



# Seekers Church

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A Church of the Saviour Community

## **Seekers Church Alcohol Policy**

*The following Alcohol Policy has been adopted by the Seekers Church (“Seekers”) Stewards and is administered by the Time & Space Mission Group.*

This Alcohol Policy applies to all users and all uses of the Seekers Church Building (“Building”).

Outside the Building, no alcohol may ever be sold, served or consumed on Seekers’ property.

As described in more detail below, the Alcohol Policy is:

- Alcohol may never be sold, served or consumed in the Building without the prior consent of the Time & Space Mission Group.
- At Seekers events and events of Tenants/Religious Groups, no alcohol license is required for serving alcohol, as long as it is provided without charge and consumed in the Building, and the event is closed to the public.
- Other users of the Building who wish to serve alcohol are responsible for obtaining a temporary D.C. alcohol license or using a caterer with a D.C. alcohol license.

### **I. Seekers Events**

- A. At Seekers events, alcohol shall not be served or consumed without the prior consent of the Time & Space Mission Group. Recurring events need not obtain consent each time.
- B. Under no circumstances may alcohol be served to or consumed by persons under the age of 21; identification must be checked whenever young people are served.
- C. Requests from organizers of non-public Seekers events for permission to serve alcohol must commit to the following:
  1. Alcohol will be served by a responsible adult, rather than available for self-service.
  2. Attendees will be reminded not to drink and drive. Alternative transportation arrangements, such as designated drivers, taxis, Uber and Lyft, will be expressly recommended as needed.
  3. Non-alcoholic beverages and food will be served.
  4. Because the Gallery on the Lower Level is visible from the street:
    - a. Any alcohol service on the Lower Level will be located and served out of sight of those passing by outside the Building; and
    - b. Alcohol consumed in view of the Lower Level windows will be in glasses, not in original containers such as beer bottles.
  5. At the end of the event, any alcohol remaining will be disposed of or removed from the Building.

- D. Any events which (i) are open to the public, or (ii) will sell alcohol, or (iii) will compensate Seekers for use of space, require a temporary D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (“ABRA”) alcohol license<sup>1</sup> or use of a caterer with a D.C. alcohol license, and must meet the additional requirements of Section III, below.

## **II. Tenant/Religious Group Events**

- A. Tenants and other religious groups that use the Building on an ongoing basis to host their community life (collectively “Tenants/Religious Groups”) are governed by Section I, above.
- B. Any events related to these groups that they do not host are governed by Section III, below.

## **III. All Other Events**

- A. All other users (other than Seekers and Tenants/Religious Groups) who compensate Seekers for use of the Building shall not sell, serve or consume alcohol without written permission from the Time & Space Mission Group.
- B. These users shall meet the requirements of Section I, above, and in their written request for permission shall commit to the items in Section I.C., and include the following:
  - 1. Evidence of use of a caterer with a D.C. alcohol license or compliance with the D.C. ABRA requirements by obtaining a temporary alcohol license from D.C.
  - 2. If seeking a temporary alcohol license, provide (a) the name of the security company identified on the application to D.C. ABRA, (b) evidence of appropriate liability insurance coverage, (c) the types of alcohol that will be served, and (d) an estimate of the amount of alcohol that will be available per person attending the event. Seekers will cooperate with users in applying for a temporary license, as needed.

***Any questions concerning the Seekers Church Alcohol Policy should be directed to the Time & Space Mission Group at [space@seekerschurch.org](mailto:space@seekerschurch.org).***

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### ENDNOTE:

- 1. The D.C. ABRA application form for a temporary alcohol license is available online at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ABRA-Application>.

The D.C. ABRA provides an exemption from licensing (incorporated herein) for the serving and consuming of alcoholic beverages in certain circumstances:

#### EXEMPTION FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENT

213.1 A license shall not be required for any event, closed to the public, where alcoholic beverages are provided gratuitously for on-premises consumption on the host's own premises. A license shall not be required if the operator of the premises does not provide services for the consumption of alcoholic beverages which are provided, gratuitously, to guests of a private function on the premises. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the operator of the premises provides entertainment, food, or nonalcoholic beverages or rents out the facility for compensation, a license shall be required.

D.C. Mun. Regs. Tit. 23, § 213