



CR 101 Memorandum

Regarding axe throwing at liquor licensed premises.

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Background

Axe throwing has become increasingly popular as an activity that liquor licensed businesses would like to offer to their customers. Beginning in 2018, the LCB Licensing Division began receiving applications from businesses that either had axe throwing as their primary activity and wanted to add liquor service, or from established liquor licensed businesses that wanted to add axe throwing as entertainment.

More recently, an axe throwing business applied for a liquor license and appealed the LCB Licensing Division's decision to deny their application. In April 2021, the LCB approved a settlement agreement allowing that specific business to have a liquor license for one year with certain parameters in place, including a safety plan that addresses public health and safety concerns arising at the intersection of axe throwing and alcohol service.

Reasons Why Rules Are Needed

The LCB considers axe throwing at liquor licensed premises to be a high-risk activity with implications for public health and safety. Rules are needed to mitigate safety concerns and maintain public health and safety while allowing axe throwing at liquor licensed premises.

Process

The rulemaking process begins by announcing LCB's intent to consider changes to existing rules, add new rule sections, or both by filing a pre-proposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) form with the Office of the Code Reviser. This allows staff, stakeholders, industry partners, and all members of the authorizing environment to begin discussing possible rule changes. There are no proposed or final rules offered at this stage of the rulemaking process. Any interested person may comment on the subject of this rulemaking during the designated comment period. Notice will be sent to all who have indicated that they want to receive

notice of rulemaking activity related to this CR 101. The notice will identify the public comment period and where comments can be sent.