

Additional Definitions and Information

Bona Fide Organization – A bona fide organization must have an organizational structure, an executive and a membership that meets regularly or occasionally for a stated charitable, educational, sports, religious or community purpose. A social club that has a defined membership, officers, scheduled meetings and a bank account may be considered as a bona fide organization. A non-profit organization that does not meet the criteria of a bona fide organization would not qualify for a permit.

Bona Fide Seniors' Organization – The majority of members in a bona fide seniors' organization must be 55 years of age or older.

Catering Permit Endorsement – authorizes a catering company to provide liquor service at a special occasion event where it is also providing food service. A catering endorsement authorizes a restaurant, tavern, or private club to provide liquor service at a special occasion event held away from their permitted premises (restaurants and taverns) or in a non-permitted area in the club facility (private club). Under a catering endorsement, light meals must be available but do not have to be provided by the caterer.

Commercially Permitted Establishment – An establishment that holds an ongoing commercial liquor permit, such as a restaurant, tavern, or other special use facility.

Family Function

The following are typical examples of family functions:

- family reunions
- wedding receptions
- pre-wedding socials, stags, stagettes
- gift openings
- birthday parties
- anniversaries
- religious gatherings (e.g. bar mitzvahs, baptisms, funerals, etc.)
- retirement parties

Family Graduation Celebrations – A private family celebration during which family members and family friends are in attendance, along with the graduate and escort. High school graduation celebrations for all or part of a graduating class will not be permitted.

Large Event – An event is typically considered large if more than 500 people will attend.

Legal Guardian – An individual who is considered by the courts as guardian of the minor.

Light Meal – Non-alcoholic beverages and an adequate supply of food must be available to those attending a permitted event. Light meals, including buffets, appetizers, sandwiches, salads, etc. meet the minimum acceptable food requirements. Snack foods such as chips and pretzels are not considered adequate.

Minor – Any person under the age of 19.

Private Event – An event that is restricted to a pre-invited guest list, and is not publicly advertised.

Private Residence – A place that is occupied and used as a residence, including houses, condos, apartments (but not public areas within apartment buildings), hotel guest rooms, moored vessels, mobile homes, trailers, campers, and tents. In a seniors' care home, the residents' rooms would be considered a private residence, but the common areas such as the dining room would not.

Private Place – Land attached to a private residence, or a place in a building that is not ordinarily open to the public and is not open to the public when beverage alcohol is being consumed, such as a private office area. Private members' clubs are not considered private places.

Public Event – An event that is not restricted to a pre-invited guest list or that is publicly advertised.

Trade Show – An event where beverage alcohol is showcased by liquor manufacturers, suppliers, authorized agents, commercial liquor permittees, or the applicant. If the majority of the demonstrations are related to food and beverage alcohol, organizers may be eligible to use manufacturers' trade discounts when purchasing liquor for the event.