

## **City of Boulder and the University of Colorado at Boulder Significant Alcohol Events**

- April 1909:** By 2:1 margin, the City of Boulder voted to go “dry” – 7 years before state and 9 years before the country.
- September 1933:** Nation, state, and County repealed prohibition while the City of Boulder voted to remain “dry” except for 3.2 Beer.
- 1963:** State of Colorado Legislature created a 500’ alcohol-free zone around schools.
- Fall 1967:** City Council waived the 500’ alcohol-free zone for 3.2 Beer around CU Boulder.
- November 1967:** City voted to go “wet” 34 years after US prohibition ended.
- 1974:** Tulagi’s received a tavern license because it is beyond 500’ zone.
- 1985:** Sherri Clark, 18, died from fall off the Eldorado Springs bridge after a sorority party. Alcohol level was 3 times the legal limit.
- 1987:** Colorado becomes the last state to raise drinking age to 21. Boulder City Council waives the 500’ zone for Hotel & Restaurant Licenses around CU Boulder.
- 1988:** The State of Colorado extends closing times for alcohol establishments to 2 AM.
- 1989:** The Delta Tau Delta charter was revoked by its national organization for alcohol violations.
- 1991:** With CU’s agreement, City Council excludes Williams Village, East Campus and Research Park, and Married Student Housing from the principal campus of the University to which the 500’ alcohol-free zone applies.
- 1991-2004:** Alcohol related deaths of Amanda McDonald and “Gordy” Bailey, the latter from alcohol poisoning.
- 1995:** Fraternity presidents vote to ban alcohol at parties (this did not happen).
- 1996:** The University of Colorado at Boulder banned Beer from Folsom Stadium. Alcohol-free housing was made available in residence halls.
- 1997:** The University of Colorado at Boulder established the Standing Committee on Substance Abuse (SCOSA). “A Matter of Degree” Program was funded by the AMA-Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2000:** The University of Colorado at Boulder implemented a social norms ad campaign.
- 2001:** The University of Colorado at Boulder instituted a “Three Strike” disciplinary policy.
- 2002:** Four fraternity chapters had their charters revoked by national organizations for alcohol violations.
- 2003:** The University of Colorado at Boulder “A Matter of Degree” Program lost funding.
- 2004:** The University of Colorado at Boulder “Two Strike” disciplinary policy was instituted. “AlcoholEdu” web-based educational program instituted- mandatory for freshmen. Chi Psi Charter revoked by its national for alcohol violations in relation to the death of “Gordy” Bailey. Colorado Creed, GAME, GORD and Freshman Council programs were developed by students.
- 2004:** Chancellor Byyny wrote City Council asking help. Since 1997, 10 alcohol-related riots have occurred in Boulder
- 2005:** The University of Colorado at Boulder added a mandatory essay question about campus culture to its admissions application.
- 2005:** Registered Fraternal Organization Agreement established at CU-Boulder requiring Greek houses to defer rush to the second semester and to hire live-in advisors. Sororities agree, but fraternities do not.
- 2005:** One fraternity loses charter from its national office following a weekend when 9 female students were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning.

