

BUSINESS POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The use and sale of alcoholic beverages in university facilities is governed by this policy and applicable state laws. Any proposed use or sale of alcoholic beverages outside of the parameters in this policy must be approved in advance in writing by the president of the university.

It is always against university policy and the law to sell, furnish or provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21. The possession of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age in a public place or a place open to the public is illegal. It is illegal for any person to misrepresent his or her own age of the age of any other person to obtain alcoholic beverages. Members of the university community are subject to disciplinary action if they violate this policy, and anyone may be subject to criminal citation for violating the law.

The use and possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the campuses of Southeast Missouri State University without the express written permission of the President is prohibited, except as follows:

- 1. Existing policies governing the Show Me Center remain in effect.
- 2. As Wildwood and the Rust House are private residences, the use or possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages there is to be at the discretion of the President.
- 3. In other private homes of permanent full-time staff members of legal age who are required to live in campus apartments or houses as a condition of their employment, the use or possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is to be at the discretion of the tenant.
- 4. The basement and first floor of the Johnson Faculty Center are designed for use as a social club and meeting area exclusively for faculty members and their guests. The third level contains two apartments used on a short-term basis by guests of the University. The use of alcoholic beverages in the public meeting and social areas by persons of legal age is authorized for catered events at the Johnson Faculty Center within guidelines to be established by the Faculty Center membership, with concurrence of the President, and subject to appropriate statutes and ordinances. Further, persons of legal age using a guest apartment as a temporary lodging place may possess or consume alcoholic beverages on the premises at their discretion.
- 5. Beer and wine may be sold and consumed by the general public, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, at home collegiate athletic events. The sale of spirits is not permitted during these university sponsored sporting events.
- 6. The possession and consumption of alcohol at tailgate functions at home football games by persons age 21 and older is permissible within the geographic area and conditions outlined in the attached operating procedures.
- 7. The possession and consumption of alcohol by students, registered visitors, and their guests age 21 and over in University residence hall rooms as prescribed in the Residence Life Handbook.

The Office of the University President is responsible for maintaining operating procedures related to this policy.