

2023 Kansas Statutes

41-2659. Common consumption areas; cities and counties; permits; duties and liabilities; signs posted that identify boundaries of area.

- (a) (1) A city or a county may establish one or more common consumption areas within the limits of the city or within the unincorporated portion of the county, as applicable, by ordinance or resolution, respectively, and authorize the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage within the common consumption area. The ordinance or resolution shall designate the boundaries of any common consumption area and prescribe the times during which alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage may be consumed therein. The ordinance or resolution may require that any public street or roadway that lies within a common consumption area be blocked from motorized traffic during the hours in which alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage is consumed.
- (2) The city or county shall immediately notify the director of the division of alcoholic beverage control of the establishment of a common consumption area and submit a copy of the ordinance or resolution along with such notice.
- (b) A common consumption area permit shall allow the consumption of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage in any area designated by such permit. The director may issue common consumption area permits to the city or county or any one person who shall be a resident of Kansas or an organization that has its principal place of business in Kansas and that has been approved by the respective city or county, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue.
- (c) Applications for common consumption area permits shall be submitted to the director, subject to the following:
- (1) A copy of any ordinance or resolution promulgated in accordance with subsection (a) shall accompany any application for a common consumption area permit.
- (2) Each application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable permit fee of \$100. All permit fees collected by the director pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.
- (3) A common consumption area permit shall be issued for a period of not to exceed one year. A common consumption area permit shall not be transferable or assignable.
- (d) Any licensee immediately adjacent to, or located within a common consumption area may request that the licensee's licensed premises participate in the common consumption area for the duration of the common consumption area permit. Such a request shall be made upon forms prescribed by the director.
- (e) (1) Any licensee who has requested and received permission to participate in the common consumption area may allow its legal patrons to remove alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage purchased from the licensee into the premises described by the common consumption area permit. All alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverage removed from a licensed premises in such fashion shall be served in a container that displays the licensee's trade name or logo or other identifying mark that is unique to the licensee.
- (2) In addition to their licensed premises, one or more licensees that have requested and received permission to participate in a common consumption area may offer for sale, sell and serve alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage for consumption from one non-contiguous service area within the common consumption area, as designated and approved by the common consumption area permit holder. The licensee shall prominently display a copy of its drinking establishment license and the approval of the common consumption area permit holder at its non-contiguous service area.
- (f) (1) Each licensee within a common consumption area shall be liable for violations of all liquor laws governing the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage that occur on the licensee's premises.
- (2) Each common consumption area permit holder shall be liable for violations that occur off the licensee's premises, but within the common consumption area identified in the permit. No permit holder shall permit any person to remove any open container of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage from the boundaries of the common

consumption area.

(g) (1) For the purposes of this section, "common consumption area" means a defined indoor or outdoor area not otherwise subject to a license issued pursuant to the Kansas liquor control act or the club and drinking establishment act where the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage is allowed pursuant to a common consumption area permit.

(2) The boundaries of any common consumption area must be clearly marked using a physical barrier or any apparent line of demarcation. Every common consumption area shall have signs conspicuously posted identifying the boundaries of such area in a size and manner that provides notice to persons entering or leaving the area.

(h) The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement this section.

(i) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the club and drinking establishment act.

History: L. 2017, ch. 85, § 1; L. 2019, ch. 57, § 29; L. 2021, ch. 107, § 35; L. 2023, ch. 71, § 7; July 1.