



Public Services Committee Meeting

October 29, 2024

Alcohol License

Department:	Planning & Development
Presenter:	Brian Kepner, Deputy Director, Planning and Licensing Divisions
Caption:	A.N. 24-59 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Retail Package of Liquor, Beer and Wine, Sureshbhai Patel, applicant for OK Wine & Spirits, located at 2811 Tobacco Road. District 4, Super District 9
Background:	Existing Location – OK Wine & Spirits
Analysis:	Applicant meets the requirements of the City of Augusta’s Alcohol Ordinance.
Financial Impact:	Applicant will pay a fee of \$2,330.00
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Planning & Development Department approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant’s statements. Sheriff’s Office approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting applicants’ statements.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A

Augusta-Richmond County Planning & Development Department
1803 Marvin Griffin Road
Augusta, GA. 30906

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE APPLICATION

Alcohol Number _____ Year _____ Alcohol Account Number _____

1. Name of Business OK wine & spirits
2. Business Address 2411 A Tobacco Rd, Hephzibah, GA
3. City Hephzibah State GA Zip 30515
4. Business Phone () Home Phone ()
5. Applicant Name and Address: Sureshbhai C. Patel
600 Grand Oaks Wy APT # 115
Maximuz, GA 30907
Email address _____
6. Applicant Social Security # _____ D.O.B. _____
7. If Application is a transfer, list previous Applicant: _____

8. Business Location: Map & Parcel 129-0-005-07-0 Zoning _____
9. Location Manager(s) Sureshbhai Patel.

10. Is Applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency?
☒ Yes () No

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

11. Corporation (if applicable): Date Chartered: _____
12. Mailing Address:
Name of Business _____
Attention _____
Address 600 Grand Oaks Wy APT 115
City/State/Zip Maximuz, GA, 30907
13. Ownership Type: () Corporation () Partnership ☒ Individual
14. Corporate Name: _____
List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO#	Address	Interest
<u>Sureshbhai</u>			<u>600 Grand Oaks Wy</u> <u>Maximuz, GA, 30907</u>	<u>100%</u>

15. What type of business will you operate in this location?
() Restaurant - Full () Lounge () Convenience Store
() Restaurant - Limited ☒ Package Store () Hybrid
() Other: _____

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consumption on Premises					
Wholesale					

Total License Fee: \$ _____
Prorated License Fee: (After July 1 ONLY) \$ _____

16. Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before: NO
If so, give year of application and its disposition: _____

17. Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages? ☒ Yes () No If so, please initial SCP

18. Attach a passport-size photograph (front view) taken within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.



19. Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulations of Augusta-Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? () Yes (X) No
If yes, give full details: _____

20. Have you ever been arrested, or held by Federal, State, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any Federal, State, County or Municipal law, regulation or ordinance: (Do not include traffic violations, with the exception of any offenses pertaining to alcohol or drugs). All other charges must be included, even if they are dismissed. () Yes (X) No
If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition. _____

21. List owner or owners of building and property.

22. Charles Erner is owner of building and property.
List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business. _____

23. If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are sold.

A) Church _____ C) School _____
B) Library _____ D) Public Recreation _____

24. State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I, _____
Do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

S. Patel
Applicant/Signature

25. I hereby certify that Sureshbhai C. Patel is personally known to be, That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing allocation stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath actually administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.
This 16 day of Sept, in the year 2008

[Signature]
Notary Public

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Department	Approve	Deny	Comments
Recommendation			
Alcohol Inspector			
Sheriff			
Fire Inspector			

The Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, in the year _____.
(Approved, Disapproved) the forgoing application

Administrator

Date

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Case Number: A.N. 24-59
Application Type: Retail Package Liquor, Beer, and Wine – Existing Location / New Ownership
Business Name: OK Wine & Spirits
Hearing Date: October 29, 2024
Prepared By: Brian Kepner, Deputy Director, Planning & Licensing

Applicant: Sureshbhai Patel
Property Owner: Mobile To Go Transportation, LLC
Address of Property: 2811 Tobacco Road
Tax Parcel #: 129-0-005-07-0
Commission Districts: District 4, Super District 9

ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** General Business, B-2
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Reputation, Character** – The applicant's reputation, character, trade and business associations or past business ventures, mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
- **Previous Violations of Liquor Laws** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, whether they have violated any laws, regulations, or ordinances relating to such business.
- **Manner of Conducting Prior Liquor Business** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, the manner in which they conducted the business thereunder especially as to the necessity for unusual police observation and inspection to prevent the violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance relating to such business.
- **Location** - The location for which the license is sought, as to traffic congestion, general character of neighborhood, and the effect such an establishment would have on the adjacent surrounding property values.
- **Number of Licenses in a Trading Area** – The number of licenses already granted for a similar business in the trading area of place for which the license is sought.

- **Dancing** – If dancing is to be permitted upon the premise for which the license is sought and the applicant has previously permitted dancing upon the premises controlled or supervised by them, the manner in which they controlled or supervised such dancing to prevent any violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance.
- **Previous Revocation of License** – If the applicant is a person whose license issued under the police powers of any governing authority has been previously suspended, or revoked, or who has previously had an alcoholic beverages license suspended or revoked.
- **Payment of Taxes** - If the applicant and business are not delinquent in the payment of any local taxes.
- **Congregation of Minors** – Any circumstances which may cause minors to congregate in the vicinity of the proposed location, even if the location meets the distance requirements under Section 6-2-64(b) herein.
- **Prior Incidents** - Evidence that a substantial number of incidents requiring police intervention have occurred within a square city block of the proposed location during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of application.
- **Previous Denial or Revocation** – The denial of an application or revocation of a license, occurring within the preceding twelve (12) months, which was based on the qualifications of the proposed location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The applicant will pay a fee of \$2,330.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning and Development Department recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

Sheriff's Office recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

NOTE: The staff report includes information available approximately two (2) weeks prior to the Public Services Committee meeting. It represents an evaluation of the facts presented by the applicant; research done by staff, and consideration of the relevant factors in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the Alcohol Ordinance of Augusta, Georgia. New facts may emerge, and staff reserve the right to make an oral recommendation at the hearing based on all information available at that time.