
Deemed Approved Ordinance (DAO)



The DAO states that businesses selling alcoholic beverages have a responsibility to the surrounding community to maintain their business in a lawful and beneficial manner.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the goal of the Deemed Approved Ordinance (DAO)?

Strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of San Francisco.



What is the Deemed Approved Ordinance?

The DAO is a San Francisco City & County regulation that requires businesses that sell alcoholic beverages to maintain their businesses in a lawful and beneficial manner for the public and the surrounding community.

What does this ordinance mean for San Francisco residents?

San Francisco residents have the right to live and work in a peaceful environment free from illegal or harmful activities. The regulation maintains that businesses that sell alcoholic beverages like all other businesses in a neighborhood are responsible for helping to prevent activities which are illegal or harmful to the community.

Businesses that sell alcoholic beverages are responsible for:

- Following all federal, state, and local laws dealing with the sale of alcohol.
- Maintaining a clean, well-lit, and safe premise.
- Reporting any illegal activities or nuisances.

The DAO also encourages partnerships with neighborhood residents through providing public services such as:

- Providing a variety of products for sale.
- Participating in neighborhood activities and projects.

In order to maintain a safe and healthy neighborhood all of us have to do our part. Each business that sells alcoholic beverages is responsible for reporting nuisances and illegal activities in order to curtail such activities. Residents have the right to report nuisance or illegal activities as well.

Who is working on the Deemed Approved Ordinance?

- San Francisco Department of Public Health
- San Francisco Police Department
- San Francisco Tax Collector's Office
- Off-Sale Liquor License Holders
- DAO Community Advisory Committee

How can I get involved in the Deemed Approved Ordinance?

Become an active community member and advocate for the DAO by participating in the DAO community advisory committee (CAC). The CAC will provide guidance and recommendations on the implementation and outreach efforts of the DAO. If you are interested, please call SFDPH @ 581-2400.

Who do I contact for more DAO information?

- San Francisco Department of Public Health, 415-581-2400.
- A DAO website is under construction.