

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
ALCOHOL LICENSE
RULES AND REGULATIONS
(On-Premises ó Section 12)



Closing Time

1. All alcohol must be removed from tables and patrons by the close of business hours as shown on the establishment's Alcohol License.
2. All patrons must be off the premises as shown on the establishment's Alcohol License no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the close of business hours as shown on the establishment's Alcohol License.
3. All employees and outside vendors, including band members and employees, must be off the premises no later than ninety (90) minutes after the close of business hours as shown on the establishment's Alcohol License. Any delay in removing employees and vendors from the premises must be reported to the Sunderland Police Department prior to the expiration of the ninety (90) minute allowance.

Extension of Hours – Special Permit

1. Each licensed establishment is allowed to request one (1) one-day Extension of Hours Special Permit per calendar year.
2. A written request from the license holder, including the proposed date, closing time, and purpose for the extension of hours, must be submitted to the Board of Selectmen as the Local Licensing Authority at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the requested date to allow for sufficient time for public safety comments and Board review.
3. The requesting establishment's license holder must attend the meeting of the Local Licensing Authority at which the request will be discussed.
4. If an Extension of Hours Special Permit is granted by the Local Licensing Authority, a copy will be provided to the license holder and Sunderland Police Department. The Special Permit must be displayed on the premises in a conspicuous position next to the establishment's current Alcohol License.

Sunday Sales

Sunday alcohol sales are permitted from 12 noon until close of business hours (see Closing Time 1.) as shown on the establishment's Alcohol License; no later than 1 a.m. pursuant to MGL c. 138, §33; unless the Local Licensing Authority grants a 2 a.m. closing time (MGL c.138, §33A). Pursuant to MGL c. 138, §33B and upon application by the license holder, the Local Licensing Authority may grant Sunday alcohol sales as early as 10a.m. (MGL c.138, §33B). In no case shall alcohol be served before 10 a.m.

M.G.L. c.138, §33B, which was adopted at the November 12, 2010 Special Town Meeting, permits Sunday alcohol sales by non-premises establishments as early as 10:00 a.m. with prior approval from the Local Licensing Authority (LLA).

Public Safety Inspections

Inspections of licensed establishments are required prior to license issuance or renewal by the Local Licensing Authority. Corrective work must be completed within the timeline required by the Fire Department, Building Inspector, Police Department or Board of Health, or further action may be taken by the Local Licensing Authority.

Payment of Taxes and Fees

The Local Licensing Authority may deny, revoke or suspend the alcohol license of any license holder found by the Tax Collector to be delinquent in the payment of taxes or other municipal charges, pursuant to Town of Sunderland Code §110-3 and §110-4.