

**From:** Joel Kiekintveld  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Questions about a proposed event at a brewery  
**Date:** Saturday, December 28, 2019 9:16:05 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to follow up on this request.

Thank you.

Joel K

On Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 4:34 PM Joel Kiekintveld <[joelkiek@gmail.com](mailto:joelkiek@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Alaska Alcohol Beverage Control Board,

My name is Joel Kiekintveld and I am part of an emerging non-profit called the Anchorage Urban Training Collaborative (AUTC). The Mission of AUTC is to train the heads, hearts, and hands of urban leaders to love Anchorage and seek its peace. To achieve this mission we are planning a series of four events in 2020 modeled on the StillLife events taking place in Seattle (<https://www.facebook.com/stilllifehere>). These events have a schedule that lays out like this: Time for networking, a couple of songs performed by a local artist, poetry reading, a talk, and time for meditation mindfulness. The events planned by the AUTC will be geared toward direct service workers in the social services field.

We would like to do our series of events in the King Street Brewery private banquet room. In working with King Street they expressed concerns over the live music aspect of the events due to the laws governing breweries. I am writing about this concern to gather a better understanding of the law and to request consideration of allowing the events that AUTC is planning to take place at King Street Brewing.

Live music is planned to be 15-20 minutes total of the two hour time block of our events (not counting any background music that might be played while the meditation/mindfulness section takes place). The events would be marketed to direct service providers, and not be open to the public. Tickets will be sold to offset the cost of the event and attendees will need to have a ticket in advance (no tickets will be sold at the door). Furthermore, the purpose of the event is nothing like a concert or live music performance that would take place in a bar. The point is not the music, but rather the music is a way to set the stage for the meditation and mindfulness and to create an atmosphere.

We would very much like for these events to take place at King Street because the space is perfect for what we are trying to accomplish. However, we want to ensure that these events take place in a legal way, which is also the concern King Street Brewing as well.

We would very much like to receive communication from you advising us on how to proceed. It would be our hope, due to the unique nature of these events, that we would be allowed to hold those events at King Street Brewing.

Joel K

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**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#); [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Questions about a proposed event at a brewery  
**Date:** Monday, December 30, 2019 9:04:59 AM

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Good Morning Joel:

Unfortunately, your proposed event with live entertainment would not be allowed under Alaska Statute 04.11.130 (e) (1).

**Sec. 04.11.130. Brewery license.**

- (a) A brewery license authorizes the holder to operate a brewery where beer is manufactured and bottled or barreled for sale.
- (b) The holder of a brewery license may sell beer in quantities of
  - (1) not more than five gallons a day to an individual who is present on the licensed premises for consumption off the premises;
  - (2) more than five gallons a day to a person who is licensed under this title, or in another state or country.
- (c) The holder of a brewery license may permit a person to sample small portions of the brewery's product free of charge unless prohibited by AS 04.16.030.
- (d) The biennial brewery license fee is \$1,000.
- (e) Unless prohibited by AS 04.16.030, a holder of a brewery license may sell not more than 36 ounces a day of the brewery's product to a person for consumption on the premises if
  - (1) the brewery does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs;
  - (2) the brewery does not provide seats at the counter or bar where the product is served; and
  - (3) the room where the consumption occurs is not open before 9:00 a.m. and serving of the product ends not later than 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, feel free to email or call.

Have a fab day!

*Randi Baker*

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**To:** [AMCO Admin \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Hamilton, Joe \(CED\)](#); [amco.enforcement@alaska](#); [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#); [AMCO Event Permits \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#); [Dufresne, Jennifer R \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Creekbend Liquor License, Hope Alaska  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019 1:56:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [CreekbendJanuary 1PDF.pdf](#)

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I have attached my comments .  
John Christopherson, Fourth Street, Hope Alaska

2400 Ingra Street, Anchorage, Ak 99508

January 1, 2020

Re: Creekbend Company, Hope, Alaska

Dear Members of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board:

I am a 45 year summer resident of Hope. My rightful enjoyment of my property is severely negatively impacted by the alcohol fueled activities of the Creekbend Company. Renewal of their permit to sell alcohol should be denied.

Their property is inadequate to deal with the large number of people who purchase weekend tickets to their events. There is inadequate parking, inadequate camping space, and inadequate toilet facilities. As a result the entire Hope community is adversely affected. I have had Creekbend customers illegally camping and toileting on my property this past summer.

The noise levels generated by their concerts are very disturbing to all residents of the valley. We have been carefully monitoring this. Our pleas to Creekbend to decrease the volume to reasonable levels have gone unheeded.

The Hope valley was at high risk for fire in 2019 and may be again next summer. This danger is increased by uncontrolled camping and the parking of hundreds of vehicles that obstruct our small streets. Our volunteer fire brigade is inadequate to this increased danger. Hope has no local law enforcement. This makes for an unacceptable public safety risk.

Creekbend Company has shown itself to be irresponsible in managing its sale and control of alcohol. The permit should not be renewed.

Respectfully,

John Christopherson

**From:** Gary  
**To:** [AMCO Admin \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#); [CED AMCO Enforcement \(CED sponsored\)](#); [AMCO Event Permits \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#); [Dufresne, Jennifer R \(CED\)](#); [Hamilton, Joe \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alcohol permit for the Creekbend in Hope  
**Date:** Saturday, January 4, 2020 1:09:29 PM

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Dear Members of the Alcohol Marijuana Control Board,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the Hope Creekbend Company concerts the associated issues. These include noise, inadequate facilities, and safety.

Though we live in Anchorage, my wife and I bought a small cabin in historic downtown Hope in 2015. We love it there. I am a teacher and spend much of my summer in Hope. We were excited two years ago when a new owner bought the old Tito's Discovery and turned it into Hope Creekbend Company. I met the owner, Steve Thomas, and he is very friendly. We are glad people are investing in businesses in Hope. However, the Creekbend has started adding summer concerts that may be of a magnitude that is difficult for Hope to absorb.

I don't mind occasional music events in Hope, in fact I often attend them, including ones at Creekbend and the Seaview. I like that traditionally the Seaview and the town of Hope have agreed to turn the music down at 11:00, and not play it too loudly. This summer, however, the Creekbend started having concerts almost every weekend night, some of them making a lot of noise well beyond 11:00. Also, many of these concerts were advertised in Anchorage media, bringing many more people to Hope. The impacts on Hope include extended noise in a generally quiet town, lots of people camping or sleeping in cars along the roads in downtown Hope (and going to the bathroom where ever), and safety, as Hope doesn't have a police force. I worry that with lots of people partying late there will be a safety problem one day, and State Troopers are a long way from Hope.

I ask that if the Alcohol Marijuana Control Board renews the alcohol permit for the Hope Creekbend Company that it includes more stringent limits on events at the Creekbend. This would include the times alcohol is served and live music can be played (not past 11:00 please), the number of patrons should not exceed the capacity of Creekbend to supply campsites and adequate toilets, the noise level should be limited, the number of events should be limited (maybe one concert/month??) and any larger, advertised concerts should include private security that will also watch for spillover problems of attendees into town. Please help keep Hope quiet and friendly by asking purveyors of alcohol to be responsible to their neighbors for disturbances from their profitable activities. Many of us who own property in Hope are concerned about it becoming a loud party town. One business's profits should not have a negative effect on the rest of the community.

Sincerely, Gary Snyder  
Anchorage and Hope, AK  
(907)337-2089

**From:** Robert Whitney  
**To:** [AMCO Admin \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Hamilton, Joe \(CED\)](#); [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#); [CED AMCO Enforcement \(CED sponsored\)](#); [AMCO Event Permits \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#); [Jennifer.defresne@alaska.gov](mailto:Jennifer.defresne@alaska.gov)  
**Subject:** AMCO meeting: Creekbend Company (Hope, AK) complaint letter  
**Date:** Monday, January 6, 2020 7:23:52 AM

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Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Members,

I am voicing my concern over the invasion of the Creekbend Company's music/drinking/partying venue the past two summers in the small community of Hope, Alaska. Thank you in advance for listening to my voice as well as other's concerns during your public comments section of your January meeting in Juneau later this month.

This past summer, the Creekbend Co, owned by Mr. Steve Thomas, had 20+ concerts nearly every weekend. These concerts started in mid-May and ran all the way through mid-September. The town of Hope is quite small, with 190 year-round residents. These concerts often have upwards 500-1000 (or more) people each night, resulting in a complete explosion and invasion of the residential community of Hope into the wee hours of the night. Myself, as with numerous other property owners, have been very frustrated on many levels.

Ongoing issues have been, and not limited to: excessively loud concerts (in excess of 120 db readings at the business property lines(all documented,) no more than three (3) porta-potties for hundreds of concert patrons each weekend (unacceptable, irresponsible,disgusting) double parking throughout much of downtown, illegal camping, massive littering problems, drunk driving w/arrests, illegal campfires, illegal drug use, after parties with profuse open containers of alcohol, and trespassing/defecation on surrounding private properties. As a small town, having 500-1000 patrons, often two nights each weekend, creates a massive safety concern. The increase in alcohol and drugs at these concerts is disturbing. The total disregard and disrespect that the Creekbend owners have shown the tiny town of Hope has caused anger and frustration. Myself, and many others, invested in Hope because of the safe rural atmosphere and quality of a quiet lifestyle. Our children can no longer sleep at night and cannot play and bike safely anymore due to the massive influx of partiers the Creekbend attracts.

I understand there has been a plethora of back-and-forth tug-a-war this past summer with the Creekbend Co regarding permitting, understandably so. A business model of doing 'whatever it takes to make money' and trample surrounding neighbors at the expense of a very quiet peaceful town is a travesty. Mr. Thomas states repeatedly that "we continue to work with the community to find compromise." That comment couldn't be farther from the truth, thus the reason for the outpouring of letters to this particular AMCO meeting requesting changes with the Creekbend Co and its operations, if not a full denial of an operations permit.

In light of the past two summers invasion of privacy, I am pleading with you to consider DENYING the Creekbend Company's 2020 summer alcohol and/or permitting license. The heavy drinking and ruckus is too much of a safety concern. If a complete revocation of a license is not an option, please consider drastically reducing the number of permits issued each year, require earlier ceasing of the loud concerts in evenings (10 pm shut down,) drastically reducing the number of patrons allowed at events (100 or less,) and require adequate portapotties (more than 3) to remedy defecating and urinating on private property. Please do something! Enough damage has been done already to Hope.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Robert Whitney  
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Hope, AK

**From:** heather ireland  
**To:** [AMCO Admin \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Hamilton, Joe \(CED\)](#); [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#); [CED AMCO Enforcement \(CED sponsored\)](#); [AMCO Event Permits \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Dufresne, Jennifer R \(CED\)](#); [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns about the Creekbend  
**Date:** Saturday, January 4, 2020 9:49:33 AM  
**Attachments:** [AMCO letter 2020.pdf](#)

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Please see the attached letter expressing concerns about the Creekbend 2020 permit.

Thanks,  
Heather Ireland

3 January 2020

To the Members of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board,

Thank you for your service to Alaska as a member of this Board. I am writing to you with concerns about alcohol sales at the Creekbend Company in Hope, Alaska.

Although I reside in Anchorage, we have owned property in downtown Hope for six years. Our family loves the recreation opportunities, socializing with Hope residents, and fun music scene. Unfortunately, this has changed drastically in the past two years.

The SeaView has reasonable decibel levels, adequate security, qualified servers, and *always* ends their music promptly at the cut off time. In contrast, Creekbend events:

- Are excessively loud, echoing up throughout the valley,
- Are unsecure because the site could be easily compromised by minors,
- Have inadequate bathroom facilities,
- Are attended by very drunk individuals, possibly from servers who continue to serve patrons, which has led to drunk driving, and
- Often exceed the cut off times for noise.

Although the owner claims to be willing to work with the community, he has shown a blatant disregard for concerns voiced by community members. What is exceptionally concerning is that at a community meeting this summer, the Creekbend owner did not even truly understand his permits. The attending state trooper had to explain to him that although the alcohol permit was valid later, it did not give him authorization to have music playing past 11 PM. It made me question the lack of understanding about other rules with which Creekbend is required to comply.

Creekbend has the potential to be a fun music scene hosting community events. However, as Board members with AMCO, you are required to ensure permits are issued to responsible proprietors. Creekbend has not demonstrated that they can be responsible. Therefore, you must put some clear limits on the Creekbend permit for 2020, if it is issued at all. The community of Hope trusts that you will curtail this problem before it gets worse and results in something tragic.

Regards,



Heather Ireland  
(907) 952-6464

**From:** Ray Gillespie  
**To:** [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#)  
**Cc:** [AMCO Admin \(CED sponsored\)](#); [AMCO Event Permits \(CED sponsored\)](#); [CED AMCO Enforcement \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Hamilton, Joe \(CED\)](#); [Dufresne, Jennifer R \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** creekbend (Hope) license complain  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 8:34:39 AM

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Dear Mr. Klinkhart:

I have owned a cabin in the original townsite of Hope since 1987. My family and friends use it frequently during summer months. My brother, Tom and his family, have a cabin on an adjacent property. We have become painfully aware of the nuisance created by the recent activities at the Creekbend Café.

Our property is less than ¼ of a mile from Creekbend.

In recent years, the small quiet community of Hope has become a popular destination for revelers and partiers who have little regard for the local residents and property owners. With the 2018 purchase and transfer of the Creekbend license the noise and general bad behavior has become nearly intolerable. (as evidenced by the numerous complaints to the ABC officials and troopers)

It should be noted that the previous Tito's café licensees operated their business with no complaints or neighborhood disturbances for many years.

The current operators/licensees have demonstrated their disregard for the character of Hope and the rights of neighboring property owners. (not to mention state law and regulation by misleading the staff, ignoring noise complaints and generally operating a nuisance in the community)

The community of Hope does not have the infrastructure to handle large crowds. There is very limited parking, overnight accommodations and public sanitary facilities. As a consequence, it is only a matter of time before a drunk driving incident (and possible loss of life) occurs on the Hope highway as a direct result of liquor consumption associated with these activities.

It also appears that ABC staff has mistakenly granted Creekbend special events permits in violation of state statutes and regulations. (see memo dated September 10 from executive director )

I urge the board to seriously consider denying the renewal of this license and special events permits that allow activity beyond the customary activities associated with the café.

Thanks for your consideration of these comments and concerns.

Ray Gillespie

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**From:** Jon Lillevik  
**To:** [AMCO Admin \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Creekbend, Hope Alaska  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 1, 2020 5:24:12 PM

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Dear Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Boardmembers:

I wish to add my wife's and my name to those Hope residents who expressed concerns about the impacts Creekbend concerts have on the community. We own property across the highway from Creekbend and in 1991, built our recreational cabin about 1,000 feet from what is now Creekbend's main building. It is also true that we are negatively impacted by the Creekbend concerts and are concerned about a number of the issues they bring to the community. We join the protests about excessive noise levels and the problems associated with increased population the concerts generate. I worry about damage to our property.

I believe that Creekbend is not particularly responsible for the conduct of those in attendance of their concerts but does have a responsibility to insure that their venue can fully accommodate those in attendance and not negatively impact the community. Creekbend clearly has not met this community responsibility.

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We also worry about fire. We are Kenai residents and this summer, on 4 different occasions we were unable to get to Hope or were trapped in Hope due to fire. Also, unattended campfires caused 2 forest fires in the Hope Sunrise area this past summer. This many people attending concerts, abusing alcohol with no lodging put the entire valley at risk for fire.

The Hope Community and Creekbend's management have met in efforts to resolve some

of these issues. They have had limited success. We turn to you asking that you assist the community to return Hope to a safe and secure place.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Jon Lillevik and JoAnn Hagen

Kenai and Hope Alaska

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**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Creekbend, Hope, AK  
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**Subject:** Please regulate the Creekbend Company in Hope!  
**Date:** Monday, January 6, 2020 10:34:24 AM

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January 6, 2020

Dear Members of the Alcohol Marijuana Control Board,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the Creekbend Company in Hope, Alaska. As a property owner in Hope, I have serious concerns about the way Steve Thomas has chosen to operate his business. He has shown no regard for neighborhood concerns of noise, safety and basic hygiene.

Our house is on 5th street, 4 lots away from the Creekbend facility. We have observed several weekend concerts that continue beyond 11 pm.

My biggest concern is the lack of foresight regarding personal hygiene. I have witnessed concerts with attendees in excess of 350 individuals, presumably drinking several beers or beverages throughout an evening, with only 3 portapotties provided. Vehicles line both sides of the narrow roads in Hope proper, with inebriated people stumbling around, urinating and defecating on private property as there are no facilities provided by the venue. I have found human feces on my property. YUCK!

In addition, I have had trespassing campers on my property. People unknown to me, who set up tents and camp in the woods near the venue without permission from the property owner, sometimes even building campfires. This is a very real safety concern, especially in a summer as dry as last summer. The fire department in Hope is a crew of dedicated volunteers, but not enough to police the volume of people arriving in Hope for these shows at the Creekbend. There are also no police in Hope, which is also concerning when there are that many people coming to town to party. People sleep in their vehicles along the road, sometimes making the road so narrow that it is impossible for large trucks.

While we love music and appreciate those trying to do business in Hope, the new business model of inviting hundreds of people and neglecting to provide any necessary services is adversely affecting the community.

Please consider REVOKING the Creekbend permit for summer 2020.

If revoking the permit is not an option, then please ‘tighten’ things up with a change in restrictions and/or conditions on the issuance of the permit:

- limit attendance (100 or less patrons)
- time curfew (10pm) in which booze can be served.
- limit total concerts/events all summer (instead of 20+ like last summer, maybe 10 or less, or 1 concert/  
weekend/month)
- Limit ability to get a proxy liquor license, I am admittedly ignorant of how these proxies

work, but using an Anchorage based license to sell alcohol and marijuana in Hope seems outrageous.

Thank you for your consideration. We moved to Hope to enjoy the peace and quiet, and while we definitely enjoy music, the scene at the Creekbend is out of control.

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