



FAQ - CATERING & SECONDARY PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSES

1. Do I need a City of Bloomington license if I am interested in catering food only?

- No, serving food only does not require a City of Bloomington license. However, a McLean County Health Permit is required.

2. Do I need a City of Bloomington license if I am interested in catering food and liquor or liquor only?

- Yes...
 - **Bloomington businesses** holding a Class EA, EB, TA, TB, RA, RB, PA, or PB City of Bloomington Primary Liquor License must get a Secondary Premise Liquor License to serve/sell liquor at any premise other than their primary licensed premise. If approved, they can serve/sell liquor by individual drink, bottle, and/or open bar. Food is not required to also be served.
 - **Out-of-Town businesses** holding a Primary Liquor License from a municipality other than Bloomington must get a City of Bloomington Catering Liquor License to serve liquor in Bloomington. If approved, they can only serve liquor via open bar and food must also be served.

3. What is the difference between a Catering Liquor License and a Secondary Premise Liquor License?

- **Catering Liquor Licenses** are strictly for out-of-town businesses holding a Primary Liquor License from a municipality outside of Bloomington. A City of Bloomington Catering Liquor License, if approved, requires that food be served and that liquor only be provided via an open bar. Individual drink and/or bottle sales are not allowed.
- **Secondary Premise Liquor Licenses** are for Bloomington businesses holding a Class EA, EB, TA, TB, RA, RB, PA, or PB City of Bloomington Primary Liquor License who wish to sell/serve liquor at a location other than their primary licensed premise.

4. Can I operate a mobile bar in the City of Bloomington?

- Mobile bars are only allowed to be operated by City of Bloomington Primary Liquor License holders who have applied for and received a City of Bloomington Secondary Premise Liquor License for each event and location where the mobile bar will be operated.

5. Where can I find applications for these licenses?

- On the City's website at <https://www.bloomingtonil.gov/departments/city-clerk/license-permits/license-applications-and-renewals>.

6. Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

- The City Clerk Department
 - Phone: (309) 434-2509 Ext. 6
 - Email: cityclerk@cityblm.org