



# Expanded alcohol use at city facilities

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# Policy Questions for Consideration

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1. Should the city expand availability of alcohol use within city facilities, such as the Bison Ridge Recreation Center?
  
2. If yes, then:
  - Who gets to use?
  - What type of alcohol?
  - Where is it allowed?
  - When should it be available?
  - How should it be regulated?

# Background: Current Use

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- City park shelters
  - Permit to consume – 3.2% limit
  - No glass
  - Enforcement is complaint driven
  - Administered by parks, recreation and golf department
- Buffalo Run Golf Course
  - License type and restrictions
  - City Council license holder
  - Full-service restaurant
  - Cannot sell to third parties, restrictions
- Organized event permits
  - Enforcement is complaint-driven
  - Administered by community development department
- Special event permit
  - Used by non-profits
  - Purchase/donated product; can sell to attendees
  - Enforcement is complaint-driven
  - Administered by the city clerk's office

# Background: Other Metro Communities

Agency	Alcohol (Y/N)	Alcohol Type(s)	Time Limit	Permit Req'd (Y/N)	Liability Insurance Req'd (Y/N)	Insurance Amount	Officer Req'd (Y/N)
Broomfield	Y	B/W/C	4 hrs	Y	N	-	Y
Brighton	Y	B/W	4 hrs	Y	N	-	Y
Thornton	Y	B/W/C/L	4 hrs	Y	Y*	\$1,000,000	Y
Westminster	Y	B/W/C/L	4 hrs	Y	N	-	Y
Lakewood	Y	B/W/C	3 hrs	Y	N	-	N

**B = Beer**  
**W = Wine**  
**C = Champagne**  
**L = Liquor**

**Notes:**

- \*Liability insurance only required for commercial rentals
- Westminster: Guest(s) of honor must be 21+ for alcohol
- Lakewood: \$500 deposit required for alcohol in lieu of a security officer



# Pros/Cons of Expanded Access

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## Pros

- Alignment with similar types of facilities with community room access (neighboring communities)
- Potential to increase revenue from meeting/event rental spaces
- Bringing new people to the city; opportunity to showcase Commerce City

## Cons

- Civic facilities – sends the wrong message
- Increased liability
- Possibly incompatible use with other facility activity
- Possible increased calls for service for police
- Facility available to all groups that meet the contractual requirements



# Policy Question

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- Do you want to consider permitting alcohol for rentals in city facilities?
- If yes, which city facilities would you like to consider?
- Recommendation: start with the Bison Ridge Recreation Center.



# Questions

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