

AKHR Newsletter

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News & Events

Senate Bill 15 permitting teens to serve alcohol

Aug 6, 11 AM – 1 PM
The 2025 Anchorage
Economic Development
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Upcoming Training

Next ServSafe training -
Saturday, October 4, 2025

Next TiPs Recertification -
Monday 6/30/2025
Monday 7/14/2025

Next TiPs Full Class -
Sunday, 7/6/2025
Sunday, 7/20/2025

Rserving Online Alcohol
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8/6/2025

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Featured Member: Kyle Ivanhoff, Time Out Lounge

The Time Out Lounge sits off the west side of the Old Seward Highway, a little south of Tudor, marked by three large neon signs on its roof shaped like three mugs of frothy beer bearing its name and an illuminated oversized martini glass by the road. This classic dive bar, built in the late 70s, maintains a "hometown feel" and is locally owned, family-owned, and Alaska Native-owned.

Kyle Ivanoff, whose family lineage hails from Unalakleet, inherited the bar from his father, John Ivanoff, after his passing in 2022.

"In about 2010, my dad purchased the bar for next to nothing – it was pretty much just the cost of the license so he could buy out the old owner because business had declined so much," Kyle recounts.

The alcohol industry was nothing new to Kyle. When he was younger, his father owned New Party Time liquor store on Tudor and Lake Otis. As a young man, Kyle worked security at the Kodiak Bar and Grill on East 5th, an establishment started by his mother and uncle. He started bartending at the Time Out Lounge the night of his 21st birthday.

Over time, he began taking over parts of the operation of the bar including ordering the liquor, hiring staff, and keeping up with compliance with the Muni.

Kyle stepped away from the business for a few years, returning to it after his father passed.

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"I don't know how to explain how it felt just to come back in, especially after my dad was gone...It was weird because...it was like nothing ever changed. I stepped back in and just started working," Kyle explains. "I knew how to do everything. I knew how to take care of everything, I knew who to deal with, how to deal with these things, I still had all the contacts."

When asked to describe the bar's atmosphere, Kyle says, "It has a very welcoming atmosphere, a real hometown dive bar feel to it. People enjoy coming here. We don't have any issues. It's just an enjoyable place to be."

He credits the low-key, no trouble vibe to being off the main strip downtown and, instead, being in the middle of Midtown, with regulars coming in from the surrounding neighborhoods, many walking to get there.

The bar opens every morning at 10:00 am and closing time is 2:00 am on weekdays and 3:00 am Friday and Saturday nights. Customers can enjoy several pool tables situated in a side room, darts downstairs, and karaoke Tuesday through Thursday nights starting at 9:00 pm.

There's live music on Friday and Saturday with the house band, Blast from the Past, playing crowd-pleasing country and oldies, from Creedence Clearwater Revival to Johnny Cash. Sunday nights open up to jam sessions with local musicians invited to play with the band. The bar sells pull tabs as well as tobacco and vapes at cost for the convenience of their customers.

Kyle credits his staff for the ongoing success of the bar, describing them as a close-knit, trusted family, people he has known for years. He knows all the old timers who are regulars at the bar, and he comes to the bar sometimes on a Friday night to have a drink and say "hi" to everybody.

The bar has not been without its obstacles. Like other hospitality establishments, the pandemic presented some unforeseen challenges. The business ended up selling liquor outside in the parking lot, something made legal during the pandemic, when it wasn't safe to go inside. They also did some rebuilding during that time including redoing the back room and back bar, moving the darts downstairs, and resurfacing the top bar.

With summers being the slower months, Kyle plans to continue making progress to not only make the bar better for the patrons but to add his own touches to the place. Renovations for the downstairs have begun, in addition to a larger beer cooler, remodeling all four bathrooms, and refencing the patio. Kyle takes pride in keeping up the business started by his father.

Says Kyle, "My dad was a brilliant man. It was so cool to see him turn a bar that was going into ground and making it into something better. A large part of our crowd are Alaska Natives who come in from the villages or commercial fishing boats. We have one of the greatest Alaskan dive bars in the state. It's an awesome feeling."

