



## **CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Alcohol Beverage Service

### **RAPIDES PARISH**



#### **AMT SERVICES**

*Alcohol Management and Training Services*

#### **SERVER AND/OR SELLER RESPONSIBILITY**

**As a server or seller of beverage alcohol, it is your responsibility to obtain all necessary local and state permits and to adhere to any local ordinance regulating the sale or service of beverage alcohol and tobacco in Louisiana. Local ordinances vary from parish to parish and may change accordingly. Check with your local parish jurisdiction for any changes or recent ordinances.**

**Parish and municipal ordinances and regulations that affect the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for consumption on or off the licensed premises include, but not limited to:**

- **Legal Hours of operation and Sunday Sales**
- **Noise, litter and zoning**
- **Leaving the premises with alcohol (Open Container)**
- **Preemption of parish and municipal server training courses**
- **Parish or municipal server licensing requirements**

#### **RAPIDES PARISH**

##### **Legal Hours of Operation:**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who is required to sell, give or otherwise engage in dispensing of or permit the consumption of any alcoholic beverages in the parish between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day.

Note: Legal hours of operation are listed on your establishment's liquor license.

##### **Sunday Sales**

The sale, giving, trading or otherwise engaging in dispensing of any alcoholic beverages for public consumption, including, among other things, wine, ale, beer, stout, porter and the like known as "malt beverages" or blends thereof with other ingredients, by any person, firm or corporation that is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the parish is prohibited within the parish outside the corporate limits of incorporated villages, towns and cities from 2:00 a.m. on Sunday until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Sunday.

##### **Noise**

There are laws regulating noise by businesses. By and large, businesses should not create sounds that constitute a nuisance or that can be heard by neighbors in their homes or businesses.

## **Litter**

The owner, his agent and occupant of any property shall maintain the premises in a sanitary, clean and litter-free condition.

## **Zoning**

Zoning may include regulation of the kinds of activities which will be acceptable on particular lots (such as open space, residential, agricultural, commercial or industrial), the densities at which those activities can be performed. Some zoning laws restrict the activity that is allowed to occur in your establishment. Please refer to you owner and/or manager for specific zoning laws pertaining to your area.

## **Leaving the Premises with Alcohol**

### **Open Containers Off-Premises**

There are no laws regulating or pertaining to the possession or consumption of open containers of alcoholic beverages on public streets, public highways, alleys, sidewalks and public parking lots within the city.

## **Preemption of Parish and Municipal server training courses and Server Licensing Requirements**

Rapides Parish does not require servers or sellers to obtain a local server permit, ABO card or local server training.

Any vendor or server subject to local ordinance requiring participation by the vendor or its employees in a server training or licensing program shall be exempt from the local server training and licensing regulation if the vendor is certified as a responsible vendor under the provision of this chapter.

## **For your Information: Additional Regulations**

### **Open containers in vehicles on streets**

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle or the passenger in or on a motor vehicle, while the motor vehicle is operated on a public highway or right-of-way, to possess an open alcoholic beverage container, or to consume an alcoholic beverage, in the passenger area of a motor vehicle.

The sale of alcoholic beverage of high alcohol content and/or low alcoholic content within five hundred (500) feet of any church, synagogue, public library, school, playground, full time day care center as defined in R.S. 17:405(A)(4), or a correctional facility housing inmates, including but not limited to a halfway house outside the corporate limits of municipalities in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, is prohibited.

## **CITY OF ALEXANDRIA**

### **Legal Hours of Operation:**

The hours of operation of all Class A, B or R license holders shall be from 6:00 a.m. daily until 3:00 a.m. the following day, Monday through Sunday. It shall be a criminal offense and as well a

violation for any holder of such detailed dealers license permit issued, for a servant, agent or employee of same to dispense, in any manner, alcoholic beverages between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Note: Legal hours of operation are listed on your establishment's liquor license.

## **Sunday Sales**

There are no laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol on Sundays. The city of Alexandria does not distinguish between Sunday and any other day of the week when setting permissible hours of sale.

## **Noise**

There are laws regulating noise by businesses. By and large, businesses should not create sounds that constitute a nuisance or that can be heard by neighbors in their homes or businesses.

## **Litter**

The owner, his agent and occupant of any property shall maintain the premises in a sanitary, clean and litter-free condition.

## **Zoning**

Zoning may include regulation of the kinds of activities which will be acceptable on particular lots (such as open space, residential, agricultural, commercial or industrial), the densities at which those activities can be performed. Some zoning laws restrict the activity that is allowed to occur in your establishment. Please refer to you owner and/or manager for specific zoning laws pertaining to your area.

## **Leaving the Premises with Alcohol**

### **Open Containers Off-Premises**

There are no laws regulating or pertaining to the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages in the city of Alexandria.

## **Preemption of Parish and Municipal server training courses and Server Licensing Requirements**

Classified employees (any person employed or used in a Class A or R licensed retail business) who as a function of their duties, dispenses, sells or serves any alcoholic beverages must obtain an employee permit. The fee is \$30.00 and is valid for one year. Waiter/waitress (any person employed or used in a Class A, R, or Class A retail business whose primary function is to take orders for and serve food and food items and who also takes orders for and serves alcoholic beverages) must obtain an employee permit. The fee is \$20.00 and is valid for one year. Retail clerk (any person employed or used in a Class B licensed retail business as a function of their duties, dispenses, sells or serves any alcoholic beverages) must obtain an employee permit. The fee is \$20.00 and is valid for one year. Employees must renew their city permits by January 1 of each year and shall be deemed delinquent if not renewed by March 1 of each year. Employees shall have in their possession the permits required hereinabove during working hours. Whosoever violates this section shall be subject to a fine not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Any vendor or server subject to local ordinance requiring participation by the vendor or its employees in a server training or licensing program shall be exempt from the local server training and licensing regulation if the vendor is certified as a responsible vendor under the provision of this chapter.

## **CITY OF PINEVILLE**

### **Legal Hours of Operation:**

There are currently no laws regulating the hours of operation for a licensed business that sells or dispenses alcoholic beverages.

Note: Legal hours of operation are listed on your establishment's liquor license.

### **Sunday Sales**

There are no laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol on Sundays. The city of Pineville does not distinguish between Sunday and any other day of the week when setting permissible hours of sale.

### **Noise**

There are laws regulating noise by businesses. By and large, businesses should not create sounds that constitute a nuisance or that can be heard by neighbors in their homes or businesses.

### **Litter**

The owner, his agent and occupant of any property shall maintain the premises in a sanitary, clean and litter-free condition.

### **Zoning**

Zoning may include regulation of the kinds of activities which will be acceptable on particular lots (such as open space, residential, agricultural, commercial or industrial), the densities at which those activities can be performed. Some zoning laws restrict the activity that is allowed to occur in your establishment. Please refer to you owner and/or manager for specific zoning laws pertaining to your area.

### **Leaving the Premises with Alcohol**

#### **Open Containers Off-Premises**

It shall be unlawful for a person to have in his possession, use, drink or consume alcoholic beverages in open containers on the streets, sidewalks, squares, parks, ballparks, playgrounds of the city, on any city-owned, -leased or -operated property or in any city-owned, -leased or -operated buildings or premises, or on any city-controlled functions or premises

### **Preemption of Parish and Municipal server training courses and Server Licensing Requirements**

The city of Pineville does not require servers or sellers to obtain a local server permit, ABO card or local server training.

Any vendor or server subject to local ordinance requiring participation by the vendor or its employees in a server training or licensing program shall be exempt from the local server training and licensing regulation if the vendor is certified as a responsible vendor under the provision of this chapter.

The Town of Ball and Forest Hill are dry areas. A dry area forbids the sale of alcoholic beverages and alcohol of any kind is illegal for sale within the area.

*Note: The Town and cities and village of Boyce, Cheneyville, Glenmora, Lecompte, Woodworth and McNary may not have a code of ordinance regarding alcohol or should abide by the ordinances of Rapides Parish or of those within the jurisdictional limits of the city surrounding that area. Check with your owner or manager if your jurisdiction is not included.*

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