added activity to use a wine dispensing machine for tastings in the tasting room area only at their winery premises;
- The Board will consider these requests on a case-by-case basis;
- Both Enforcement and Licensing Divisions must concur on the approval of the request before the use of the wine dispensing machine is allowed;
- A wine tasting card must be purchased from an employee of the winery. The card may allow no more than a total of five ounces dispensed in single servings of no more than one ounce, and no more than two cards may be purchased by any one customer per day;
- Wine tasting cards will not be sold to an intoxicated customer or to a person under twenty-one years of age;
- Employees participating in the wine tasting must hold a class 12 or class 13 alcohol server permit; and
- Winery employees must be present in the wine tasting areas. There must be an appropriate level of supervision to observe the customers throughout the tasting area.