

ORDINANCE _____

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA REGARDING ALCOHOL REGULATIONS TO UPDATE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND CONTAINERS INSIDE THE PERMITTED AREA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia hereby ordains that the Code of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia shall be amended as follows:

Section 1:

That subsection 4-70(B)(3) related to outdoor special event permits, is hereby amended by deleting subsection (a)(8) in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

- (3) Outdoor special event permit.
 - a. This subsection shall apply to all events except those exempted by (ii) below. Outside in an area clearly marked for identification as an outdoor alcohol drinking area pursuant to a special event permit issued by Mayor and Council to allow consumption outside of a licensed establishment. Only establishments licensed and properly permitted by the State shall be eligible for special event permit and license under this subsection. The license shall be granted for a maximum of five consecutive days (provided the state issues a permit) and shall be governed by all of the other rules and regulations of the City as if the alcohol was being dispensed within an establishment licensed by the City for sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises. A permit fee of \$1.00 per square foot or \$2,000.00, whichever is greater, shall be charged per event payable at the time of issuance of the permit. The applicant shall be required to provide adequate security officers for the event as established by the Mayor and Council at the expense of the applicant. Security officers shall be off duty Police Officers or Sheriff's deputies from the County or one of its municipalities.
 - b. This subsection shall apply only in the case of an event sponsored by the City. Outside in an area clearly marked for identification as an outdoor alcohol drinking area pursuant to a special event permit issued by the City Manager to allow consumption outside of a licensed establishment. Only establishments licensed and properly permitted by the State shall be eligible for special event permit and license under this subsection. An application fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted with the special event application. The license shall be granted for a maximum of five consecutive days (provided the state issues a permit) and shall be governed

by all of the other rules and regulations of the City as if the alcohol was being dispensed within an establishment licensed by the City for sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises;

Section 2:

That subsection 4-71(b) related to dispensing and drinking alcohol, is hereby amended by deleting subsection 4-71(b) in its entirety and replacing the language to read as follows:

- (b) The following additional regulations shall apply to dispensing and drinking alcohol pursuant to the exceptions set forth in subsection 4-70(b)(3) and shall be made conditions of each special event permit issued for such exceptions:
- (1) *Two drink limit.* Any establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises is authorized to dispense an alcoholic beverage in a paper or plastic cup or aluminum container, for removal from the premises; provided, however, that no establishment shall dispense to any person more than two such alcoholic beverages at a time and provided the alcohol is consumed in the area specified in the special event permit granted in subsection 4-70(b)(3).
 - (2) *Size limitation.* No container in which an alcoholic beverage is dispensed or served pursuant to subsection 4-70(b)(3) shall exceed 16 fluid ounces in size; provided, however, that beer or a malt beverage may be dispensed or served in a container up to but not exceeding 24 fluid ounces in size. No person shall hold in possession within the defined area any open alcoholic beverage container which exceeds 16 fluid ounces in size, except for a container of beer or a malt beverage which shall not exceed 24 fluid ounces in size.
 - (3) *Drinking from glass prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or attempt to drink any alcoholic beverage from a glass container or to possess in a glass container any alcoholic beverage outside the defined area.
 - (4) *Commemorative Ceramic Mug:* It shall be permitted in the defined area to drink from a mug made of ceramic material, created to honor, celebrate or remember the event. The mug should serve as a keepsake for individuals attending the event.
 - (54) *Drinking outside the designated area.* It shall be a violation of this article to take an alcoholic beverage served in the designated area outside of the designated area for any reason.
 - (6) *Hours and days.* It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, distribute, or consume alcoholic beverages outside of the hours of sale provisions contained in this article.

Section 3:

All ordinances, regulations, or parts of the same in conflict with this ordinance are hereby rescinded to the extent of said conflict and only to the extent of said conflict.

Section 4:

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5:

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

IT IS SO ORDAINED this 28th day of July, 2025.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk