Drafted Guidance for Beer Garden Rule Violations at EP Events

Purpose

The purpose of this guidance is to assist volunteers, event staff, and designated representatives of the East Petersburg Events Committee in addressing situations in which Beer Garden patrons do not comply with established Beer Garden rules. The intent is to promote a safe, family-friendly environment while supporting compliance with applicable liquor laws and event permit requirements.

General Expectations

Prior to the event, the organization hosting the event shall be responsible for identifying a proper chain of command in the event of emergencies. This will allow for the organization to properly plan for how to respond to an incident at the event in question.

Alcoholic beverages purchased or consumed within the designated Beer Garden area are expected to always remain within the Beer Garden boundaries. Patrons should follow all posted rules and comply with reasonable requests from event volunteers, Beer Garden staff, security personnel, and law enforcement officers.

Examples of Prohibited Activities

The following activities should be addressed when observed:

- Removing alcoholic beverages from the designated Beer Garden area.
- Passing, handing, throwing, or otherwise transferring alcoholic beverages over, under, or through the Beer Garden fence or barrier.
- Bringing alcoholic beverages into the Beer Garden from outside sources.
- Providing alcoholic beverages to underage individuals or individuals who have not been properly identified.
- Ignoring or refusing reasonable directions from event staff or security personnel.
- Engaging in disruptive, unsafe, or disorderly behavior.

Suggested Response Procedures

When a violation is observed, East Petersburg Events Committee volunteers and event staff may consider the following actions:

Initial Observation

- Politely remind the individual of the applicable Beer Garden rule.
- Request that the prohibited activity stop immediately.
- Use a friendly and educational approach whenever appropriate.

Repeated or Intentional Violations

- Advise the individual that continued noncompliance may result in denial of service or removal from the Beer Garden area.
- Notify the Beer Garden manager, event coordinator, or designated supervisor.
- Document the incident if deemed necessary by event organizers.

Continued Noncompliance

- Request that the individual leave the Beer Garden area.
- Discontinue alcohol service to the individual for the remainder of the event.
- Notify security personnel or law enforcement if assistance is needed.

Serious Incidents

Law enforcement should be contacted when circumstances involve:

- Suspected underage drinking or furnishing alcohol to minors.
- Intoxicated or disorderly conduct creating a safety concern.
- Threats, aggressive behavior, or physical altercations.
- Refusal to leave after being directed to do so by authorized personnel.
- Any activity believed to violate state law or jeopardize the event's liquor license or permit.

Volunteer and Staff Considerations

Members of the East Petersburg Events Committee, volunteers, and event staff should:

- Act professionally and respectfully when interacting with patrons.
- Avoid physical confrontation whenever possible.
- Seek assistance from supervisors, security personnel, or law enforcement when necessary.
- Focus on voluntary compliance before pursuing removal from the Beer Garden.
- Apply rules consistently to all patrons.

Suggested Signage

The following language must be posted at Beer Garden entrances and throughout the event area:

Alcoholic beverages must remain within the Beer Garden. Passing alcohol over the fence or removing alcohol from the Beer Garden is prohibited. Failure to comply may result in denial of service, removal from the Beer Garden, or referral to law enforcement.