List of Requirements for Small Wineries from Placer County Departments

EHS = Environmental Health Services
ESD = Engineering and Surveying Division
PLN = Planning Services Division
BLD = Building Services Division
FIRE = Cal Fire
DRC = Development Review Committee

***The following list of requirements is intended to give winery owners a basic idea of the requirements for various uses. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, and other County and State/Federal requirements not listed may also apply.

D. Non-Wine Related Events, More Than Two Per Year (Community Center/Event Center):  (In addition to requirements for “A. Winery Production”)

1. Apply for and be approved for a Minor Use Permit. (PLN)
2. Environmental Review shall be required for all Minor Use Permit applications. An Environmental Questionnaire shall be submitted. (PLN)
3. The initial hearing body for all MUP requests is the Planning Commission. (PLN)
4. All parking shall be provided on site. Proof of adequate parking for events must be reviewed and approved by the DRC. Accessible parking with code specified access aisle(s) shall be provided at a ratio of 1 to 25 on site parking spaces. (PLN/ESD/BLD)
5. All events shall be subject to the Placer County Noise Ordinance. (PLN)
6. Provide adequate sewage disposal for the maximum number of patrons and employees per day. This would require connection to public sewer or an onsite sewage disposal system under permit with Environmental Health Services. The restroom facility count shall be based on occupancy requirements outlined by the current adopted California Plumbing Code. This calculation shall include all outside seating areas. (EHS/BLD)
7. Potable water shall be provided as part of a small winery with a tasting room. This requires either connection to a public water supply or an onsite well that was constructed under a permit sampled and approved by Environmental Health for the intended use. Sites that have occupancy of 25 persons or greater, or will prepare food, or serve 25 or more people greater that 59 days per year shall construct a public well and obtain a public water system permit from Environmental Health. (EHS)
8. A commercial kitchen will be required for food service associated with the events. A complete food facility plan check and annual health permit will be required. Minimum requirements for a food facility shall apply in accordance with the California Retail Food Code. (EHS)
9. Solid waste collection service shall be provided by the franchised solid waste collector for weekly or more frequent solid waste collection service. (EHS)
10. All structures shall be permitted and approved for the intended use. (BLD/FIRE)
11. Tents and canopies shall be approved by the local fire agency. (FIRE)
12. Access roads to winery structures and associated event areas shall meet State and local Fire Safe Standards as determined by the serving fire agency. (ESD/FIRE)
13. Frontage improvements are required for a community/event center if the project fronts on a County maintained road. Improvement Plans shall be required for review and approval by ESD. (ESD)
14. All required onsite parking and circulation areas shall be paved with asphalt concrete or Portland cement concrete, unless otherwise approved by the County (i.e. permeable pavement as a low impact development feature). (ESD/PLN)
15. A drainage report may be required to analyze pre- and post-project conditions as well as detention requirements. Appropriate water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) for stormwater runoff and erosion control shall be installed and maintained as needed for the protection of local drainages and waterways. Improvement Plans may be required for review and approval by ESD. (ESD/DPWF)
16. The Improvement Plans shall show the details for any retaining walls exceeding 4 feet in total height, as measured from bottom of footing to the top of the wall and/or supporting a surcharge, cuts or fills exceeding 4 feet in depth, fill or excavation greater than 250 cubic yards, or soil disturbances exceeding 10,000 square feet.
on slopes 10% or greater, or as otherwise required by Placer County Code, Article 15.48, Placer County Grading, Erosion, and Sediment Control Ordinance. (ESD)

17. At least one van accessible space on asphalt concrete or Portland cement concrete including an 8 foot wide loading area, meeting current California Building Code requirements, is required and shall be designated as “Van Accessible.” An approved accessible path of travel shall be provided between the accessible parking space(s) and structures and facilities on the site. (PLN/ESD)

18. Pave all access driveways and private access road connections where they connect to a County maintained roadway per a Plate 116 standard. Access to County maintained roadway shall meet applicable sight distance standards for encroachment based on roadway design speed. Improvement Plans shall be required for review and approval by ESD. (ESD/DPWF)

19. If access is by private road, the applicant shall provide reasonable proof of access rights to the Engineering and Surveying Division. (ESD)

20. Private access road and access driveways shall meet minimum state and local fire safety standards; width shall be a minimum 20 foot paved surface with 2 foot shoulders and designed to support a 75,000 pound vehicle, or as otherwise approved by the serving fire district. (ESD/FIRE)

21. Any access gates shall be a minimum of 2 feet wider than the access road and any face of gate and/or entry keypad shall be set back a minimum of 30 feet from the edge of pavement of the roadway. (FIRE/ESD)

22. Parking spaces, ramps, walk ways and exit paths shall meet current California Building Code accessibility standards. (BLD)

23. Pay traffic fees for community/event center based on Placer County Traffic Impact Fee Program. (DPWF/ESD)

24. Fire Apparatus Access road shall provide a minimum of 13’6” vertical clearance. (FIRE)

25. The turning radius of a fire apparatus road shall be as approved. (FIRE)

26. Fire Apparatus Access roads shall be provided all buildings or facilities when any part of the exterior of the building is greater than 150’ from a fire apparatus access road as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility. (FIRE)

27. Dead end fire apparatus access roads exceeding 150’ shall be provided with an approved hammerhead or turnaround. (FIRE)

28. Emergency firefighting access throughout all buildings and gated areas shall be provided by the knox system. (FIRE)

29. Commercial facilities exceeding 1,500 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Alarm System. (FIRE)

30. Commercial facilities exceeding 3,600 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Sprinkler System. (FIRE)

31. An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to all facilities. (FIRE)

32. Fire extinguishers shall be provided as per NFPA 10. (FIRE)

33. Obtain a valid Business License.

34. Provide the County with a copy of your approved Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License.