



## First Thursday Alcohol Tasting & Samples Check List

*Are you interested in having alcoholic drinks, tastings, or samples at your First Thursday event?  
Here is a quick check list to make sure you are complying with Boise law.*

- ✓ You have identified the brewery, winery or company you are featuring for First Thursday (your “event”).
- ✓ You have booked the brewery, winery or company to be at your event.
- ✓ The provider of alcohol (if your business is not an established bar/restaurant with a license) applies for a beer/wine catering permit through the City of Boise and/or State of Idaho alcohol license to serve at your event.
  - You will want to confirm they have the proper licensing prior to your event at least 7 business days before your event. It takes 5 business days to submit and receive a permit.
  - When applying for a catering permit, the alcohol provider will need the Certificate of Occupancy of the business as well as a layout of the business. The layout should indicate entry/exit points and where the alcohol will be served. It makes the process much easier if the business has these ready to share with the alcohol provider as PDFs.
- ✓ The license granted for your event needs to be displayed at the event.
- ✓ It is strongly suggested the alcohol provider is not pre-pouring samples/tastings, and doing so after checking the consumers ID.
- ✓ Someone at the event needs to be checking IDs and marking either a wrist or wristbanding those over 21 years of age.
- ✓ Someone at the event is monitoring and ensuring the public is not leaving the business with any alcoholic beverages.

If you need help or have specific questions about First Thursday please feel free to reach out to [info@downtownboise.org](mailto:info@downtownboise.org) or call 208-385-7300. For questions on permits, please call the Boise City Clerk’s Office 208-972-8150

- For help identifying Idaho wineries to participate in your First Thursday event, please reach out to Ashlee Struble [ashlee@idahowines.org](mailto:ashlee@idahowines.org)
- For help identifying Idaho breweries to participate in your First Thursday event, please reach out to Sheila Francis [sheila@idbrewers.org](mailto:sheila@idbrewers.org)