

ALCOHOL POLICY

UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA at KEARNEY



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Policy Scope and Statement

This policy regulates the service, consumption, and storage of alcohol within the Regional Engagement Center (REC), ensuring compliance with local liquor laws, University of Nebraska (University) policies, and other applicable regulations. The policy governs alcohol management within University-owned spaces, private tenant-controlled spaces, and all other spaces of the REC (Common Elements).

Policy and Procedures

1. Alcohol in University-Owned Spaces and Common Elements

1.1 Definitions

Common Elements include all publicly accessible spaces of the REC managed by the REAC Condo Association including but not limited to hallways, patios, balconies, stairwells, elevators, lactation rooms, and entryways.

Private Events are those events in which a pre-identified and pre-existing group of individuals are invited to a specific event, the event is not advertised, alcohol is not sold, and the event is not accessible or open to the public. No individual may attend such an event unless specifically invited in advance, except for University or caterer's employees working at the event.

Public Events are where there is no specified, identifiable guest list, alcohol will be sold, such event is accessible or open to the public, or such event is advertised.

1.2 Exclusive Alcohol Provider

For all Public and Private Events involving alcohol in University-owned spaces or Common Elements with more than 20 individuals, the use of the exclusive alcohol vendor, Sodexo America, LLC (Sodexo), is required. It is the responsibility of the event organizer to arrange and contract with Sodexo for the service and distribution of alcohol.

For Private Events in University-owned spaces or Common Elements with 20 individuals or fewer, alcohol service may be managed independently by the event organizer but must remain contained within the approved, designated meeting or conference space(s). The event organizer of these groups must purchase and use their own alcohol.

Under no circumstances will any Private Events involving the event organizer's purchase and use of their own alcohol take place in the specific areas that are included in Sodexo's liquor license.

1.3 Reservation and Approval

Requests for alcohol service in University-owned spaces or Common Elements must be submitted via the [REC Reservation Request Form](#). The request for alcohol service will be reviewed and must be approved by the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Operations or their designee in their absence prior to the event in which the alcohol is to be served.

1.4 Failure to Confirm Sodexo Arrangements

If the event organizer fails to make arrangements with Sodexo for alcohol service within seventy-two (72) hours of the start of the event, the event will not be allowed to serve alcohol. No exceptions will be made, and alternative alcohol providers will not be permitted. It is the responsibility of the event organizer to ensure that Sodexo is contracted well in advance of the event.

1.5 Compliance with Law, Rules and Regulations, and University Policies

All alcohol-related activities in University-controlled spaces and Common Elements must comply with the Nebraska Liquor Control Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 53-101 et seq.), the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's rules and regulations, Board of Regents Policy 6.4.1, Dispensing Alcoholic Beverages on University Property, and any other applicable University policies.

1.6 Alcohol Containment

Alcohol must be consumed only within the designated meeting or conference space(s). It may not be transported to or consumed in any other areas of the REC. Empty alcohol containers must be properly disposed of during and after any events.

1.7 Alcohol Storage

Alcohol intended for consumption within University-owned spaces or Common Elements must be stored in locked storage areas that are secure and accessible only to authorized personnel, including the event organizer or the alcohol vendor (Sodexo). Unauthorized access to these storage areas is strictly prohibited.

2. Alcohol in Private Tenant-Controlled Spaces

2.1 Tenant Responsibility

In private tenant-controlled spaces, the alcohol policies and procedures are the responsibility of the private tenant. Each private tenant must establish and enforce their own alcohol policies, ensuring compliance with liquor laws, rules and regulations, and other applicable liquor policies and procedures.

2.2 Alcohol Distribution

Alcohol service and consumption within private tenant spaces may not extend to University-owned areas or Common Elements of the REC. Alcohol consumption in these private areas must remain contained to the designated tenant spaces.

2.3 Alcohol Storage

Private tenants who store alcohol within their spaces must ensure that alcohol is kept in locked, secure storage areas that are not accessible to individuals other than the tenant and their authorized guests.

3. Outdoor Events

3.1 Outdoor Event Compliance

Any event held outdoors at the REC, whether hosted by the University or a private tenant, must fully comply with the University Village Consumption, Distribution, and Serving of Alcohol Policy and requires the submission of the Public Event Alcohol Request Form.

4. Implementation and Enforcement

4.1 Enforcement

This alcohol policy will be enforced by the REAC Condo Association, which oversees the operation of the REC building. All tenants, including University management and private tenants, are required to adhere to this policy. Violations may result in penalties or restrictions on future alcohol-related events.

4.2 Tenant and University Liability

Each tenant, including the University, is solely responsible and liable for all alcohol-related activities within their designated areas of the REC. This includes ensuring compliance with local, state, and University alcohol policies, as well as the safe and legal distribution, storage, and consumption of alcohol within their respective spaces.

4.3 Approval

This policy will be officially approved by the University Chancellor in accordance with the Board of Regents Policy 6.4.1 as well as the REAC Condo Association. It will be implemented and enforced by all tenants within the Regional Engagement Center.

5. General Provisions

5.1 Policy Amendments

This policy may be amended by the REAC Condo Association as necessary to ensure continued compliance with local, state, and University regulations. Any changes to the policy will be communicated to all tenants.

5.2 Liability

The University and private tenants are not responsible for any injury, legal consequences, or damages arising from the use or misuse of alcohol in their respective spaces. All users of the REC are required to comply with the applicable regulations and guidelines regarding responsible alcohol consumption and storage.

Additional Contacts & Resources

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Email</i>
University Village Consumption, Distribution, and Serving of Alcohol Policy	University Village	Michael Christen	christenmt2@unk.edu

<i>Form</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Link</i>
REC Reservation Request Form	Lynelle Fritzen	https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=xAPQGhOJLkvxIGKu-IftsXrIhYzHikhKKI-0gETc02xUNzM3VZl0UVAxUTMySVVIQUEzTFk3Vk85SC4u&route=shorturl
Public Event Alcohol Request Form	Michael Christen	DOCUSIGN LINK TO BE PROVIDED

History

This is a new policy and approved by the REAC Condo Association Board of Directors on TBD.