Administrative Regulation — Alcohol Use

I. Scope

This *Administrative Regulation* establishes the University's regulations on the service, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The University of Kentucky must comply with the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) and applicable local ordinances concerning alcohol.[1]

The President delegates the oversight, implementation and enforcement of this *Administrative Regulation* to the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration (EVPFA). The Vice President for Student Success shall have the authority to enforce the provisions pertaining to students.

This *Administrative Regulation* governs all University colleges, departments and affiliated corporations.

II. Definitions

A. Alcoholic Beverages

An alcoholic beverage is any liquid, solid, powder or crystal, whether patented or not, containing alcohol in an amount in excess of more than one percent (1%) of alcohol by volume, which is fit for beverage purposes. It includes every spurious or imitation liquor sold as, or under any name commonly used for, alcoholic beverages, whether containing any alcohol or not.[2]

B. Caterer

A caterer is UK Hospitality or a vendor on the Procurement Services' approved caterer list and holding an appropriate and valid liquor license that is not under suspension.

C. University Real Property

University real property is any real property, buildings and facilities under the primary control of the University through ownership, lease or other means.

D. University Events

University events are functions, programs and other activities that occur on University property; are sponsored or organized by the University; are promoted, advertised or recognized as a University activity; involve University funds; or are sponsored and held on University property by a registered student organization. Functions, programs and other activities sponsored and held by a registered student

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organization at an off-campus facility are also University events for purposes of the registration and catering requirements below.

III. Parameters of an Alcohol Policy

The EVPFA is authorized to establish and maintain a policy on the sale, distribution and use of alcohol at the University within the parameters provided in this *Administrative Regulation*.

A. General Rules

Generally, the sale, serving or using of alcohol is prohibited at the University or at University events, except as approved through a specified policy.

Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited in:

- Classrooms, laboratories, offices and office suites;

- Undergraduate housing that the University leases or supervises, including residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses (on or off campus) and the undergraduate sections of University apartments. This restriction promotes and maintains an environment conducive to study for residents, the majority of whom are under 21 years of age.

B. Permissible Serving and Sales of Alcoholic Beverages

Any policy promulgated related to use of alcohol shall include policies and procedures to receive requests to serve or sell alcoholic beverages, requirements of documentation, conditions of approval and protections of the University.

1. The EVPFA's policies and procedures will require, at a minimum, the following requirements for approval of serving and sales at University events:

- The event must be an event for which tickets have been sold, or invitation or membership is required;

- The event must be an event designated for adults (not minors) and where the majority of the attendees are age 21 and above; and

- An event on University property must be held at an approved space.

2. UK Hospitality or a caterer who is licensed and in good standing with the Kentucky Alcohol Beverage Control Board that UK Procurement Services officially approves of will be responsible for the serving and sale of the alcoholic beverages on

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University property or at University events. The caterer will be required to provide proof of insurance at the amount/level satisfactory to the EVPFA.

3. The sponsor of the event and the licensed, insured caterer must take affirmative and appropriate steps to ensure that persons under the age of 21 are not served alcohol.

4. If the sponsor of the event is an off-campus organization or business, the sponsor must sign a statement that the University, its Board of Trustees and the University's agents, officers and employees will be held harmless for any accident, death or injury to life or property that might be found attributable to the event.

5. Serving, selling or using alcoholic beverages at any official University event that is held at a personal residence or other off-campus private facility must comply with all aspects of this *Administrative Regulation*, including the use of UK Hospitality or a caterer that Procurement Services officially approves to serve or sell the alcohol. The University will not make direct payment or reimbursement to individuals for purchases or sales of alcohol that violate this *Administrative Regulation* or the *Business Procedures Manual*.

6. The EVPFA may require security measures or security personnel for an event. The University of Kentucky Police Department will approve the security personnel used for events.

7. The EVPFA may also approve sales of alcoholic beverages at ticketed athletic events or at licensed businesses located on University property that is leased and managed by a third party, so long as such sales comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

C. Private Use of Alcohol on University Property

The University permits the private use of alcoholic beverages on the following University properties, provided such use does not violate any law, local ordinance or other University regulation:

1. Private residences such as Maxwell Place, homes the University owns and furnishes or leases to individuals and residences of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Cooperative Extension Service off-campus property;

2. Graduate student apartments and houses, married student housing and non-student residential housing;

3. Property, buildings or facilities that the University leases to a private company on a long-term lease, such as properties on Coldstream Research Campus or UK

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Athletics facility premium spaces, in accordance with the terms of the lease agreement; and

4. Areas surrounding Kroger Field and other UK Athletics facilities for events, such as private "tailgating."

IV. Enforcement

Violation of this *Administrative Regulation* or misuse of alcoholic beverages leading to poor conduct may result in corrective action under the *Code of Student Conduct* or other applicable University regulations, policies or procedures pertaining to employees.

Visitors refusing to comply with or violating University regulations while intoxicated may be asked to leave campus, and in extreme circumstances have their access to University facilities and events revoked or suspended.

House corporations that supervise fraternity and sorority chapter houses on property leased from the University will be responsible for ensuring that the organization complies with all applicable Kentucky laws, local ordinances and University regulations concerning alcoholic beverages.

Violation of University regulations may result in termination of the lease. Events held at such fraternity and sorority chapter houses will be subject to the policies and procedures established by this *Administrative Regulation*.

Caterers who fail to uphold the agreements and contracts with the University, comply with the law or take reasonable steps to prevent consumption by minors may be subject to sanctions by the University up to a suspension of contracting.

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[1] KRS § 244 (2024); KRS § 525 (2024); KRS § 61 (2024)
[2] KRS § 244.010 (2024)

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