

Social Club/Dining Club Alcohol Regulations Zoning Text Amendment

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the project?

The purpose of this project is to review the zoning regulations pertaining to alcohol establishments in various zoning districts and to make changes to the Salt Lake City zoning ordinance related to alcohol so that they are consistent with recent Utah state law changes. The changes to state law that will affect these changes include:

- Changing the name of "social club" to "bar establishment"
- Moving to a restaurant bar licensing system
- Removing the Dining Club license (this license was a medium between a restaurant and a bar that was based on the percentage food and alcohol sales)
- Businesses that currently have a dining club license through the state will have until July 1, 2018
 to determine whether they would like to be a restaurant or bar, in which case their license will
 switch over to either a bar license or restaurant license.

Why make the change?

In regards to alcohol, the City's zoning ordinance often references the State's definitions. Because the state law has changed and licenses have changed, the City's ordinance must be updated to be consistent with state law and to avoid future conflicts and confusion.

For example, per State law changes, any existing dining club or proposed dining club would need to change over to either a restaurant license or bar establishment license by July 2018. Under city ordinance, nearly all zoning districts that allow for a dining club use also allow for a social club use (which will be re-named to "bar establishment" to be consistent with changes to state law). Zoning districts where this is not the case is within the CN (Neighborhood Commercial) zoning district and the RB (Residential/Business) zoning district. The proposal would allow make a "bar establishment (2,500 Square feet or less in floor area)" a conditional use in the CN (Neighborhood Commercial) and the RB (Residential/Business) zoning district.

What are the proposed changes?

Following are links to the proposed text changes along with maps showing areas zoned as CN and RB in the various council districts in Salt Lake City:

- Proposed Text Changes
- Maps showing areas zoned CN and RB

Summary of Changes:

- Change language from "social club" to "bar establishment"
- Remove "dining club" from the ordinance

 Allow "bar establishment (2,500 square feet or less in floor area)" as a conditional use in the CN and RB Zoning Districts.

How do I get involved?

An **Open House** will be held on **Thursday, September 21, 2017** from **5:00 to 7:00 PM** on the 4th Floor of the City and County Building.

Additional public hearings will be held with the Planning Commission and the City Council and a future date. City Council will make the final decision. (Dates TBD)

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have any questions or comments regarding this proposal or you would like to be notified of future public meetings regarding this proposal, please contact **Tracy Tran** at tracy.tran@slcgov.com or **801-535-7645**.