



Downtown Boise

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
[note: if you are a business without a regular, current State of Idaho alcohol license and/or City of Boise Beer/Wine license, this will be the provider of alcohol for your event - First Thursday is advertised from 5-9pm on the First Thursday of each month]
- The provider of alcohol (if not an established bar/restaurant with a license) applies for a beer/wine catering permit through the City of Boise, to serve at your event.
- 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
- Someone at the event is monitoring and ensuring the public is not leaving the business with any alcoholic beverages

NOTE: by booking a winery, brewery or company with an alcohol license to cater /provide samples & tastings at your event, they will be aware of how to obtain the correct license & permit from the city. You will want to confirm they have that catering license prior to your event.

If you need help or have specific questions about First Thursday please feel free to reach out to 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
- For help identifying Idaho Breweries to participate in your First Thursday event, please reach out to Sheila Francis sheila@idbrewers.org