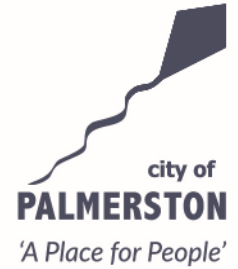


ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT



COUNCIL POLICY

PURPOSE

This policy outlines City of Palmerston's commitment to promoting the responsible availability, service, and consumption of alcohol within the municipality by providing clear and consistent parameters to access applications.

PRINCIPLES

Council is committed to promoting a safe, healthy and inclusive community within the Palmerston municipality and will consider the social and public safety impacts of alcohol availability in its decision-making processes.

Council will demonstrate leadership in responsible alcohol management on Council-owned and Council-controlled premises, ensuring harm minimisation and protection of public amenity.

As a stakeholder in the Palmerston and Litchfield Liquor Accord, Council supports coordinated harm reduction initiatives and expects vendors serving alcohol on Council premises to align with these principles.

Council will apply consistent and evidence-informed criteria when providing comment on liquor licence applications under the *Liquor Act 2019* and may make formal representations where applications are inconsistent with community interests or local amenity.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

TERM	DEFINITION
Council Premises	Any land or buildings owned, managed, or under the effective control of Council.
Liquor Licence	A licence issued under the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
Liquor	A beverage that contains more than 1.15% by volume of ethyl alcohol



TERM	DEFINITION
Sensitive Land Use	Land uses that may be particularly affected by alcohol-related impacts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools, childcare centres and other places principally used by children; • Seniors living residential developments; • Community Centres; • Places of Public Worship; and • Any other land uses identified at the time of an application.
Residential Areas	Land zoned for residential purposes under the <i>Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020</i> .

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Alcohol at Council, partnered or sponsored events

Section 200 of the *Liquor Act 2019* states that permission for the consumption of alcohol in a prohibited public place may be permitted by Council (as the owner of the public place) on the provision that the approval is provided in writing.

- 1.1. Council restricts the service of alcohol at community events to occasions where its inclusion is appropriate for the celebration.
- 1.2. Alcohol may be permitted at Council-managed, ticketed-access or special events, as approved on a case-by-case basis by the Chief Executive Officer, with all relevant factors considered.
- 1.3. Where alcohol is permitted, Council will ensure appropriate management, supervision, and compliance with all legislative and policy requirements, including harm minimisation practices and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.4. Where Council considers sponsorship arrangements that include the provision or promotion of alcohol to support a Council event, the following requirements apply:
 - 1.4.1. Alcohol must not form the primary component of the sponsorship arrangement. Any proposed supply or promotion of alcohol must be incidental to the event and appropriate to the nature, purpose and setting of the event.
 - 1.4.2. For events that are open access and all-ages, the service or promotion of alcohol must not restrict access, compromise safety, or detract from the inclusive nature of the event.
 - 1.4.3. The sponsor's values, conduct and brand alignment must be consistent with Council's adopted policies and the objectives of the City of Palmerston Community Plan.
 - 1.4.4. Council reserves the right to decline sponsorship proposals that are inconsistent with this Policy or Council's strategic objectives.

2. Alcohol on Council Premises

- 2.1. Council may permit the consumption of alcohol at privately run events on Council premises (e.g. parties, weddings) subject to written application advising Council of the provision of alcohol and detailing relevant arrangements
- 2.2. The approved applicant must comply with the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA).
- 2.3. Organisers will need to demonstrate that they have complied with all relevant legislative and Council requirements and have engaged with NT Police, including submitting a Northern Territory Police Party Smart Registration Form.
- 2.4. Council also reserves the right to impose additional conditions, including security arrangements and a bond increase for the hirer.

3. Assessment Criteria for Liquor Licence Applications

When providing comments to Licensing NT on liquor licence applications, Council will consider the following in conjunction with City of Palmerston's Alcohol Management Plan:

- 3.1. Proximity to Sensitive Land Uses – potential impacts on nearby sensitive uses, including noise, antisocial behaviour, or itinerancy.
- 3.2. Hours of Operation – compatibility of proposed trading hours with surrounding land uses and locality character.
- 3.3. Concentration and Distribution of Licensed Premises – number, type, and spatial distribution of existing, approved, or proposed licensed venues and takeaway alcohol outlets, and cumulative social or community impacts.
- 3.4. Complaint History – number and nature of complaints received by Council regarding existing licensed premises.
- 3.5. Design and Amenity Impacts – measures to minimise impacts on adjacent residential or sensitive uses, including CPTED principles, noise attenuation, landscaping, fencing, and buffers.
- 3.6. Security and Surveillance Measures – adequacy of proposed security, crowd management, and surveillance arrangements relative to the locality.
- 3.7. Strategic Alignment – consistency with the objectives of the City of Palmerston Community Plan. Palmerston is a safe and family friendly community where everyone belongs. Measure of success: Reduce Crime specifically a reduction in alcohol fuelled violence; Strategy under objective 1.2 social implications.
- 3.8. Amenity and Social Conditions of the area.
- 3.9. Impact on Visitors and the Broader Community – potential effect on visitors and the overall amenity, safety, and reputation of the municipality.
- 3.10. Where an application presents a significant conflict with these criteria, Council may lodge a formal objection under section 61 of the Liquor Act 2019 based on legislative grounds and identified community impacts.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- City of Palmerston Community Plan
- City of Palmerston – Alcohol Management Plan



REFERENCES AND RELATED LEGISLATION

- *Liquor Act 2019*
- *Planning Act NT 1999*
- *Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020*

POLICY DETAILS

OWNER	Chief Executive Officer	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	General Manager Community
APPROVAL DATE	17 March 2026	NEXT REVIEW DUE	5 March 2030
RECORDS NUMBER	693284	COUNCIL DECISION	11/0293

