RETAIL OPERATING STANDARDS MUST BE FOLLOWED

The following requirements apply to stores (license type 20 and 21), bars and taverns (license Types 40, 42, 48, and 61). These requirements do not apply to restaurants (license Types 41 and 47), convention centers, exhibit halls, auditoriums, ballparks, stadiums, coliseums, hotels, motels, a certain marine park, wineries, or beer manufacturers.

1. Post “No Loitering” signs upon written notice from ABC;
2. Post “No Open Container” signs upon written notice from ABC;
3. No alcohol consumption inside a store or outside a bar or tavern;
4. Illuminate the exterior of the premises, including adjacent public sidewalks and parking lots under the licensee’s control, during all hours of darkness when open for business;
5. Remove litter daily from the premises, adjacent sidewalks and parking lots under the licensee’s control and sweep/clean these area weekly;
6. Remove graffiti from the premises and parking lot within 72 hours (3 days) of application;
7. Have no more than 33% of windows covered with advertising or signs;
8. Have incoming calls blocked at pay phone upon request of local law enforcement or ABC; and
9. Create a separate area for any video recordings of harmful matter (as defined in Penal Code Section 313). The area must be labeled “Adults Only.” Minors may not be able to readily access the videos or view the video box covers.
10. Have the copy of the operating standards available during normal business hours for viewing by the general public. (Section 25612.5(c) B&P)

Criminal Penalty:
The licensee only (not employees) may be cited for each violation of the operating standards. For the licensee, the penalty is a maximum $1000 fine and/or six months in County Jail. (Sec. 25617 B&P)