



Washoe County Business License Liquor License Types

Washoe County offers thirteen types of liquor licenses. Your business may require more than one type of license.

License	Type
L-1	Tavern
L-2	Package Liquor
L-3	Cabaret
L-4	Retail Beer and Wine
L-5	Package Beer
L-6	Importer/Wholesaler Intoxicating Liquor
L-7	Service Bar
L-8	Wine-maker/Brewery/Brew Pub
L-9	Temporary Intoxicating Liquor (special event)
L-10	Liquor Catering (in conjunction with another license)
L-11	Liquor Catering (separate)
L-12	Liquor Tasting
L-13	Craft Distillery

The following describes the different types of liquor licenses:

- **Brew Pub.** A brew pub is an establishment which manufactures malt beverages and sells those malt beverages at retail to the public for consumption on the premise. Malt beverages are defined as “beer, ale, porter, stout and other similar fermented beverages of any name or description, brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part”.
- **Brewery.** A brewery is an establishment which manufactures malt beverages but does not sell those malt beverages at retail to the public.
- **Cabaret.** A cabaret is a tavern having an orchestra or any type of live entertainment, or where dancing is permitted. A typical example is a club or disco.
- **Craft Distillery.** A craft distillery is an establishment which manufactures distilled liquors from agricultural raw materials. Craft distilleries produce distilled liquor primarily for sale to licensed liquor wholesalers, but the establishment is also allowed to serve small samples on the premises and sell sealed bottles of the liquors to customers for consumption either on or off the premises.
- **Importer/Wholesaler Intoxicating Liquor.** An importer is a person who brings intoxicating liquor into Washoe County. A wholesale distributor is any person who sells or distributes intoxicating liquors to package or retail outlets.
- **Liquor Catering.** A caterer serves or sells intoxicating liquors by the drink for consumption on the premises where the liquors are dispensed. The liquor caterer’s services must be performed at diverse locations on a shifting and intermittent basis, as opposed to a permanent location. This license type may be issued in conjunction with another type of intoxicating liquor license or as a separate liquor license.

- **Liquor Tasting.** A liquor tasting license allows a person to serve samples of intoxicating liquors inside a grocery store. The grocery store must possess a valid package liquor license (package liquor license or package beer license) and must have at least 10,000 square feet of public space.
- **Package Beer.** A package beer establishment is any place where beer is sold or distributed for consumption off premise. Typical examples include liquor stores, mini-markets, and grocery stores.
- **Package Liquor.** A package liquor establishment is any place where intoxicating liquor is sold or distributed for consumption off premise. Typical examples include liquor stores, mini-markets, and grocery stores.
- **Retail Beer and Wine.** A retail beer and wine establishment is any place where beer or wine is sold at retail by the drink to the general public. A typical example is a restaurant.
- **Service Bar.** A service bar is any bar where drinks are prepared for service only at tables in hotels, restaurants or casinos. The hotel, restaurant or casino must also possess a valid liquor license. This type of license does not permit sales of intoxicating liquor directly to a customer from the bar.
- **Tavern.** A tavern is any place where intoxicating liquors are sold at retail by the drink to the general public. Typical examples include bars, cocktail lounges, or saloons, all without live entertainment.
- **Temporary Intoxicating Liquor.** A temporary intoxicating liquor license allows a person to serve or sell intoxicating liquor at the locations and time periods specified on the license. A temporary intoxicating liquor license is in addition to any special event, community event, or festival license issued by the Washoe County business license division. The event and/or festival must be open to the general public to require an intoxicating liquor license.
- **Wine-maker.** Wine-maker includes both wineries and instructional wine-making facilities. A winery is an establishment that makes wine as an alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of the natural content of fruits or other agricultural products containing sugar. An instructional wine-making facility is an establishment that provides instruction and the opportunity to make wine on the business premise for a fee.



EXAMPLES OF LIQUOR LICENSE FEES

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES

Washoe County liquor license fees are established in the *Master Liquor License Fee Schedule* adopted by the Washoe County Commission. Please refer to the adopted *Schedule* for the latest liquor license fees. . As of October 31, 2016, all liquor license fees include a quarterly \$ 2.00 Regional Technology Fee. This fee was adopted by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners on June 28, 2016 and was effective on October 31, 2016.

A new liquor licensed business pays both a fixed quarterly fee as adopted in the *Schedule* and an additional quarterly fee of \$50 (in lieu of a fee based on annual gross receipts) during the first year of operation.

After the first year, the additional quarterly fee is based on the annual gross liquor receipts reported by the business for the previous year. The additional fee is calculated as \$1 per quarter for each \$1,000 of reported annual gross liquor receipts in excess of \$25,000. This fee is in addition to the fixed quarterly fee as adopted in the *Schedule*.

Annual gross liquor receipts are defined as the sum of the gross liquor receipts for the most recent fiscal year prior to the expiration date of the license. Gross liquor receipts means the total sum of retail intoxicating liquor sales conducted in the unincorporated area of Washoe County only.

Examples:

1.	New Tavern liquor license: (first year of operation)	fixed quarterly fee:	\$ 227
		additional fee:	<u>\$ 50</u>
		Total quarterly fee:	\$ 277
2.	Renewal for Tavern liquor license: (\$35,000 in reported receipts)	fixed quarterly fee:	\$ 227
		additional fee:	<u>\$ 10</u>
		Total quarterly fee:	\$ 237

Liquor licenses are never prorated.

State of Nevada licenses for brew pubs, breweries, craft distilleries, importer and/or wholesaler of intoxicating liquor, and/or wine makers operating within unincorporated Washoe County are approved by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners.