

List of Requirements for Winery and Farm Brewery Production 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.*

A. Winery and Farm Brewery Production Only (no public access):

1. The minimum parcel size for a small winery production of up to 20,000 cases and a farm brewery of up to 1,500 barrels is 4.6 acres in the Residential, Resource and Agriculture zoning districts where production is allowed. For large winery production of 20,000 cases or more, the minimum parcel size is 10 acres in the Residential, Resource and Agriculture zoning districts where production is allowed. (PLN)
2. At least two acres of on-site planted vineyard, hopyard, or other agriculture related to beverage production is required. (PLN)
3. Access roads to winery structures shall meet State and local Fire Safe Standards as determined by the serving fire agency. (ESD/FIRE)
4. All structures and facilities shall be permitted and approved for the intended use. (BLD/FIRE)
5. Restroom facilities should be provided, as required by the current adopted California Building and Plumbing Codes. (BLD)
6. Access to a County maintained roadway shall meet applicable sight distance standards and standard geometric paved encroachment based on roadway design speed. (ESD/DPW)
7. Fire Apparatus Access road defined: Minimum of 20' wide all weather surfaced road designed to support a 75,000 pound vehicle. (FIRE)
8. Fire Apparatus Access road shall provide a minimum of 15' vertical clearance. (FIRE)
9. The turning radius of a fire apparatus road shall be as approved. (FIRE)
10. Fire Apparatus Access roads shall be provided to 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)
11. Dead end fire apparatus access roads exceeding 150' shall be provided with an approved hammerhead or turnaround. (FIRE)
12. Emergency firefighting access throughout all buildings and gated areas shall be provided by the knox system. (FIRE)
13. Commercial facilities exceeding 1,500 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Alarm System. (FIRE)
14. Commercial facilities exceeding 3,600 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Sprinkler System. (FIRE)
15. An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to all facilities. (FIRE)
16. Fire extinguishers shall be provided as per NFPA 10. (FIRE)
17. Obtain a valid Business License.
18. Provide the County with a copy of your approved Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License.
19. Obtain approval from Regional Water Quality Control Board for waste discharge of production wastewater. Production wastewater can not be discharged into a septic system. (EHS)