

Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division Lodging & Entertainment Working Group (L&EWG)

Meeting of December 5, 2016
10:00am – 12:00pm

Liquor Enforcement Division Office
1881 Pierce Street | Lakewood

Welcome & Introductions

Patrick Maroney opened with introductions, noting this will be a narrowly focused working group.

Open Discussions

The Working Group's goal is to make recommendations on two issues:

1. What type of business should be able to get a Lodging and Entertainment license?
2. Can a tavern licensee (after the one year conversion period) transfer as a tavern if they don't fit the definition of a tavern?

What type of licensees should get this license?

- What if they already have a Tavern license? Should they be allowed to transfer a Tavern License if they are not a Tavern to a new business owner?
- What of Needs & Desires (should the license be required to change license type)?
- What types of businesses that currently hold a Tavern license do not actually fit under the definition of Tavern:
 - Bowling alleys
 - Clubs (Music – Golf – Comedy – Athletic)
 - Coffee Shops
 - Catering/Event Centers/Auditorium
 - Museums
 - Fairgrounds
 - Amusement Parks
 - Arcades
 - Billiard Halls
 - Theaters (Movie)
 - Theaters (Live)
 - Concerts
 - Sporting Events
 - Race Tracks
 - Bed & Breakfast (does not apply to room service)
 - Nail/Hair Salons or Spas
 - Tattoo Shops
 - Art Galleries
 - Culinary (Kitchen) Classes

From the Clerks:

- Do not understand the need for another license type. The tavern license seems to be working well.
- Would like to request LED give local authorities the discretion for Optional Premises in our Rule Making for the Lodge & Entertainment license. The LED said this is an issue of statewide interest and would not support local discretion.

Need to Define:

- Primary Business
 - Percentages? If so, how? 50/50? The group was not in favor of establishing a percent basis to help define primary.

- It was discussed why we don't define a tavern and discussion was held to go over the stakeholder group's meetings last spring where it was decided that would not work.
- Entertainment Facility
- Lodging

Can a Tavern transfer as a tavern after one year if they don't fit the definition of a tavern?

Several members discussed the impact and goodwill concerning those businesses that initially obtained a tavern license and want to later transfer. A majority expressed the desire to allow the business to transfer as a tavern. The thought was to allow all licenses issued before August 5, 2016 to remain the same, even under a transfer.

What about a "Complimentary Drink Permit"? The group discussed the possibility to create a complimentary beverage permit for those business types who just want to give alcohol away during the service or sale of their product. This would take a legislative change and the majority of the attendees were of supporting this idea.

Take Away for Next Meeting:

The LED will post a list of suggested business types who would be an "Entertainment Facility" and asked all involved to review the list and provide input at the next meeting.

Next meeting: January 9th at 1:00 at 1881 Pierce Street – Room 110.