



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

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Social Consumption District – Operating Rules (Summer 2026)

Effective Start Date: Friday, June 12, 2026

Authorized Hours of Operation: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. – seven days a week through July 31, 2026

Applicability: These rules apply only to establishments with approval from the Cambridge License Commission.

City of Cambridge requirements for Participating Establishments and Consumers:

1. These temporary amendments & privileges may only begin once the licensed establishment has received License Commission approval for participation.
2. All operations under this program are limited to 11 a.m.–11 p.m. (with last “to-go” service being 10:45 p.m.).
3. In order to consume alcohol in an approved social district, customers must be ID checked inside the establishment and issued a wristband to consume in approved public spaces.
 - The City will be providing official bracelets to businesses once they have been approved by the License Commission.
 - Each Social Consumption District will be assigned a specific color bracelet.
4. Clear disposable cups must be marked (with permanent marker/permanent marking) with the establishment’s name.
5. Cleanliness Expectations: Trash and recycling receptacles strongly encouraged at entrances/exits of participating business.
6. Follow All Laws: Patrons and establishments must follow all federal, state, and local laws; conduct that threatens safety or the rights of others will not be tolerated.
7. Mandatory posting of the City’s official zone map; Licensed establishments shall post the City’s official social district map for the district in which the establishment is located in a prominent location that is visible by patrons.
8. Adhere to all rules and regulations as listed on the permit issued by the Cambridge License Commission.
9. The City retains full authority to adjust rules, modify district boundaries, or suspend the program at any time.