

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-2342

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE**
2 **PRESENCE OF MINORS IN BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;**
3 **REPEALING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-5 OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY CODE OF**
4 **ORDINANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR CODIFICATION**
5 **OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT;**
6 **PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

7 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 6, Section 6-5 of the City of Lake City (the “City”) Code of Ordinances (the
8 “Code”) prohibits a person licensed by the State of Florida, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and
9 Tobacco (a “Licensee”) from selling alcoholic beverages on such licensed premises while a person
10 under the age of twenty-one (21) years is present on such premises; and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is now common for restaurants and other eating establishments to provide food and
12 other amenities to people under the age of twenty-one (21) years, including children
13 accompanied by parents, while also serving alcohol to others twenty-one (21) years of age and
14 older in such establishment; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 6, Section 6-5 of the Code has not been enforced by the law enforcement
16 authorities in the City at any time in recent memory; and

17 **WHEREAS**, state statutes and regulations permit establishments which serve alcohol to examine
18 their risks and to self-regulate the age of those who are permitted on their premises while alcohol
19 is served to those of a legal age to purchase it; and

20 **WHEREAS**, repealing Chapter 6, Section 6-5 of the Code would align the Code with current social,
21 economic, and law enforcement practices; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to repeal Chapter 6, Section 6-5 of the Code in its entirety;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City Council, being fully advised of the facts and circumstances recited herein
25 hereby finds and determines the repeal of Chapter 6, Section 6-5 of the Code to be in the interests
26 of the general welfare and the interests of the public:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-5. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA IS REPEALED AND AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

~~Sec. 6-5. – Persons under 21 on premises.~~ [Reserved]

~~No person licensed under the division to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises shall permit persons under 21 years of age to go in or remain on the premises of such place of business even though accompanied by an adult person.~~

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION

It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Lake City that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake City, Florida. The Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word “Ordinance” may be changed to “Section”, “Article” or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention. The correction of typographical errors which do not affect the intent or substance of the ordinance may be authorized by the City Clerk or the City Clerk’s designee with the consent of the City Attorney without public hearing, by filing a corrected or re-codified copy of the same with the City.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent they conflict with this Ordinance, repealed.

SECTION 4. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

It is the declared intent of the City Council of the City of Lake City that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be valid.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

APPROVED, UPON THE FIRST READING, by the City Council of the City of Lake City at a regular meeting, on the ____ day of October, 2025.

PUBLICLY NOTICED, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lake City, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of Lake City, Florida on the ____ day of October, 2025.

APPROVED UPON THE SECOND READING, AND ADOPTED ON FINAL PASSAGE, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of Lake City, Florida, at a regularly scheduled meeting this ____ day of October, 2025.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

Noah E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Clay Martin, City Attorney