



## THINKING OF OPENING A CRAFT BEER TASTING ROOM IN NATIONAL CITY?

**AN UPDATED CITY ORDINANCE NOW ALLOWS SMALL BREWERIES AND TASTING ROOMS "BY RIGHT" IN MIXED-USE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES. JUST FOLLOW THESE THREE STEPS:**

### STEP 1 CHECK ZONING

1. Contact the Planning Department by phone (619) 336-4310 or email [Planning@NationalCityCa.Gov](mailto:Planning@NationalCityCa.Gov)
2. Review the National City Zoning Map at: <http://www.nationalcityca.gov/home/showdocument?id=5515>
3. Unless noted below, beer tasting rooms are allowed by right (no CUP) in the following zones: Industrial (IL, IM, IH) and Mixed-Use (MXC-1, MXC-2, MXD-1, MXD-2)

### STEP 2 APPLY FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE

1. Contact the Finance Department by phone (619) 336-4330 or email [Finance@NationalCityCa.Gov](mailto:Finance@NationalCityCa.Gov)
2. Complete an application. The application is routed to the Planning Department and Police Department for review
3. The Police Department will conduct a Risk Assessment with ratings between 1-30 points
4. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required if:
  - You receive a score of 15+ points
  - You plan on having live entertainment
  - If your operating hours are past 10 pm
5. Business licenses are typically issued within 2 weeks

### STEP 3 SUBMIT TENANT IMPROVEMENT PLANS

1. Contact the Building Department by phone (619) 336-4210 or email [Building@NationalCityCa.Gov](mailto:Building@NationalCityCa.Gov)
2. For Building Permit Information visit: [NationalCityCa.Gov/city-government/development-services/building](http://NationalCityCa.Gov/city-government/development-services/building)
3. A licensed architect shall prepare plans if structural elements are proposed

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Your project must comply with City Council Policy 707
2. Hours of operation must be between 10 am-10 pm (last call at 9 pm)

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