

# CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT CSU

## PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for the university community regarding the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. It is essential to strictly adhere to these guidelines and federal, state, and local laws concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Columbus State University does not sell alcoholic beverages nor promote their use. Violation of these guidelines will be viewed as a breach of contract. Alcoholic beverages may be served subject to the following conditions:

## POLICY:

1. Georgia State Law prohibits the sale of alcohol on state property.
2. Organizations holding social functions sponsored or sanctioned by the university may serve alcoholic beverages only within pre-approved spaces. Any other spaces wishing to serve alcohol must have prior approval of the Vice President for Business and Finance.
3. CSU's official caterer, Aramark Corporation, is the sole server and sales representative for alcohol on CSU's campus.
4. In the event that the alcoholic beverages are donated, Aramark must be hired to serve those beverages. Alcohol may only be donated by an alcohol beverage distributor. All other alcohol must be purchased and served by Aramark.
  - a. By city ordinance, donated alcohol may be donated only to qualified non-profit organizations
  - b. There may be City and State laws and regulations concerning donated alcohol.
  - c. It is each event organizer's responsibility to check with the City and State well in advance to comply with any and all City and State laws and regulations
5. Event sponsors must establish procedures to provide transportation to the place of residence for a guest (motel location of out-of-town guest) who apparently should not operate a motor vehicle.
6. Unauthorized possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages in or on university property is forbidden.
7. Alcoholic beverages may not be stored or consumed without the written approval of the Vice President for Business and Finance.
8. Under-age drinking is strictly prohibited. Georgia State Law mandates that no one under the age of 21 is permitted to consume alcoholic beverages.
9. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from student functions held in primarily freshmen residence halls that are sponsored by any student organizations, included, but not limited to fraternities/sororities. Other student organization events may be permitted the use of alcohol at

events held in pre-approved facilities with prior approval by the Dean of Student Affairs and University Support Services. Students of a legal drinking age not living in predominantly freshmen housing may consume alcohol in the privacy of their own apartments. No alcohol is permitted in common areas which include kitchens and refrigerators.

10. Alcoholic beverages may be served only at functions as approved by the Vice President for Business and Finance and will be permitted only in areas where students are not normally present. Prior to the event's occurrence, an official from the organization requesting the privilege of serving alcoholic beverages must certify in writing that proper procedural safeguards for the operation of the function are in place, and that the group using the university facilities intends to limit attendance to individuals of the legal drinking age.

11. No person shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages on the campus except at functions where prior approval has been granted as prescribed above and are of the legal drinking age.

12. A CSU public safety officer must be present at all functions where alcoholic beverages will be served.

13. Violation of guidelines and/or laws by groups utilizing CSU facilities will be viewed as a breach of contract and the event will be cancelled immediately.