

RCW 66.24.1471 Distilleries, craft distilleries, off-site tasting rooms—Food offerings required—Rules. (1) A distillery licensed under RCW 66.24.140 or 66.24.145, or an off-site tasting room authorized under RCW 66.24.146, must provide, for free or for a charge, food offerings to customers during public service hours. For the purposes of this section, "food offerings" means a combination of small serving food items to include a mix of hors d'oeuvre type foods, cheeses, fruits, vegetables, deli-style meats, chips, pretzels, nuts, popcorn, crackers, or similar items.

(2) A distillery providing food offerings under this section must comply with the local city or county health requirements for such level of service.

(3) In addition to the food offerings requirement in subsection (1) of this section, distillers and craft distillers shall post, in a conspicuous place within any tasting room, a list of at least five local restaurants or food trucks where customers can purchase food for consumption in the tasting room. The list shall include names, addresses, contact information, and hours of operation for each restaurant or food truck named.

(4) Distilleries that have secured spirits, beer, and wine retail license privileges under RCW 66.24.400 shall not allow customers to bring in food from outside restaurants or food trucks and are not subject to the provision of subsections (1) and (3) of this section.

(5) Requirements for food offerings shall be determined by the board in rule. The rules for food offerings shall:

(a) Include the ability for such food to be prepackaged for individual sale and consumption;

(b) Allow food offerings to be preprepared off-site for plating for the customer;

(c) Not require any warming, cooking, or heating off-site or on-site prior to service; and

(d) Not require the installation, maintenance, or use of any food heating device or apparatus to prepare any food offerings.

(6) A distillery licensed under RCW 66.24.140 or 66.24.145, or an off-site tasting room authorized under RCW 66.24.146, may install and use any type of commercial heating device or element to heat food offerings under this section without impacting their privileges under chapter 238, Laws of 2020. [2020 c 238 s 4.]