

Definitions and Examples

Brewery: *a larger facility for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing alcoholic beverages.*

Formal Definition for Code: A facility for a brewer who manufactures more than 15,000 barrels of malt liquor, as defined in Minn. Stat. §340A.101, subd. 16, for sale in a calendar year.

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Examples: larger facilities including Summit Brewing Co. in St. Paul, Surly Brewing Co. in Minneapolis, August Schell Brewing Co. in New Ulm.

Brewpub: *utilizes another retail use and brews their own beer on site for sale and consumption, typically a restaurant.*

Formal Definition for Code: A facility for a brewer who also holds one or more retail on-sale licenses and who manufactures fewer than 3,500 barrels of malt liquor in a year, at any one licensed premises, the entire production of which is solely for consumption on tap on any licensed premises owned by the brewer, or for off-sale from those licensed premises as permitted in Minn. Stat. §340A.24, subd. 2.

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Examples: Granite City in Maple Grove, New Bohemia in Golden Valley

Microbrewery: typically, what the term “brewery” is associated with, but is a smaller operation than a typical brewery like the ones listed above. Microbreweries will manufacture and sell their own alcoholic beverages and host off-site food distributors such as food trucks.

Formal Definition for Code: A brewery with a capacity to manufacture less than 15,000 barrels of alcoholic and nonalcoholic malt liquor in a calendar year. This definition does not include a brewpub.

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Examples: Lupulin in Big Lake, Elm Creek Brewing in Champlin, Invictus Brewing Co. in Blaine, Luce Line in Plymouth

Taproom: *a seating area in a brewery/microbrewery for the purpose of on-site consumption and event hosting such as trivia or arts displays such as music or poetry. A taproom is an accessory use to a brewery/microbrewery.*

Formal Definition for Code: An area on the premises of or adjacent to the brewery location owned by the brewer that allows the on-sale of malt liquor produced by the brewer for consumption. Such use shall be accessory to the primary use of a brewery or microbrewery.

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Lupulin in Big Lake



Surly Brewing Co. in Minneapolis



Invictus Brewing in Blaine



Luce Line in Plymouth



Examples: A brewery/microbrewery that has a seating area such as Lupulin in Big Lake, Elm Creek Brewing in Champlin, Invictus Brewing Co. in Blaine, or Luce Line in Plymouth