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Policy 306	Title: Alcohol Policy	
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<p>Objective: Plan and develop a balanced park system that provides for the stewardship of significant natural and cultural resources and provides a variety of park facilities and amenities to meet the diverse leisure and recreation needs of current and future Fairfax County residents, workforce, and visitors.</p>		

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to protect the safety of park visitors at events and activities that involve alcoholic beverages on park lands and at park facilities. The policy provides the approach for serving, selling, consuming, or possessing alcoholic beverages on Park Authority (PA) property.

Policy Statement:

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all parks and recreation areas unless the sale, use, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on PA property are part of a PA program or an approved use pursuant to a permit issued by the PA and implemented in strict accordance with the Virginia Alcoholic Beverages Control Act.

1. An approved PA Alcoholic Beverage Use Permit will be required for any and all public or private rentals, events and activities with alcohol on PA property. Applications for a PA Alcoholic Beverage Use permit must describe the scope of the activity including security plans and event logistics.
2. Permission for use, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages will be granted only for the times, dates and areas specified in the appropriate contract or permit. The PA reserves the right to disapprove or revoke permission of a PA Alcoholic Beverage Use permit application or PA permit application at any time.
3. Alcoholic beverages are allowable only in the designated areas at the parks and facilities listed on the Alcohol Policy Park and Facility Listing. These designated areas have been established based on public safety with considerations of park capacity, location within the park, accessibility, parking, restrooms and other amenities. Changes to Park and Facility Listing will be considered and approved by the Director.
4. The applicant, host and/or sponsor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Fairfax County with respect to all claims or losses, to include injuries or property

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damages as a result of the use of PA property. The applicant, host and/or sponsor may be required to provide a certificate of insurance that lists Fairfax County and the PA as additionally insured for the time frame of the event.

5. The applicant, host, or event sponsor must be present at the event during the times and dates specified in the PA Alcoholic Beverage Use permit application and the applicant must ensure that no person under the age of 21 will use, consume or possess any alcoholic beverages. Applicant must also coordinate alcohol delivery to facility during the scheduled rental time and removal of any remaining unconsumed alcohol prior to the end of the scheduled rental period.
6. Applicants may be required to provide enclosures and have sufficient controls to prevent unauthorized access into the designated area. In addition, the applicant may be required to employ security and/or police to ensure public safety and compliance with applicable law.
7. The PA reserves the right to regulate activities on its property in the best interest of the public, park, its users and neighbors and may deny a request if deemed incompatible with other park uses. All persons attending or affiliated with events with alcohol are subject to park rules and regulations as well as county, and state laws. Should persons be ejected from the park or otherwise cited for violations of any activity associated with alcoholic beverage use, the permit may be revoked and the group disbanded.
8. PA programs and special events with alcoholic beverages will be advertised as such, held in designated areas, and follow Alcoholic Beverage Control Act requirements and PA procedures. Alcohol for PA programs and special events may only be purchased through the Revenue and Operating Fund or with the assistance from the Park Foundation and/or sponsor.

References:

- [Fairfax County Code Section 5-1-25 Possession of Open Alcoholic Beverage Containers Prohibited](#)
- [Alcoholic Beverage Control Act Section 4.1](#)

Supporting Documentation:

- [Fairfax County Park Authority Alcohol Beverage Use Permit Application](#)
- [Alcohol Policy Parks and Facilities Listing](#)