Liquor Licensing

Cabaret: Underage Patrons

1. The department allows cabaret-licensed establishments to allow person under twenty-one (21) years of age on the premises in two situations in addition to those contained in the ordinance (D.R.M.C. Sec. 6-70 et seq.): 1) No alcohol will be served on the premises to anyone; 2) Alcohol will be served to patrons twenty-one (21) years of age or older in one or more rooms of the premises while no alcohol is served in a separate room for person under twenty-one (21) years of age. If a licensee proposes to operate under the second situation, they must provide a separate room for person under twenty-one (21) years of age with a separate entrance and separate bathrooms. Further, the licensee must develop and operate a system to prevent anyone who has been in the 21-and-over areas from entering the under-21 room or mingling with patrons under twenty-one (21) years of age. There can be no intermingling of patrons under twenty-one (21) years of age with anyone who has been in the 21-and-over areas. No one may go from the under-21 room to the 21-and-over areas.

2. In order for a liquor licensed establishment to allow admission of persons under twenty-one (21) years of age, the licensee must request permission from the Director. The licensee must address the following matters in the request:
   a. The minimum age required for admission;
   b. The days and hours when persons under twenty-one (21) years of age will be admitted;
   c. How alcohol beverages will be stored during such hours of operation;
   d. If persons under twenty-one (21) years of age are permitted in a separate room of a licensed premises while alcohol is being served in another area, the licensee must explain in detail how the person under twenty-one (21) years of age will be separated from the 21 and above patrons and what the licensee will do to prevent any mingling of patrons under twenty-one (21) years of age with patrons who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

   The owner and manager of the licensee must file a statement that they are familiar with the Denver curfew laws and will abide by them. D.R.M.C. Sec. 34-61 (a) and (b).

3. Any changes in the operation or termination of the program must be reported to the Director.

4. The detective assigned to the department will review such a request, view the premises, and discuss the circumstances with the applicant. The detective or the director may impose reasonable conditions on the operation.

5. Any deviation from these conditions or the requirements noted above, conditions placed on such admission, or any violations of state or local laws during such periods will result in the revocation or suspension of the approval and possible action against the liquor and cabaret licenses.