

COMMITTEE

COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

I Certify Compliance with Title 39

As of (Date) _____

INTRODUCED BY

Authorized Signature

DATE OF FIRST READING

Ordinance No. _____

CITY ATTORNEY: This ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office as to its form and legality only.

Resolution No. _____

By: _____ Date: _____

30 Day _____ Emergency _____

FLOOR ACTION
(Clerk's Office Only)

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that there is in the treasury, or anticipated to come into the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified hereon, to pay the within ordinance.

Date: _____ No.: _____

Fd No. _____ Div.No. _____ Ch.: _____

By: _____ Amt: _____

City Auditor or Deputy Auditor

EXPLANATION OF LEGISLATION

Background: It has been 11 years since the Columbus City Code has been revised to grant the Director of Recreation and Parks authority to set policy and guidelines for the sale, service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at major event venues. Since that time the Scioto Mile has been built and is now a popular designation, the Santa Maria is no longer a tourist attraction on the Scioto River, a new event focused park is under construction beside COSI, and a few selected parks due to the changing fabric of their neighborhoods have become highly sought after concert and networking sites for the City's young professionals.

The recommendations are highlighted in yellow in Section 919.13 below. By making very few changes to the existing code, we can correct a few grammatical errors, bring uniformity to the text, and add the word "District" under (7) to conform to Section 3359.03 that clearly defines the current downtown district boundaries. By replacing "facilities" with "parkland/open space" in (7) the code gives an accurate description of where alcoholic beverages can be sold and consumed during special events. Most alcoholic beverages sold during events are served and sold within a tent, trailer or vehicle, not a fixed facility.

To advance the City's goal of developing vibrant neighborhoods and accommodate community celebrations within such neighborhoods as Harrison West, Victorian Village and German Village, the director of recreation and parks should be permitted by written authorization to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on certain occasions when it is of the best interest of the City.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

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Contact: For Questions – Phone
on this Legislation

Approved (Division Head)

Approved (Department Head)

TITLE (BRIEF DESCRIPTION)

To amend Section 919.13 of the Columbus City Code to grant the Director of Recreation and Parks the authority to set policy and guidelines for sale, service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at select parks and facilities used as event venues.

MAYOR'S ACTION

COUNCIL ACTION

SIGNED

DATE

DATE PASSED/ADOPTED

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

VETO

DATE

CITY CLERK

Leg. 6/94

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Sections of Chapter 919 of the Columbus City Code to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to set policy and guidelines for the sale, service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at select parks and/or facilities during events; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the following Sections of Chapter 919 of the Columbus City Code be amended to read as follows:

- (A) No person shall knowingly possess with the purpose to consume any liquor or beer as defined in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4301 while being in or upon any park.
- (B) For the purposes of subsection (A) of this section, any person found in or upon any park and in possession of any liquor or beer is presumed to knowingly possess the liquor or beer with the purpose to consume such.
- (C) Subsection (A) of this section shall not apply to the following locations:
 - (1) Municipal golf courses when concessions which include the possession, sale and/or consumption of liquor or beer are contracted by the recreation and parks department.
 - (2) The Columbus Zoo premises when the possession, sale and/or consumption of liquor or beer is permitted by written authorization from the Columbus ~~Z~~oological ~~p~~ark ~~a~~ssociation.
 - (3) Franklin Park Adventure Center when the possession, sale **and**/or consumption of liquor or beer is permitted by written authorization from the director of the recreation and parks department.
 - (4) The Cultural Arts Center when the possession, sale **and**/or consumption of liquor or beer is permitted by written authorization from the director of the recreation and parks department.

(5)

~~The Santa Maria replica, moored in Battelle Riverfront Park,~~ **Goodale Park, Harrison Park, or Schiller Park** when the possession, sale **and/or** consumption of liquor or beer is permitted by written authorization from the director of the recreation and parks department.

(Ord. 874-97 § 1.)

(6)

Certain enclosed, public rental shelter houses **and/or** facilities when the possession, sale **and/or** consumption of liquor or beer is permitted by written authorization from the director of the recreation and parks department.

(7)

Downtown ~~District/Riverfront~~ event facilities **parkland/open space** when the possession, sale **and/or** consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted by written authorization from the director of the recreation and parks department.

(D)

The possession, sale **and/or** consumption of liquor or beer, when permitted by subsection (C), shall be in compliance with all applicable laws pertaining thereto (Ord. 1648-91), and with any recreation and parks department administrative rules. Failure to comply with any laws or administrative rules shall be sufficient grounds for immediate revocation of permit.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.