

Department of Excise and Licenses
Special Events Permitting Comparison
DCA Special Events vs. Liquor Special Events

Marijuana Special Issues Committee
May 13, 2019

Legal Sources for Requirements

Source	Liquor Special Event	DCA Special Event
State Statute and Rules	✓	
Local Ordinance		✓
EXL Rules		✓
EXL Hearing Policies and Procedures	✓	✓



Application Requirements

	Liquor Special Event	DCA Special Event
Who can apply?	Only nonprofit, religious, philanthropic, or certain political or governmental applicants	No restrictions
When should they apply?	At least 30 days prior to the event	At least 120 days prior to the event
Application fees	\$100 application fee, plus licensing fee of \$25 per day	\$1000 application fee, \$1000 licensing fee

Hearing Requirements

	Liquor Special Event	DCA Special Event
Hearing Required?	No. However, the Director may set a discretionary public hearing if the Department receives objections from the community.	No. However, the Director may set a discretionary public hearing if the Department receives objections from the community.



Notice + Posting Requirements

	Liquor Special Event	DCA Special Event
Notice required?	✓	✓
Posting requirement?	✓	✓
Length of posting?	At least 10 days	At least 30 days
Period for posting?	At least 10 days before the event	At least 90 days before the event

Post-Hearing Process

	Liquor Special Event	DCA Special Event
Recommended Decision	✓	✓
Objections to Recommended Decision	✓	✓
Response to Objections	✓	✓
Final Decision	✓	✓

Other Requirements

	Liquor Special Event	DCA Special Event
Hours of Operation	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Conditions on licenses?	✓	✓
Limit on number of days?	15 day limit per applicant	10 day limit per applicant
Food service required?	✓	

Questions?