

On November 28, 2018 emails were sent to Mayors of the following communities – Bolingbrook, Lisle, Downers Grove, Warrenville, Wheaton, Joliet, Aurora, Woodridge, and Romeoville. I also emailed Rob Cray who manages many events in the Chicago area.

ROMEOVILLE – MAYOR JOHN NOAK

Only the large events use tickets. It depends on how many ticket booths and points of sale. Smaller events are up to the organizers to establish efficiencies and financial control. They waive the fee for smaller events. They License the small special events so that they are aware it is happening and so they may get insurance.

AURORA

We have no set policy. For City events in the past we did cash, as does REP. As far as Church type events, I don't believe we have a policy for that either. It's up to the event organizer.

LISLE

The Village of Lisle does not require organizations to sell tickets for beverage purchases at their events.

ROB CRAY – SPECIAL EVENT MANAGEMENT

Rob Cray is the production expert with many area events. He reached out to others in his field and they believe Naperville is the only community that requires tickets. Usually, it's on the organizer. For the Chicago events, the organizers hire a professional manager to run the beer tents and they bring their people. They don't use volunteers. He suggests that the organizer provide a detailed outline of how they will manage the liquor sales. They will need proof of BASSET training. It is up to the organizer to police the sales. He also said that the Ticket Taker Union that Ribfest uses is not bonded.

DOWNERS GROVE

We allow Special Event licensee staff/volunteers to take tickets as well as cash.

For the licensee, it's more of an internal control to reduce the number of people handling funds/collecting and deter theft.

WEST CHICAGO

The City of West Chicago Code of Ordinances does not specify regarding if tickets or cash should be accepted when selling beverages at events.

WARRENVILLE

The City of Warrenville does not have specific regulations about cash versus ticket or tokens use for beverage sales at special events. That noted, all of the special events sell tokens at a separate table/booth away from the alcoholic beverage sales (beer tent) and the non-alcoholic beverage sales (water and pop) tent. It has worked better to have different people checking ids and taking cash for tokens (or ticket) at a different spot than to have cash being handled by the many people volunteering to sell the beverages.

BOLINGBROOK – MAYOR ROGER CLAAR

Bolingbrook doesn't have any restrictions on ticket beverage sales. The larger events sell tickets as a way of control but it's up to each organization.

JOLIET – MAYOR BOB O'DEKIRK

Joliet does not have any restrictions but most events use tickets for beverage sales.

WHEATON

The City of Wheaton does not have any specific requirement that organizations use tickets. However, we believe many of them do so the organization doesn't have to handle cash.

Detective Rigg reached out to the contacts Emy Trotz gave to him as well as several county fairs. These are his current notes.

Luke Sailer – Illinois State Fairs

Use the American Business Club and Veteran's Association for alcohol sales.

These groups use volunteers and for that reason use tickets.

Greg Walton - Fun, Fairs & Festivals, Inc./

Indigo Road Entertainment

All my events sell tickets for monetary control.

- Says that it is another checks and balance
- Believes that it helps control the drinking

Fall Festival -Des Plaines

Use Park District – use the over 21 wristbands and beverage tickets. Use employees of park district and chamber of commerce. No volunteers.

Fall Color Festival – Morton Arboretum

Employees with cash sales

McHenry County Fair – Woodstock

Just started doing cash sales in 2018 – use volunteers in beer garden with McHenry County officers posted inside

Lacey Teare - Champaign County Fair,

We are a week-long county fair in July. We also do tickets. We have a paid security guard that checks IDs and puts wrist bands on. (21+ only) From there, we do tickets. We have a little hut in the beer area where a paid employee takes money in exchange for tickets. One ticket per beer. We only have one beer area and the beverage must stay within the gate.