

Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew Project Narrative

Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew is a firefighter themed craft brewery, with a desire to find its home in the heart of Historic Folsom. Our mission is to provide an approachable and community focused space, engaging in a multitude of philanthropic endeavors related to giving back to Folsom and the first responder communities through featuring craft beer and seltzer with limited light bites on site. The breadth of the food component of the business, will champion supporting local area restaurants by allowing for outside food from other establishments

The Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew (UCFB) team, is comprised of Co-founder Charlie Grows, who has been a resident of the Folsom and surrounding area since 1956. Charlie began a 50+ year long and lucrative career in the fire service starting with Folsom Fire Department before serving in the United States Airforce, followed by UC Davis Fire Dept, and finally retiring as a Captain from Yocha Dehe Fire. On the days Charlie is not brewing, you can find him supporting many businesses around town as a longstanding Rotarian and lead volunteer for Choose Folsom. Co-founder, Taryn Grows found a passion for craft beer back in 2004, as an opening team member of BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse here in Folsom, spending four years of service to the company as a corporate trainer. Taryn took a job with Choose Folsom (home of the Folsom Chamber, Folsom Tourism Bureau and Economic Development) spending the last six years+ forging great relationships supporting other business owners in Folsom including handling all logistics of several brew fests both in Folsom and the surrounding areas by establishing relationships with local breweries.

Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew's initial operating hours will be Wednesday- Sunday from 12pm-10pm with a staff comprised of a head brewer, assistant brewer, tap room manager and three "Fire BEERgade" team members. The tap room space will be home to a 10barrel brew system, while the bar area itself will include the beer taps being poured off an original 1952 Val Pelt Fire Engine owned by the Folsom Fire Dept. ADA compliant bathroom with minimal structural changes will be done to the existing space as to keep architectural integrity of the building intact. Ample indoor and outdoor seating (contingent on an approved encroachment permit to utilize outdoor seating space) will allow for patrons to enjoy the scenic views and brews of Historic Folsom. Parking for our brewhouse will be supported by the geographic proximity to the parking garage wherein the space resides. In addition UCFB will promote utilizing ride share and public transit. We feel with a vibrant and strong community space such as Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew, this will also help mitigate the congregation of the homeless community currently residing in that area.

Thank you in advance for your support and consideration, Cheers!



A horizontal line with two handwritten signatures. The signature on the left is Charlie Grows and the signature on the right is Taryn Grows. A small ampersand (&) is positioned between the two signatures.

Charlie Grows and Taryn Grows, Founders of Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew