

STREAMLINED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES ORDINANCE for ALTADENA RESTAURANTS

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ABOUT THE ORDINANCE

The Ordinance will establish a **streamlined review process** for **restaurants and other eating establishments** that want to offer **alcoholic beverage sales for on-site consumption** as part of their **food service operations**.

PURPOSE

Restaurants and eating establishments in Altadena are still recovering from the impacts of the Eaton Fire, including rebuilding costs and reduced customer activity. The proposed Ordinance is in response to a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Motion to **support small business recovery in Altadena** by **lowering the cost and expediting the approval** of on-site alcoholic beverage sales at restaurants while maintaining operational standards for responsible operations and neighborhood protection.

WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING PROPOSED?

Instead of going through a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application process, including a public hearing, eligible businesses could apply for on-site alcoholic beverage sales through a **Ministerial Site Plan Review**, as long as they meet the ordinance requirements and required operational standards. Businesses would still need to meet other LA County requirements, obtain the required California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license, and operate in compliance with the Ordinance.

ELIGIBILITY & COST

The proposed Ordinance would apply to restaurants and eating establishments that:

- Either already have or would require a **Type 41 On-Sale Beer and Wine - Eating Place** or **Type 47 On-Sale General - Eating Place** license from ABC,
- Are within the boundaries of the Altadena Community Standards District (CSD),
- Are **not** on a residentially-zoned parcel, and
- Do not have an active zoning enforcement case.

Application fees for the Ministerial Site Plan Review are established by the County's adopted fee schedule. The draft ordinance requires **two (2) \$470* inspections** to confirm compliance with the performance standards in addition to the **application fee of \$1,995***.

**Fee dollar amounts are current. Fees are subject to change on March 1, 2027 due to API increases.*

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- LA County Planning is initiating outreach efforts this summer with the goal of presenting the Ordinance to the Regional Planning Commission in December 2026 and the Board of Supervisors in early 2027.
- Community feedback will help ensure that the process supports Altadena's recovery while reflecting local needs and priorities.

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