

**LASSEN COUNTY FAIR  
FACILITY RENTAL  
ALCOHOL USE ATTACHMENT**  
**\$100.00 EXTRA CHARGE FOR ALCOHOL USE**

**California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control  
Exemption of License Requirement**

**PRIVATE PARTIES**

Section 23399.1 of the California Business & Professions Code explains the circumstances when an alcoholic beverage license is not required.

**§ 23399.1.** No license or permit shall be required for the serving and otherwise disposing of alcoholic beverages where all of the following conditions prevail:

- 1) That there is no sale of an alcoholic beverage.
- 2) That the premises are not open to the general public during the time alcoholic beverages are served, consumed or otherwise disposed of.
- 3) That the premises are not maintained for the purpose of keeping, serving, consuming or otherwise disposing of alcoholic beverages.

The referenced statute essentially defines a “private party” where three separate elements must be present:

- 1) There is no sale of an alcoholic beverage
- 2) That the venue is not open to the general public
- 3) That the subject venue is not maintained for the purpose of keeping, serving, consuming or otherwise disposing of alcoholic beverages.

If a proposed event meets the statutory definition of a “private party”, then no license from the ABC is required. Be aware that the definition of “sale” includes indirect transactions other than merely paying for an individual glass or cup of alcohol. For instance, if an admission fee is charged or there is a charge for food and the alcohol is included, but not separately charged, an ABC license is required.

If a license is required for a particular event, the Department is authorized to issue Special Daily licenses for the temporary sale of alcoholic beverages, but only to qualified non-profit organizations.

If a license is required, or you have a question about a particular event, you should contact the ABC district office closest to where the event will occur. The district office for Lassen County is:

Redding District Office  
1900 Churn Creek Rd., Suite 216  
Redding, CA 96002  
(530) **224-4830**