

## AN ORDINANCE

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An Ordinance amending Sections 3-1 (mm) and 3-12(e) of the Columbus Code pertaining to the various regulations pertaining to on-premises alcohol consumption; and for other purposes.

### SECTION 1.

Section 3-1 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking the existing paragraph (m)(m) and replacing it with a new paragraph (mm) which shall read as follows:

#### **“Sec. 3-1. Definitions**

**(mm)** Food hall means a location holding a license which allows wine, malt beverage, and or mixed drink sales for consumption on the premises at a location which has as its primary purpose the provision of a common area for the consumption of foods prepared by multiple food vendors on the premises. Food hall licenses shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) A food hall shall be an enclosed premises consisting of at least 10,000 and no more than 25,000 square feet including indoor and outdoor seating areas.
- (2) A food hall shall have at least two licensees with stalls dispensing prepared food and common areas which provide seating for at least 100 customers at tables to consume the food.
- (3) The owner or manager of the food hall shall obtain a food hall license for the entire premises, and may designate not more than one, wine and/or malt beverage concessionaire who shall apply for an on-premises wine, malt beverage and/ or liquor license which shall allow the on-premises sale of wine and malt-beverages and mixed drinks so long as 50 percent or more of the gross sales for all food hall licensees and the wine and/or malt beverage concessionaire is attributable to the sale off food.
- (4) Any outside seating areas shall be fenced off in accordance with Columbus Code [Section 3-12\(l\)](#) and any exit from the outside seating area will be marked with a sign indicating that alcoholic beverages will not be allowed past that point. Provisions of Columbus Code [Section 3-12\(l\)](#) requiring access only through the primary building of the licensed premises shall not apply to a food hall.
- (5) Wine, malt beverages, and mixed drinks may only be sold in the food hall during hours when food licensees are open for business. Sunday hours for on-premises wine and malt beverage sales will not exceed those set for eating establishments in Columbus Code [Section 3-13](#). All other time restrictions pertaining to the hours of operation for on-premises establishments set forth in Columbus Code [Section 3-12\(f\)](#) will also be enforced.
- (6) Nothing herein shall prevent the licensed beer and/or wine concessionaire from also obtaining an off-premise license for the sale of wine and/or beer at the same location provided that the requirements of an off-premises license are met.”

### SECTION 2.

Section 3-1 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking the existing paragraph (e) and replacing it with a new paragraph (e) which shall read as follows:

“(e) Licensees shall not permit the sale of liquors by the bottle or package except at a city owned facility, but wines or malt beverages may be sold by the bottle for on-premises consumption. ”

### SECTION 3.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 13th day of May 2025; and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting ____.
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Councilor Chambers	voting ____.
Councilor Cogle	voting ____.
Councilor Crabb	voting ____.
Councilor Davis	voting ____.
Councilor Garrett	voting ____.
Councilor Hickey	voting ____.
Councilor Huff	voting ____.
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