
Sec. 3-1. Definitions

(mm) Food hall means a location holding a license which allows wine, ~~and/or~~ 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, ~~and/or~~ 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, ~~and~~ 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.

Sec. 3-12. Regulations for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises— Generally.

- (a) Reserved.
- (b) The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption by persons in any back room or side room which is not open to general public use is prohibited, except that private parties or conventions which have been scheduled in advance may be served in public or private dining rooms or meeting rooms, and provided further that this prohibition shall not apply to private clubs or senior living facilities as defined hereunder nor to the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption hereunder to the registered guests of any hotel or motel or residents of the senior living facilities in their designated rooms or apartments. Provided further, that a resident of a senior living facility as defined under section 3-1(nn) may transport alcoholic beverages from such residence to any part of such facility where alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed.

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- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person except a wholesaler to carry into premises licensed for mixed drinks or to have in his possession on any premises licensed for mixed drinks any alcoholic beverage in the original package, the seal of which has been broken or the original package opened; provided, however, the trade and convention center, and civic center may grant exceptions to the provisions hereof where such grant of exception is made in writing.
- (d) Reserved.
- (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.
- (f) Licensees are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for a period of three hours immediately following 11:55 p.m. on Saturdays; on Tuesday through Saturday licensees shall not sell and businesses shall not allow alcoholic beverages to be brought or consumed on the premises between the hours of 2:55 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., and on Mondays licensees shall not allow alcoholic beverages to be sold or brought on the premises between 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m.; but whenever New Year's Day does not fall on Sunday licensees are allowed to sell alcoholic beverages until 4:00 a.m. on New Year's Day; no customer shall be permitted to remain on the premises for more than 20 minutes after the close of sales. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the operation of a bowling center during the prohibited hours so long as alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or consumed during the prohibited hours.
- (g) It shall be illegal for licensees to add to the contents of a bottle or to refill empty bottles or in any other manner to misrepresent the quantity, quality or brand name of any alcoholic beverage.
- (h) All licensees, except clubs, shall maintain their current prices of mixed drinks and alcoholic beverages, the amount of liquor to be served in each drink, and minimum, admission and cover charges and the same shall be made available at the request of any law enforcement officer.
- (i) All on-premises alcoholic beverage licensees may sell any alcoholic beverage covered by their on-premises license outside of the licensed premises for catering services to conventions, conferences, sales meetings, seminars, banquet groups, cultural events, private parties or other events where the sale of alcoholic beverages is allowed with written permission from the city manager. An additional rental fee of ten percent of the gross receipts received by the caterer shall be paid by the caterer to the Revenue Division of Columbus, Georgia for events held on any public right-of-way.
- (j) No person shall hold a license hereunder who also has any direct financial interest in any wholesale alcoholic beverage business. No financial aid or assistance to any licensee hereunder from any wholesaler or manufacturer of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted.
- (k) The management of on-premises businesses shall maintain a copy of this section on such premises and shall instruct each and every employee of the terms thereof.
- (l) Patios and decks shall be connected to the primary building of the licensed premises. They shall be bordered by a fence or enclosure no less than three feet high with access gained only through the interior area of the primary building. Nothing contained herein shall be read to limit compliance with the fire code.

(Ord. No. 78-117, 10-17-78; Ord. No. 80-106, § 1, 8-26-80; Ord. No. 80-147, § 1, 12-23-80; Ord. No. 81-146, § 2, 12-22-81; Ord. No. 85-80, 7-9-85; Ord. No. 86-39, § 1, 4-22-86; Ord. No. 95-99, §§ 13-20, 10-10-95; Ord. No. 99-92, § 16, 12-14-99; Ord. No. 00-26, §§ 18—20, 3-7-00; Ord. No. 04-1, § 10, 1-6-04; Ord. No. 09-10, § 1, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 11-58, § 1, 11-8-11; Ord. No. 20-038, § 3, 8-11-20; Ord. No. 23-058, § 1, 11-14-23)