

List of Requirements for Tasting Rooms and Events 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.*

C. Winery with Tasting Room and Events: *(In addition to requirements for “A. Winery and Farm Brewery Production”)*

1. Events are only permitted in conjunction with a wine or beer tasting facility with a Type 02 or 23 ABC license. (PLN)
2. An “Agricultural Promotional Event” includes but is not limited to winemaker/brewmaster dinners, pick-up parties, release parties, and any parties, professional events or other gatherings that support the promotion of the agricultural product. This does not include events such as weddings or facility rentals. (PLN)
3. There is no limit to the number of Agricultural Promotional Events, provided that the Agricultural Promotional Event accommodates fifty (50) people or less at one. If there are greater than fifty (50) people are in attendance at one time, those events shall be regulated in the same manner as a special event.
4. A “Special Event” is any event greater than fifty (50) people at one time and includes events such as private parties, fundraisers, concerts, social or educational gatherings where outside alcohol may be allowed, and events where the property owner is compensated in exchange for the use of the site and facility (referred to as a facility rental).
5. None of the aforementioned events include industry-wide events or private gatherings of the owner where the general public does not attend.
6. Maximum number of special events and attendees:
 - For parcels that are 4.6 to less than 10 acres in size and located in the Residential zoning districts, the maximum number of special events is 6 per year. The maximum number of attendees at one time, excluding staff, is determined by a Minor Use Permit.
 - For parcels that are 4.6 to less than 10 acres in size and located in the Agriculture and Resource zoning districts, the maximum number of special events is 6 per year. The required use permit will detail these event allowances.
 - For parcels that are 10 to less than 20 acres in size, the maximum number of special events is 6 per year. The maximum number of attendees at one time is 100 attendees.
 - For parcels that are 20 acres or larger i, the maximum number of special events is 12 per year. The maximum number of attendees at one time, excluding staff, is 200 attendees.
 - For parcels that are 40 acres in size and are in the Agriculture and Resource zoning district, the maximum number of special events and attendees may be determined by a Conditional Use Permit.
7. One parking space for every 2.5 attendees shall be provided. All parking shall be provided onsite. No “street” parking allowed. Proof of adequate parking for events must be reviewed and approved by the Development Review Committee based on the following requirements:
 - Parking space sizes and drive aisles shall be designed in accordance with Section 17.54.070 (design and improvement of parking).
 - On-site parking may be an aggregate base all weather surface. The circulation aisles shall be capable of supporting vehicle loading as approved by the serving fire district.
 - Parking shall not be proposed on existing agriculturally productive land. . (FIRE/DPWF/ESD/PLN/BLD)

8. Temporary, overflow parking may be utilized in conjunction with special events, and temporary outdoor events. Temporary overflow parking shall be accommodated on-site and shall meet fire district requirements and shall only take place in designated areas in accordance with the site plan approved by the County. (PLN)
9. All events shall be subject to the Placer County Noise Ordinance. Prior to hosting events with amplified speech or music and weddings the Community Development Resource Agency shall review a site plan to determine that the following setbacks are met

Event/Activity	Setback (feet)	
	Auburn/Bowman Community Plan	Other Community Plan Areas
Amplified music/speech at event on 20 acres or more	1,225	750
Amplified music/speech at event on 10 to less than 20 acres	925	550
Amplified speech	450	275

10. An encroachment permit shall be obtained to construct a paved commercial standard encroachment meeting Placer County Land Development manual ingress, egress, and sight-distance engineering design standards (Plate 116 Major) and serving fire district standards where the private road or project access connects to the County road.
11. For wineries and farm breweries accessed by a shared, private road, proof of access rights shall be provided in the form of a recorded easement, other applicable legal document or as determined by the county and an affirmative written statement of the legal right to access and use said road for the purposes of the requested facility. The owner shall also include with said statement the proposal for road maintenance or provide evidence of an existing road maintenance agreement. (PLN/ESD)
12. Provide adequate sewage disposal facilities required for tasting operations and events. (EHS/BLD)
13. Obtain approval from Regional Water Quality Control Board for production waste discharge. Production wastewater cannot be discharged to a septic system. (EHS)
14. A public well and public water system will be required unless connection to a treated water supply is available. (EHS)
15. The proper food facility permit shall be obtained from Environmental Health Services if food service is proposed. All applicable sections of the California Retail Food Code shall apply. Please see separate handout for more information on available food services (EHS)
16. All structures shall be permitted and approved for the intended use. (BLD/FIRE)
17. Tents and canopies shall be approved by the local fire agency. (FIRE)
18. 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)
19. Private access road and access driveways shall meet minimum state and local fire safety standards; width shall be a minimum 20-foot paved surface plus 2-foot shoulders, and designed to support a 75,000 pound vehicle, or as otherwise approved by the serving fire district. Improvement Plans may be required for review and approval by ESD. (ESD/FIRE)
20. 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)
21. Circulation/access ways to be kept free and clear throughout events. (FIRE/ESD)
22. Traffic control measures shall be implemented during events to prevent “queuing” onto public rights-of-way. (DPWF)
23. If applicable, a Grading Permit shall be obtained 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)
24. 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)
25. Parking spaces, ramps, and access ways shall meet California Building Code accessibility standards. (BLD)

26. Pay traffic fees for tasting room and events based on Placer County Traffic Impact Fee Program. (DPWF/ESD)
27. Fire Apparatus Access road shall provide a minimum of 15' vertical clearance. (FIRE)
28. The turning radius of a fire apparatus road shall be as approved. (FIRE)
29. 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)
30. Dead end fire apparatus access roads exceeding 150' shall be provided with an approved hammerhead or turnaround. (FIRE)
31. Emergency firefighting access throughout all buildings and gated areas shall be provided by the knox system. (FIRE)
32. Commercial facilities exceeding 1,500 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Alarm System. (FIRE)
33. Commercial facilities exceeding 3,600 square feet shall provide an approved Fire Sprinkler System. (FIRE)
34. An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to all facilities. (FIRE)
35. Fire extinguishers shall be provided as per NFPA 10. (FIRE)
36. Obtain a valid Business License.
37. Provide the County with a copy of your approved Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License.