

City of Frankfort Alcohol Regulations

Legal Ages Regarding Alcohol

The minimum age to purchase, possess, or consume alcohol in Kentucky is 21 years old.

To stock, sell, and sack beer you must be at least 18 years old, with supervision from a person 20 years or older.

Time of Alcohol Sales

In Franklin County, two sets of rules apply for legal hours of sale. The City of Frankfort's legal hours of sale are slightly different than the Franklin County hours. Frankfort's hours apply to all licensed establishments within the city limits. The Franklin County legal alcohol hours apply to establishments located inside the county, but outside of the Frankfort City Limits

The chart below outlines the legal hours of sale for the City of Frankfort.

City of Frankfort Legal Sales Hours <i>(Alcohol Sales Allowed)</i>		
<i>Day of the Week</i>	<i>Wine, Beer, and Liquor by the Drink</i>	<i>Packaged Liquor and Wine</i>
<i>Mon – Fri.</i>	<i>6:00am – 2:00am the next day</i>	<i>8:00am – 11:00pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6:00am – 1:00am the next day</i>	<i>8:00am – 11:00pm</i>
<i>Sunday¹</i>	<i>1:00pm – 10:00pm² or 12:00am³</i>	<i>No Sales Allowed</i>

¹ Only establishments with a special Sunday sale retail drink license may sell alcohol on Sundays.

² For Sunday Sales license holders whose food sales account for at least 50% of annual sales.

³ If December 31st (NYE) falls on a Sunday, retail beer, liquor, and wine licensees may extend their hours of sales by to 12:00am (midnight). This includes Private Clubs who hold a Sunday sale retail drink license.

Alcohol and Minors

IT IS ILLEGAL FOR MINORS TO:

- ENTER AN ESTABLISHMENT TO BUY, DRINK, OR PICK UP ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- BUY ALCOHOL, OR HAVE SOMEONE BUY ALCOHOL FOR THEM
- USE A FAKE OR ALTERED ID TO TRY TO OBTAIN ALCOHOL

IT IS ALSO ILLEGAL FOR:

- ANYONE TO SERVE ALCOHOL TO MINORS
- ANY MANAGER OR OWNER TO ALLOW ALCOHOL SERVICE OR SALES TO MINORS
- ANY PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO ALLOW MINORS TO DRINK OR OBTAIN ALCOHOL

ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THE RULES FOR MINORS AND ALCOHOL WILL BE FINED BETWEEN \$100 AND \$500 FOR EACH INSTANCE.

Mandatory Signs to Display

These signs must be on display and visible at all times wherever alcohol is sold:

- 1) **A Warning about Driving Under the Influence**
- 2) **A Warning to Minors:**

One sign must be located behind the counter/bar and, for establishments serving alcoholic beverages in rooms other than the room in which the counter/bar is located, at least one additional sign must be located in an area visible to the patrons of the establishment. The sign(s) must have dimensions of at least one foot by one foot with letters at least 1/2-inch in height. All signs must be comfortably readable from a distance of 15 feet.

The warning sign to minors for underage consumption must include the following information:

(Sample)

WARNING TO MINORS

Persons under the age of twenty-one (21) are subject to a fine up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if they:

1. Enter licensed premises to buy, or have served to them, alcoholic beverages.
2. Possess, purchase or attempt to purchase, or get another to purchase alcoholic beverages.
3. Misrepresent their age for the purpose of purchasing or obtaining alcoholic beverages.

Mandatory Responsible Beverage Service Training

All persons employed in selling and serving alcoholic beverages shall participate in and complete a city approved training program.

All persons required to complete the training shall complete the training within forty-five (45) days of the date the person first became subject to training.

New businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages must train all employees prior to opening the business.

The licensee is responsible for training compliance.

All persons completing training must re-certify by completing another approved training program, not less than once every three (3) years.

Required Information to Assist Server & Sellers

A licensee must have a driver's license guide and compilation of laws which is accessible to all employees. This must be a current ID guide and a current compilation of laws relating to the sale and possession of alcoholic beverages in Kentucky. This compilation must also include a copy of this subchapter.

Each licensee shall maintain a file on its business premises for each person whose job duties include the sale or service of alcoholic beverages or are responsible for management of premises on which alcoholic beverages are served and for whom training is required under this subchapter. That file shall contain the name, job description, date of employment and proof of certification pursuant to this subchapter of each employee, officer and agent subject to the training requirement provided in this subchapter. During business hours, this file shall be available to the person or persons designated by the City Manager with responsibility for enforcement of this and other ordinances relating to the licensing of premises for the sale of alcoholic beverages.