

The attached document was submitted to the
Washoe County Board of Commissioners during
the meeting held on June 9, 2015.
by Commissioner Lacey
for Agenda Item No. 32
and included here pursuant to NRS 241.020(7) as
amended by AB65 of the 2013 Legislative Session.

AB 4 signed by the Gov. On May 25th. The bill takes effect Oct. 1, 2015.

Wineries currently exist in Nye, Churchill and Douglas counties

Tahoe ridge just opened a second tasting room and production facility in Carson

Wineries in Washoe can only have one tasting room and the tasting room has to be on site of the winery

Bonded Winery is defined by federal law, so activities allowed are in federal statute.

Wineries in Washoe are not allowed to sell any other alcohol in the tasting room. They may be able to buy alcohol through a distributor to sell at an onsite restaurant or for events, but need to verify

Sales are capped at 1000 cases a year until they have 25% of production coming from Nevada- grown grapes.

Making alcohol from all types of fruit is allowed, including apples (Cider), as well as berries, etc.

Washoe should allow for wineries in commercial areas like Mid town, Victoria square, downtown, etc.

Should also allow for wineries in Industrial areas like Sparks, Longley and McCarran, etc.

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Should allow for wineries along the river, like Mayberry drive area, Sparks, etc.

Should allow for wineries in more rural areas near residences that have some commercial use like Holcomb ranch road, Lakeside drive, Verdi area, D'andrea golf course, Pleasant valley.

Special events are critical to the economic viability of a winery, especially with the current cap on case sales. So having such areas as restaurants, Bed and breakfast facilities, Guest houses on site, Outdoor weddings and music events , Cooking classes, etc.

There may be the need for a Custom crush facility that multiple vintners can use to crush grapes. This will likely be located in an industrial area

Will likely use a Mobile bottler as there won't be enough production for a bottling facility yet

The Nevada Wine Coalition would be happy to work with the county on these ordinances.

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