

Hours of Operation

Alcohol Establishments

1:00 am for Alcohol Establishments

- 1:00 am Stop sale and service to patrons
1:30 am All alcohol removed from patron areas.
1:30 am All patrons cleared from establishment.
After 1:30 Only employees can remain for the purpose only of cleaning, preparation of meals, necessary repairs or other work. They may not consume alcoholic beverages.

2:00 am State of Minnesota Permit

- 2:00 am Stop sale and service to patrons
2:30 am All alcohol removed from patron areas.
2:30 am All patrons cleared from establishment.
After 2:30 Only employees can remain for the purpose only of cleaning, preparation of meals, necessary repairs or other work. They may not consume alcoholic beverages.

Off-Sale Alcohol Establishments Hour Requirements

No off-sale of liquor may be sold:

- On Sundays (except growlers in a micro brewery)
- Before 8:00 am Monday through Saturday
- After 10:00 pm Monday through Saturday
- On Thanksgiving Day
- After 8:00 pm on December 24
- On December 25

Liquor Catering

The sale and service of liquor must end at 1:00 am.

Sunday Sales

No alcohol sales before 8:00 am.
Sales between 8:00 am to 1:00 am in an on-sale and off sale malt beverage sales in a liquor establishment require a Sunday sales license.

Special Late Night Food Licenses

On sale liquor, wine or beer license holders may choose to remain open for food service later than authorized hours. Special conditions include:

- Substantial menu items must be available during the late hours; and
- The business must be open at least eight hours daily (not including the hours authorized by the special hours food license) except Sundays.

The late night food license does not permit live entertainment, singing or dancing after 2:00 am regardless of the class of on sale license held by the establishment.

Special All Night Bowling/Billiards Licenses

On Sale liquor, wine or beer license holders who also have a bowling, billiards license and may choose to remain open up to 24 hours each day for games of bowling or billiards.

At no time during the special late hours can alcohol be consumed, served or sold.

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General License Establishments

Hours open to the public in business establishments without alcoholic beverages are established by Zoning Districts or governing ordinance.

Residence, Office Residence, C1, C2, C3S, C4, and Industrial Districts

Sunday through Thursday 6:00 am to 10:00 pm; Friday and Saturday 6:00 am to 11:00 pm

Downtown and C3A Districts

Sunday through Thursday 6:00 am to 1:00 am; Friday and Saturday 6:00 am to 2:00 am

Extended Hours Licenses

Businesses that wish to remain open earlier or later than authorized hours may apply for an Extended Hours License. [Applications](#) are available on our website or contact Minneapolis Licenses and Consumer Services at 612-673-2080.

Temporary Extended Hours Licenses

Business that wish to remain open earlier or later than authorized for a maximum of 30 days per year may apply for a Temporary Extended hours license. Applications are available on our website or contact Minneapolis Licenses and Consumer Services at 612-673-2080.

Daylight Savings Time

No establishment receives an extra hour of operation in the fall when daylight savings time takes effect.

What Happens If You Are in Violation?

1. Expect a letter, telephone call, or visit from a License Inspector describing the complaint or violation.
2. Take this notice seriously. Call your inspector for information or solutions.

Failure to comply with violation orders may result in citations, fines, suspensions, and revocation of your license to operate

A complete set of requirements may be found in the [Minneapolis Code of Ordinances](#) (MCO):

Questions? Give us a call: 612-673-3000 or 311

For more information in other languages: Yog xav paub tshaj nos ntxiv, hu 612-673-2800. Macluumaad heeri ah, kala soo xiriir 612-673-3500. Para mas información llame al 612-673-2700.



This brochure was created to provide a brief summary of the City of Minneapolis' business license requirements. It is intended to educate our business partners on some of the best ways to protect your company from common license violations.