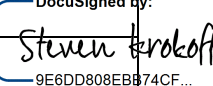




AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE:	April 13, 2026	Regular	<small>DocuSigned by:</small>  <small>9E6DD808EBB74CF...</small>
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager	Steven Krokoff, City Manager	
SECTION OF AGENDA:	First Presentation	April 13, 2026	
	Unfinished Business	April 27, 2026	
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 of the City of Milton Code of Ordinances Regarding Alcoholic Beverages and Associated Fees in Appendix A.		
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:	Council action is needed to amend Chapter 4, so the City’s alcohol regulations and associated fee provisions remain clear, internally consistent, operationally enforceable, and aligned with current state law and recent local policy direction. The proposed ordinance also addresses practical regulatory gaps and administrative issues identified through implementation of the current code.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	No Substantive Impact		
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the City of Milton Code of Ordinances related to alcoholic beverages, along with associated fee revisions in Appendix A, and authorize the Mayor to execute the ordinance in substantially final form approved by the City Attorney.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed ordinance updates Chapter 4 of the City Code to clarify and refine several alcohol-related provisions and to revise associated fees in Appendix A. One of the most significant changes is the restructuring of the City’s temporary alcoholic beverage license process.

The amendment shifts that process from an undue-hardship model to a more straightforward expedited administrative process intended to help qualified applicants open shortly after completing required inspections, while making clear that issuance of a temporary license does not guarantee City Council approval of a permanent license.

The ordinance also clarifies the related fee structure in a manner intended to eliminate ambiguity, better align fees with the review being requested, and help applicants avoid unnecessary expense or confusion. In addition, the ordinance reorganizes the distance requirement section for clarity, strengthens operational standards for BYOB establishments, allows limited tap establishments to serve wine subject to stated limitations, authorizes farm wineries to sell certain malt beverages for on-premises consumption under specified conditions, and makes related code cleanup and cross-reference corrections.



Staff recommend approval because the ordinance provides a clearer, more administrable, and more transparent framework for alcohol licensing and regulation in the City.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Chapter 4 was comprehensively reenacted in October 2022, with subsequent amendments including a March 2023 ordinance and the August 2025 repeal of the former limited food service restaurant license section. The attached redline reflects a new round of amendments that build on that framework rather than replacing the chapter in full. The proposed ordinance also revises associated fees in Appendix A to better match the updated licensing framework, particularly as it relates to temporary licenses and expedited review.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Staff's review indicates that the proposed ordinance serves two primary purposes. First, it clarifies and modernizes portions of Chapter 4 that would benefit from more precise structure and operational standards. Second, it advances targeted policy and administrative adjustments that support compliant business activity while preserving the City's regulatory controls.

One of the most important changes is the revision to the City's temporary alcoholic beverage license process. Under the current code, temporary licenses are tied in part to a showing of undue hardship. The proposed amendment replaces that standard with a more objective expedited administrative process intended to allow qualified applicants to begin operating shortly after passing required inspections. The revised language also makes clear that a temporary license is transitional in nature and does not guarantee final approval of a permanent license by the City Council.

The ordinance also improves clarity around licensing fees. By more clearly distinguishing between the fees associated with temporary licensure, expedited review, and the permanent license application, the ordinance reduces ambiguity for applicants and creates a more transparent process. Staff believe this change will help applicants better understand what is required, why those fees apply, and how to avoid unnecessary expenses associated with unclear or overlapping processing expectations. This is particularly important for applicants seeking to open late in the calendar year, when fee timing and structure can otherwise create confusion.

Another significant change is the restructuring of Section 4-22 regarding distance requirements. The proposed language separates package sales distance restrictions from on-premises consumption restrictions, expressly states that Milton does not impose additional discretionary on-premises distance requirements beyond those mandated by state law, and clarifies how establishments with both package and on-premises sales privileges must comply. These revisions improve readability and administration without changing the City's existing substantive distance standards.

The ordinance also substantially reorganizes the BYOB section. While it retains the basic concept of where BYOB may occur, it establishes a more formal operational framework by clearly stating permitted hours, including Sunday hours, and by requiring submission of a written BYOB policy with the application. It also adds a clear on-site supervision requirement so that whenever alcohol is being consumed under a BYOB license, the licensee, licensee agent, or a permitted manager must be physically present to supervise the premises, check identification, monitor intoxication, and ensure proper disposal of beverages. Staff believe these changes strengthen accountability and enforceability.

The limited tap license provisions are also expanded. The revisions expand on the current permitted offerings so that limited tap establishments may offer wine in addition to craft beer, retain the five-tap limitation, add an 18-ounce wine consumption limit, and require these establishments to offer at least one qualifying local Milton

product or, if unavailable through a wholesaler, one product produced within 100 miles in the relevant category. Sunday sales remain prohibited for limited tap establishments. These revisions are intended to support local producers and manufacturers while preserving the limited nature of the license type.

For farm wineries, the proposed amendment authorizes the on-premises sale of malt beverages produced by a licensed Georgia microbrewery, brewery, or brewpub, provided those beverages are purchased from a licensed wholesaler. It also requires a local Milton product offering if malt beverages are sold, with a 100-mile fallback if a Milton product is not available through a wholesaler. Staff view this as a targeted economic development and local product support measure that remains appropriately bounded by the conditions set forth in the ordinance.

Finally, the ordinance includes housekeeping and consistency edits, such as updated references to the Unified Development Code and continued removal of obsolete language associated with the former limited food service restaurant license. These changes improve readability, consistency, and overall code administration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Total cost: No direct capital or operating expenditure is created by the ordinance itself. Some applicant-facing compliance obligations and temporary-license-related fees may change under the revised structure.

Current-year impact: No direct impact to the City's operating budget. There may be a minor reduction in revenue associated with certain late-in-the-year applications, but staff expect any such impact to be de minimis.

Future or ongoing impact: Minimal administrative impact associated with implementation, interpretation, and enforcement by Community Development, Police, and related staff.

Cost comparison: The revised fee structure is intended to provide greater clarity, reduce ambiguity in the licensing process, and help applicants avoid unnecessary expense associated with unclear or overlapping fee expectations.

Risk of delay or denial: Retaining the current code language may preserve ambiguity in administration, leave some operational expectations less clearly defined, and delay policy and process improvements intended to better align the City's code with current practice and state law.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Option 1: Approve the ordinance as presented. This is the staff recommendation because it advances the proposed policy, operational, and administrative improvements in one coordinated amendment package.

Option 2: Approve the ordinance with revisions. Council may wish to direct targeted changes to specific provisions, such as temporary-license procedures, local product requirements, or limited tap or farm winery restrictions, before final adoption.

Option 3: Decline to approve the ordinance at this time. This would leave the current Chapter 4 language and fee structure in place and delay the clarifications and policy adjustments reflected in the redline.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS:

The ordinance has legal significance because it modifies licensing standards, operational requirements, fee provisions, and language code governing alcohol-related uses. The proposed revisions reference state-law authority in several areas, including distance requirements under O.C.G.A. § 3-3-21 and farm winery provisions tied to Georgia

law. The ordinance also updates cross-references to the Unified Development Code and refines standards that staff will apply in reviewing and enforcing licenses.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT:

If adopted, staff will administer the revised standards through the City's licensing and enforcement processes. Operationally, the clearest impacts are likely to be on administration of temporary licenses, including application review, fee collection, inspection coordination, and extension requests, as well as review of BYOB applications and policies, verification of supervisory compliance, and administration of modified limited tap and farm winery provisions. Over time, the ordinance should improve consistency and efficiency in staff review and provide clearer expectations for applicants and licensees.

Limited tap amendments will necessitate an amendment to Sec. 8.5.13.F of the Unified Development Code that permits the sale of malt beverages as outlined in the adopted code.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER IMPACT:

The principal stakeholders are existing and prospective alcohol license holders, including BYOB establishments, limited tap businesses, farm wineries, and applicants seeking temporary operating authority, as well as nearby residents affected by how these uses operate. Likely benefits include clearer rules, more predictable administration, stronger BYOB safeguards, a more transparent temporary-license process, and additional opportunities to support local Milton beverage producers. Likely concerns may include the practical effect of new operational requirements, revised fee expectations, local product availability requirements, and any perceived expansion of alcohol-related activity at licensed establishments.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

The proposed ordinance aligns with the City's interest in maintaining clear, enforceable regulations, supporting appropriate business activity, preserving community standards, and keeping the Code internally consistent with current land use and licensing frameworks. It also supports sound governance by updating the City's alcohol regulations in a deliberate and targeted manner. Finally, the proposed ordinance aligns with the City's economic development strategies by supporting and cross-pollinating Milton's small businesses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 4 and associated fees in Appendix A. The most significant practical effect of the ordinance is the revision of the temporary alcoholic beverage license process, which would provide a clearer and more administrable pathway for qualified applicants to begin operating after passing required inspections while preserving Council's authority over permanent-license approvals. The ordinance also clarifies the related fee structure in a way that reduces ambiguity and helps applicants avoid unnecessary expense, strengthens operational controls in areas such as BYOB supervision, improves clarity in the distance requirement section, makes targeted policy adjustments related to limited tap establishments and farm wineries, and cleans up outdated or inconsistent code references. Overall, staff believe the ordinance provides a clearer, more transparent, and more workable framework for alcohol licensing and regulation in the City.

REVIEWS & APPROVALS:

Financial Review: Stacey Inglis, Deputy City Manager – April 8, 2026
Legal Review: In process

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Concurrent Review: Stacey Inglis, Deputy City Manager

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Chapter 4 Alcoholic Beverages Redlined Ordinance Draft.
2. Appendix A Fee Revisions
3. Proposed Ordinance

Chapter 4 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES¹

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 4-1. Purposes.

- (a) Purposes. This chapter is adopted as part of a comprehensive plan designed for the purposes, among others, of:
- (1) Promoting the health and general welfare of the community;
 - (2) Establishing reasonable and ascertainable standards for the regulation and control of the licensing and sales of alcoholic beverages;
 - (3) Protecting and preserving schools and churches; and
 - (4) Giving effect to land use and preserving certain residential areas, with reasonable consideration being given to, among other factors, the character of the areas and their peculiar suitability for particular uses, the congestion in the roads and streets, and the promotion of desirable living conditions and sustained stability of neighborhoods and property values.
- (b) Because the purposes of this chapter are not advanced when alcoholic beverages are provided to the general public under an appearance that such alcoholic beverages are not being sold but are being given away as part of a business operation or other activity, any person providing alcoholic beverages to the general public, whether for sale or otherwise, must be licensed by the city.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-2. Definitions.

- (a) Unless a contrary intention is clearly apparent from the context, any term used in this chapter shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable provision of the Georgia Alcoholic Beverage Code (O.C.G.A. § 3-1-1 et seq., as amended) or the Georgia Department of Revenue Regulations (Ga. Comp. R. and Reg. § 560-2-1 et seq., as amended). Any terms used in this chapter not specifically defined herein shall be defined as set forth by state law or the department of revenue regulations.
- (b) As used in this chapter, the singular and the plural shall each include the other, the masculine and feminine shall each include the other, and any verb tense may include any other verb tense.
- (c) As used in this chapter the term "may" is permissive and the term "shall" is mandatory.

¹Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), adopted October 17, 2022 repealed the former chapter 4, §§ 4-1—4-4, 4-10—4-16, 4-20—4-25, 4-30—4-35, 4-40—4-43, 4-50—4-52, 4-60—4-64, 4-70—4-72, 4-76, 4-77, 4-84—4-101, 4-106—4-109, 4-116—4-118, 4-125—4-133, 4-140—4-142, 4-150—4-158, 4-160—4-163, 4-170—4-173, 4-180—4-186, 4-190—4-194 and 4-200—4-202, and enacted a new chapter 4 as set out herein. The former chapter 4 pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. No. 20-12-462, adopted December 21, 2020.

(d) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Adult entertainment and *adult entertainment establishment* shall have the same meanings as set forth in [section 64-1 the Unified Development Code of the City of Milton, Georgia](#). Adult entertainment establishments are prohibited from holding an alcoholic beverage license in the city.

Alcohol means ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirits of wine, from whatever source or by whatever process produced.

Alcoholic consumable means any product intended for human consumption that contains any measurable amount of alcohol as defined in this section, regardless of whether such consumable is in liquid or solid form. Alcohol consumables will be regulated by the city and shall be deemed to be included in any reference to any type of alcoholic beverage.

Alcoholic beverage means and includes all alcohol, malt beverages, wine, or distilled spirits intended for human consumption. Any reference to alcoholic beverages in this chapter shall be deemed to include alcoholic consumables, regardless of whether such consumables are in liquid or solid form.

Alcoholic beverage caterer means any standard on-premises consumption retailer or off-premises package retailer properly licensed to provide alcohol for consumption at private functions on private property, public functions on private property, at city sponsored events, at special events, or at special events facilities.

Ancillary tasting license means a license that is available to the holder of a retail package license that allows for on-premises tastings under limited conditions as provided for in this chapter.

Applicant means the person, partner, firm, or corporation, as owner, or other entity (individually or collectively) making the application for the alcohol license, whether compensated or not. The term "applicant" shall include a licensee agent.

Bar means an establishment whose primary business is the provision of alcoholic beverages and not the consumption of food. A place that derives 75 percent or more total annual gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises and does not meet the definition of any other establishment qualified to hold a license under this chapter will be presumed to be a bar. Bars are specifically prohibited in the city. This provision does not preclude a business that otherwise qualifies as an eating establishment or restaurant from including the word "bar" in its name, provided that the name must also be indicative of food service, such as "Joe's Sports Bar & Grille".

Barrel, with respect to a microbrewery, means a vessel that is used to age, condition, and/or ferment malt beverages which is 31 gallons or such other size authorized by the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau ("TTB").

Barrel, with respect to a microdistillery, means a vessel that is used to age/condition/ferment distilled spirits; a standard unit of measure is 53 gallons.

Brewer means a manufacturer of malt beverages, cider and/or similar alcoholic beverages.

Brewpub means any brewer that also qualifies as an eating establishment as defined in this chapter in which malt beverages, wine, and/or distilled spirits may be licensed to be sold for consumption on-premises and malt beverages and wine may be sold by the package for off-premises consumption. Malt beverages manufactured or brewed on-premises shall be limited to 5,000 barrels per calendar year, of which no more than 5,000 barrels may be sold to licensed wholesale dealers.

Bring your own beverage (BYOB) license means a license issued for any place of business open to the public or any private club that allows guests, patrons or members to bring their own beer and/or wine onto the premises for the guests' consumption. A BYOB license may be issued to establishments that hold a standard consumption

on-premises licenses as well as to approved establishments that are not licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

Building code means and includes all building, plumbing and electrical codes and any similar technical code of the city.

Building official means the building official of the city as such position presently exists, or by whatever name the position may be designated in the future. The term building official will also be deemed to include any designee of the building official.

Catered event means an event where alcoholic beverages will be sold/served by a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer or nonprofit organization and does not meet the threshold of a special event as defined in chapter 34 of the Milton Code of Ordinances.

Chief of police means the chief of police of the city as such position presently exists, or by whatever name the position may be designated in the future. The term chief of police will also be deemed to include any designee of the chief of police.

Church means any place of permanent public religious worship and shall exist if a building permit therefore has been obtained and construction of the church building has commenced or substantial materials, or supplies for its construction, have been moved to the site.

City means the City of Milton, and when used in a geographical sense, means the territorial limits of the City of Milton.

City manager means the city manager as such position presently exists, or by whatever name the position may be designated in the future. The term city manager will also be deemed to include any designee of the city manager.

College means only those state, county, city, church, or other higher education institutions that teach the subjects commonly taught in the common colleges of this state and shall not include private colleges where only specialized subjects such as law, stenography, business, music, art, medicine, dentistry, vocational occupations, and other special subjects are taught.

Conviction means adjudication of guilt, plea of guilty, plea of nolo contendere or the forfeiture of a bond when charged with a crime, but shall not include a discharge under provisions of the State of Georgia First Offender Act.

County means Fulton County, Georgia, and, when used in a geographical sense, means the territorial limits of Fulton County, Georgia.

Craft beer means a malt beverage brewed by an independent brewer with annual production not exceeding 6,000,000 barrels.

Craft beer and/or wine market means a retail establishment whose primary purpose must be the sale of craft beers and/or wine for consumption off-premises in conjunction with the sale of prepared food and/or groceries. Sales of craft beers and wines may be for consumption on-premises and/or by the package.

Distance means the distance requirements, as prescribed by state law, for the sale of alcoholic beverages and the manner in which distances are measured.

Distilled spirits, liquor, or spirituous liquor means any alcoholic beverage obtained by distillation or containing more than 24 percent alcohol by volume, including, but not limited to, all fortified wines. Any reference to distilled spirits, liquor, or spirituous liquor shall be deemed to include alcoholic consumables that contain distilled spirits or spirituous liquor. The terms distilled spirits, liquor, or spirituous liquor, when used in this chapter, shall all carry the same meaning.

Distiller means a manufacturer of distilled spirits.

Eating establishment means an establishment which may be licensed to sell distilled spirits, malt beverages, or wines and which derives at least 50 percent of its total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared meals or food. Provided, however, that when determining the total annual gross food and beverage sales for a brewpub, barrels of malt beverages sold to licensed wholesale dealers or to the public for consumption off the premises shall not be used.

Employee means any person acting in the capacity of a server, waiter, waitress, cashier, or clerk at the business of an alcohol license holder wherein the person's job function requires that they engage in sales transactions involving alcohol. The licensee shall be deemed an employee of the permitted business.

Entertainment or live entertainment means music, comedy, readings, dancing, acting, organized fighting, or other entertainment, excluding adult entertainment, performed on the premises of a licensed establishment. This classification includes dancing by patrons to live or recorded music.

Events facility or Special events facility shall have the same meaning as "assembly hall" or "rural or agricultural event facility" as set forth in ~~chapter 64 of the Milton Code of Ordinances~~ [the Unified Development Code of the City of Milton, Georgia](#). For the purposes of this chapter, an events facility must be available to public or private groups of persons for monetary consideration on a rental fee, percentage, or similar basis, be used primarily for special occasions, including but not limited to, receptions, meetings, banquets, conventions, parties, catered events or similar gatherings. The establishment must be open to or attended by invited or selected guests. Any establishment licensed as an events facility shall not provide adult entertainment either regularly or occasionally; nor shall any such establishment operate as a bar or nightclub.

Farm winery or Georgia Farm Winery shall have the same meaning as set forth by state law. Provided that a license is issued as required by the state and under this chapter, a farm winery licensed by the city, and in compliance with all provisions of ~~chapter 64 of the Milton Code of Ordinances~~, [the Unified Development Code of the City of Milton, Georgia](#) is authorized to sell Georgia wine at its premises by the package or for consumption on-premises [and malt beverages produced by Georgia microbreweries, breweries, and brewpubs for on-premises consumption](#) as authorized by Georgia law.

Fire marshal means the fire marshal of the city, as such position presently exists, or by whatever name the position may be designated in the future. The term fire marshal will also be deemed to include any designee of the fire marshal.

Food caterer means any person that prepares food for consumption off the food caterer's premises.

Full-service kitchen means a kitchen that consists of a commercial sink, a permanently installed stove, grill or other similar heating device that adequately and completely cooks prepared meals, and a refrigerator. Said kitchen must be approved by the county health department and city fire marshal.

Golf course means a golf facility consisting of a clubhouse or a professional golf shop and a regulation or executive length golf course of at least nine holes, as recognized by the United States Golf Association, the Professional Golfers Association of America, and the Georgia State Golf Association. The term "golf course" does not include miniature golf.

Groceries or grocery means saleable food products including meats, dairy, vegetables, fruit, dry good, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Grocery store means a retail establishment which has a total retail floor space of at least 10,000 square feet of which at least 85 percent is reserved for the sale of food and other nonalcoholic items, conducts all of its sales inside the building containing its retail floor space, and meets such other criteria as may be required by the local governing authority of the county or city.

Growler means a glass, ceramic, or metal container not to exceed 64 ounces that is filled by a licensee or employee of a licensee with craft beer from a keg and securely sealed for off-premises consumption.

Hotel as applied in this chapter means any hotel, inn, or other establishment which offers overnight accommodations to the public consisting of 50 or more rooms used for sleeping accommodations for guests or patrons for adequate pay for fewer than 30 days. The establishment must contain one or more public dining rooms with adequate and sanitary full-service kitchen facilities as defined in this section. A hotel may consist of a single building or two or more buildings located on the same premises and used in connections with the hotel operation.

Housing authority property means any property containing 300 housing units or fewer owned or operated by a housing authority created by Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 8, the "Housing Authorities Law."

Incidental service license means an on-premises alcoholic beverage license for an establishment that does not sell food that was prepared on the premises and does not charge for any alcoholic beverage. An establishment that holds an incidental service license is limited to wine and malt beverages; and is prohibited from allowing any individual to consume more than 16 ounces of wine or 24 ounces of malt beverages on premises in a calendar day. The amount of money spent on alcoholic beverages by such establishment shall not exceed two percent of gross receipts (gross receipts shall have the same meaning as provided in chapter 12).

Interest means any pecuniary interest and any ownership interest, whether present or future, whole or partial, legal or beneficial, contingent or vested, direct or indirect, and any right, power, or authority of control.

License means the authorization by the governing authority of the city to engage in the sale, consumption, or provision of alcoholic beverages as provided in this chapter. Where required by context, the word "license" includes a permit issued for a specific event or activity.

Licensee means a person, real or artificial, to whom a license is issued, or, in the case of a partnership or corporation, the term includes both the partnership or the corporation and the individual designated by such legal entity to serve as its license representative.

Licensee agent means an individual person designated by a partnership or corporation to act as its representative/applicant and on its behalf on all matters related to the alcohol license. A licensee agent must have sufficient involvement with the partnership or corporation to have supervisory authority over the day-to-day operations of the licensed premises. For the purposes of this chapter, any reference to the term applicant or licensee also includes the licensee agent.

~~*Limited food service restaurant* means any establishment that meets all of the requirements of a restaurant but does not meet the requirements of an eating establishment. A limited food service restaurant must derive at least 30 percent of its total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared meals or food.~~

Limited tap license means an on-premises alcoholic beverage license for an establishment that does not sell food prepared on the premises and that provides a limited selection of craft beer on tap ~~and wine for consumption~~for consumption on premises only. An establishment with a limited tap license is limited to having five or fewer malt beverage taps. Establishments with a limited tap license must limit consumption for any individual to a maximum of 48 ounces of malt beverages and 18 ounces of wine within a calendar day and must obtain approval from the fire marshal and building official in accordance with applicable codes.

Liter means the metric measurement currently used by the United States.

Live entertainment or entertainment means music, comedy, readings, dancing, acting, organized fighting, or other entertainment, excluding adult entertainment, performed on the premises of a licensed establishment. This classification includes dancing by patrons to live or recorded music.

Major shareholder means a person that owns or controls a 20 percent or more interest in a business establishment.

Malt beverage means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other similar product or any combination of such products in water, containing not more than 14 percent alcohol by volume and including ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small beer, and strong beer. The term does not include sake, also known as Japanese rice wine, which shares a similar manufacturing process to

malt beverages but which typically has more than 14 percent of alcohol by volume. The term malt beverage is used interchangeably with beer. Throughout this chapter, any reference to malt beverage shall be deemed to include beer and/or alcoholic consumables that contain malt beverages.

Manufacturer means any maker, producer, or bottler of an alcoholic beverage. The term "manufacturer" also means:

- (1) In the case of distilled spirits, any person engaged in distilling, rectifying, or blending any distilled spirits; provided that a vintner that blends wine and distilled spirits to produce a fortified wine shall not be considered a manufacturer of distilled spirits; but will be considered a vintner;
- (2) In the case of malt beverages, any brewer; and
- (3) In the case of wine, any vintner.

Microbrewery means a small-scale malt beverage manufacturing facility in which malt beverages manufactured on-premises or at another of the brewer's licensed premises under common ownership as defined in O.C.G.A. § 3-5-24.1 may be sold for consumption on-premises or by the package for off-premises consumption. Malt beverages manufactured or brewed on-premises shall be limited to 3,000 barrels per calendar year, of which no more than 6,000 barrels may be sold at retail for on premises consumption or by the package for off-premises consumption.

Microdistillery means a small-scale distilled spirit manufacturing facility in which distilled spirits manufactured on-premises or at another of the distiller's licensed premises as defined in O.C.G.A. § 3-4-24.2 may be sold for consumption on-premises or by the package for off-premises consumption. Distilled spirits manufactured or distilled on-premises shall be limited to 3,000 barrels per calendar year, of which no more than 750 barrels may be sold at retail for on premises consumption or by the package for off-premises consumption.

Moral turpitude means, in relation to a criminal offense, a crime that is contrary to justice, honesty, modesty, good morals, or a person's duty to other people. Misdemeanors that are crimes of moral turpitude for the purpose of this chapter include, but are not limited to, theft, bad checks, shoplifting, making terroristic threats, giving a false name to a police officer, false swearing, forgery, fraud, and extortion.

Nightclub means an establishment whose primary business is the provision of alcoholic beverages and live entertainment or patron dancing and not the consumption of food. A place that derives 75 percent or more of its total annual gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises and cover charges or entry fees and does not meet the definition of any other establishment qualified to hold a license under this chapter will be presumed to be a nightclub. Nightclubs are prohibited in the city.

Nonprofit civic organization means an organization which is an exempt organization under Section 501(c) or (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Open container area means a specified area adjacent to and designated for common use by multiple eating establishments, food vendors or restaurants for their patrons. Unless otherwise provided, open container areas are restricted to the city's special districts and allow for limited outside consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Outdoor dining area means an outdoor dining space in which an on-premises licensee serves food and beverages as part of the operation of the licensed premises. Except as otherwise provided, the outdoor dining area must be located immediately adjacent to the licensed premises. An outdoor dining area may include a patio, city approved sidewalk seating, or a designated dining area within the exclusive control of the licensee, and may be separated from the licensee's premises, if at all, only by a sidewalk. No part of an outdoor dining area shall be located within any public right-of-way without permission of the city.

Outlet means the definite structure, whether a room, store, building, restaurant, or club, in which activities permitted by this chapter are conducted.

Package means a bottle, can, keg, barrel, or other original consumer container. The term "retail package alcoholic beverages" includes all alcoholic beverages in their original containers or in a growler and sold at retail to the final consumer and not for resale.

Park means any public lands owned, controlled, or operated by the city, the state, or any county of the state, in and upon which play facilities are provided for the recreation and enjoyment of the general public.

Person means any individual, firm, partnership, cooperative, nonprofit membership corporation, joint venture, association, company, corporation, agency, syndicate, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, fiduciary, legal entity, or other group or combination acting as a unit, body politic, or political subdivision, whether public, private or quasi-public.

Police department means the chief of police and any police officers.

Premises means the definite, closed, or partitioned-in location (whether room, shop, or building) wherein alcoholic beverages are sold, provided, or consumed pursuant to this chapter and in accordance with state law. Premises also includes any area (such as a sidewalk café, outdoor dining area, courtyard, or patio) immediately adjacent to the main licensed facility and located on property owned or leased by such licensee.

Prepared food or meals means food that is sold in a heated state by the seller or food with two or more ingredients mixed or combined by the seller for sale as a single item or food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller. Prepared food or meals shall not include food that is only cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the seller, and eggs, fish, meat, poultry and foods containing these raw animal foods requiring cooking by the consumer.

Registered agent means a natural person age 21 years or older and residing in Fulton County, or any county that borders Fulton County, who is designated by a licensed establishment to receive service of process on its behalf. Notice or demand required or permitted by law or under this chapter may be served upon the licensee, registered agent, or owner.

Restaurant means any public place kept, used, maintained, advertised, and held out to the public as a place where meals are actually and regularly served to patrons, without sleeping accommodations, including a cafeteria, with such place being provided with an adequate and sanitary full-service kitchen and dining room equipment, having employed therein a sufficient number and kind of employees to prepare, cook, and serve suitable food for its patrons. At least one meal per day shall be served at least six days per week, with the exception of holidays, vacations, and periods of redecorating, and the serving of those meals shall be a principal portion of the business conducted, with the serving of alcoholic beverages as only incidental thereto. The restaurant seating area must be at least 40 percent of the gross square footage of the restaurant facility. Seating space located outside of the main structure (i.e. patios, decks, etc.) shall not be included in calculating seating space. In order to be considered a "full-service" restaurant, the business must also meet the requirements of an eating establishment as defined in this chapter.

Retail package distilled spirit store means any person that sells or provides to the public distilled spirits in unbroken packages, not for consumption on premises and not for resale.

Retail package malt beverage/wine store means any person that sells or provides to the public malt beverages and/or wine in unbroken packages or growlers, not for consumption on premises and not for resale.

School, school building, or educational building for the purposes of determining distance requirements for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall mean a state, county, city, or church school building, or such buildings at such school in which are taught subjects commonly taught in the common schools and colleges of the state and which are public schools and private schools as defined in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690(b). The term "school building" includes only those structures in which instruction is offered.

Seller/server permit means an authorization granted to an individual by the city to cork, dispense, sell, serve, take orders, and/or mix alcoholic beverages in the city.

Special district has the same meaning as provided in section 4-146 of this chapter.

Special event has the same meaning as provided in chapter 34 of the Milton Code of Ordinances.

Special/catered event alcohol permit means an alcoholic beverage permit issued for a specific location for a limited amount of time and a limited number of days.

Specialty gift shop means any retail shop that deals in the sale of foods, specialty foods and gifts that derives not more than 15 percent of its gross sales from the sale of packaged gift baskets containing non-alcohol related items such as flowers, plants, food or similar items which also contain unbroken containers of malt beverages, wine, or distilled spirits.

Standard on-premises consumption retailer means any licensee holding a malt beverage/wine/distilled spirits consumption on-premises license or a malt beverage/wine consumption on-premises license.

Tap room means a place on the premises of an establishment with a manufacturer license, where the beverages manufactured on-site are offered for sale for consumption on premises.

Tasting room means an outlet for the promotion of wine produced by a Georgia Farm Winery by providing samples of such wine to the public and for the sale of such wine at retail for consumption on-premises and for sale in closed packages for consumption off-premises. Samples of wine may be given complimentary or for a fee. The tasting room must be located 50 feet from any adjacent residential property lines and no larger than 2,500 square feet in size.

Tax means the tax imposed by the city upon any dealer in alcoholic beverages for each calendar month of the year.

Temporary alcoholic beverage license means a license provided to an applicant that applies for an alcoholic beverage license, complies with the requirements set forth in this chapter, and who, in the city manager's discretion, appears to meet the criteria for receiving a license. Temporary licenses are intended to aid the applicant in opening for business within a short time after passing all required inspections. A temporary license is only valid for 90 days and may be revoked at any time.

Underage person means an individual who is less than 21 years of age.

Vendor means any establishment licensed to provide or sell alcoholic beverages at retail under this chapter.

Wholesaler or wholesale dealer means any person that sells alcoholic beverages to other wholesale dealers, off-premises retail dealers, or on-premises consumption retailers.

Wine or vinous beverage means any alcoholic beverage containing not more than 24 percent alcohol by volume made from fruits, berries, grapes, or honey either by natural fermentation or by natural fermentation with brandy added. These terms include, but are not limited to, all sparkling wines, champagnes, combinations of such beverages, vermouths, and special natural wines, rectified wines, other like products, and sake, which is an alcoholic beverage often manufactured through a process similar to that of malt beverages but produced from rice and often containing greater than 14 percent alcohol by volume. These terms do not include cooking wine mixed with salt or other ingredients so as to render it unfit for human consumption as a beverage. A liquid shall first be deemed to be a wine at the point in the manufacturing process when it conforms to this definition. Throughout this chapter, any reference to wine shall be deemed to include alcoholic consumables that contain wine.

Zoning shall mean the zoning classifications as approved for the City of Milton.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-3. Jurisdiction.

This chapter shall apply to the corporate limits of the city and outside the city limits in all territories to which the jurisdiction of the city extends.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-4. Severability.

Should any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this chapter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, be held, deemed, or construed to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions thereof or application of the provisions of this chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application and, to this end, the provisions of this chapter are hereby declared to be severable.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-5. Effective date and repealer provision.

The ordinance from which this chapter is derived shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and any and all existing or pre-existing City of Milton alcohol ordinances, amendments and resolutions are thereby repealed.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-6—4-9. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. LICENSING

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 4-10. License is a privilege.

- (a) *Granted by city council.* Alcoholic beverages may be sold, provided or consumed to or by the public in the city under a license or permit granted by the city council or its designee upon the terms and conditions provided in this chapter.
- (b) *Privilege.* All licenses in this chapter shall be a mere grant of privilege to carry on the business during the term of the license, subject to all the terms and conditions imposed by this Code and state law.
- (c) *Compliance with local, state and federal law required.* Any holder of any alcoholic beverage license issued pursuant to this chapter is required to apply for and obtain an alcoholic beverage license from the state before any sales commence. Additionally, city licensees are required to display the license prominently at all times on the premises for which the license is issued and abide by all applicable local, state, and federal regulations and laws.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-11. License requirement; prohibitions for non-licensed premises.

- (a) The manufacturing, distributing, and selling by wholesale or retail of alcoholic beverages shall not be conducted without a permit or license issued by the city.

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- (b) It shall be prohibited for any person that performs or undertakes any type of operation or activity for which an occupation tax certificate is required to keep, possess, store, sell (at wholesale or retail), to provide to others, or to allow alcoholic beverages or consumables on the premises without appropriate, valid and current state and local licenses for such alcoholic beverages and/or consumables. This prohibition shall apply without regard to whether the alcoholic beverages or consumables are intended to be provided free of charge, as a part of any promotion by the owner of the premises or operator of the business, to be given as prizes in connection with any type of contests or raffles (which is prohibited under state law), or intended to be given as bonuses or inducements offered in connection with employment or the purchase of goods and/or services.
 - (c) It shall be prohibited for any person to provide alcoholic beverages or consumables to the general public under the appearance that such alcoholic beverages or consumables are not being sold but are being given away. The sale to any member of the public of any ticket or the charging of any cover charge or fee, for admission to any event or premises where alcoholic beverages are available without further charge, as well as the sale of any ticket, stamp, token or similar item which may be redeemed or exchanged for alcoholic beverages or consumables is considered a "retail sale" of alcohol under this chapter and requires an alcoholic beverage license.
 - (d) Any owner or tenant of a location or business, as well as any individual employed by such owner, tenant or business who is present at the time when alcoholic beverages or consumables are being provided by a non-licensed premises or location as described in this section, may be charged with violating the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-12. Unlicensed sales or deliveries prohibited.

- (a) It shall be prohibited for any licensee under this chapter to make deliveries of any alcoholic beverage by the package beyond the boundaries of the premises covered by the license except as allowed by state law (O.C.G.A. § 3-3-10). Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 3-3-10, any city-issued license that allows a retailer to sell alcoholic beverages in unbroken packages for consumption off the premises shall include the right to deliver malt beverages, wine, or distilled spirits in unbroken packages lawfully sold to and purchased by an individual for personal use and not for resale, to the limited extent permitted by the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 3-3-10. Any violation of this provision may be enforced as an ordinance violation under this chapter, subject to the restrictions in O.C.G.A. § 3-3-10(h)(2).
- (b) It shall be prohibited for any licensee under this chapter to allow the sale or delivery of any alcoholic beverage by the drink to any area other than the premises covered by the license.
- (c) It shall be prohibited for unlicensed individuals to sell alcoholic beverages.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-13. Display of license required.

The city alcoholic beverage license shall at all times be kept plainly exposed to view to the public at the licensed premises.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-14. Licensee and employees to be familiar with terms.

Each alcoholic beverage dealer licensed under this chapter shall keep a copy of this chapter in the licensed premises and shall instruct any person working at the licensed premises with respect to the relevant terms of this chapter. Each licensee, the licensee's agents and employees selling alcoholic beverages shall at all times be familiar with the relevant terms of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-15. Joint responsibility.

Each partnership, corporation or entity shall be jointly responsible for the actions of its named licensee, its employees while acting in the scope of their employment, and the conduct of the licensed business.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-16. Effect on licenses held at time of adoption.

All licensees holding a valid license for the manufacture, sale or provision of alcoholic beverages issued by the city at the time of the enactment of the ordinance from which this chapter derives shall be deemed to have complied with all requirements as to application and issuance of licenses under this chapter for the year of issuance. The licensees shall, however, meet all other requirements as to regulation and control as set forth in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-17—4-19. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. QUALIFICATIONS

Sec. 4-20. Locations where permitted/prohibited.

- (a) No alcoholic beverages or consumables may be kept, possessed, stored, sold, provided, consumed, or allowed on the premises of an establishment licensed to conduct business in the city except at establishments holding an alcoholic beverage license under this chapter.
- (b) No person, entity or organization may provide alcoholic beverages or consumables to the general public, whether for sale or otherwise, without first obtaining an alcoholic beverage license under this chapter.
- (c) No license for alcoholic beverages shall be issued within the city for any establishment, event or location at which patrons are handling deadly weapons, including but not limited to, guns, knives, axes or arrows as a part of the business or event for which a permit is sought.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-21. Architectural and zoning standards.

All premises for which an alcoholic beverage license is sought or has been issued shall comply with all state and/or city ordinance requirements regarding architectural and zoning standards. Failure to comply with said

standards will subject the license to non-issuance, suspension or revocation. The city shall not be held responsible for licenses that are erroneously issued where architectural and zoning standards were not satisfied, and any fees paid by the licensee will be forfeited.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

~~Sec. 4-22. Distance requirements.~~

~~(a) No person knowingly and intentionally may sell or offer to sell:~~

~~(1) Any distilled spirits by the package in or within 100 yards of any church building or within 200 yards of any school building, educational building, school grounds, or college campus.~~

~~(2) Any malt beverages or wine by the package within 100 yards of any school building, school grounds, or college campus. This subparagraph shall not apply at any location for which a license has been issued prior to July 1, 1981, nor to the renewal of such license. Nor shall this subparagraph apply at any location for which a new license is applied for if the sale of malt beverages or wine was lawful at such location at any time during the 12 months immediately preceding such application.~~

~~Nothing in this subparagraph shall prohibit a grocery store as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter licensed for the retail sale of only malt beverages or wine by the package from selling malt beverages or wine within 100 yards of any school building, school grounds, or college campus.~~

~~(3) Any malt beverages, wine, or distilled spirits by the package within 100 yards of an alcoholic treatment center owned and operated by this state or any county or city government therein. This paragraph shall not apply to any business having a license in effect on July 1, 1981.~~

~~(4) No person knowingly and intentionally may sell any alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises within 100 yards of any housing authority property as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter.~~

~~(b) For purposes of this section, distances shall be measured by the most direct route of travel on the ground and shall be measured in the following manner:~~

~~(1) In a straight line from the front door of the structure from which alcoholic beverages are sold or offered for sale;~~

~~(2) To the front door of the building of a church, government-owned treatment center or a retail package store; or~~

~~(3) To the nearest property line of the real property being used for school or educational purposes.~~

~~(c) New church or schools or other restricted use. As to any location licensed in the future, if the distance requirements in this section are met at the time of issuance of any alcoholic beverage license, the subsequent opening and operation of a church or school or other restricted use facility within the distance prohibited in this section shall not prevent the continuance of an existing license or the issuance of a new license to any subsequent owner of such property.~~

~~(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)~~

Sec. 4-22. Distance requirements.

a. Package Sales. No person knowingly and intentionally may sell or offer to sell alcoholic beverages by the package in violation of the following minimum state distance requirements mandated by O.C.G.A. § §3-3-21(a)(1) and 3-4-47(a) :

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1. Distilled Spirits: In or within 100 yards of any church building or within 200 yards of any school building, educational building, school grounds, or college campus or within 500 yards of any other business licensed to sell distilled spirits by the package. The distance from another business selling distilled spirits by the package shall not apply to any licensed hotels.
 2. Wine and Malt Beverages: Within 100 yards of any school building, school grounds, or college campus.
 3. Treatment Centers: Within 100 yards of an alcoholic treatment center owned and operated by this state or any county or municipal government therein.

b. *On-Premises Consumption.* The following distance requirement is the sole mandatory state restriction for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises:

1. Housing Authority Property: No person knowingly and intentionally may sell any alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in violation of the minimum state distance requirements of within 100 yards of any housing authority property mandated by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-21(e).
2. Additional Distances. Pursuant to the discretionary authority granted by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-21(b)(3), the City of Milton elects not to impose additional distance requirements for on-premises consumption beyond those mandatory under state law.

c. *Establishments with Dual Sales Privileges.* Any licensee authorized by this chapter to sell alcoholic beverages both by the package and for consumption on the premises (including, but not limited to, Brewpubs, Microbreweries, Microdistilleries, Farm Wineries, and Craft Beer and/or Wine Markets) shall be required to comply with the distance requirements for package sales set forth in subsection (a) of this section and distance requirements for on-premises consumption set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

d. *Measurement Method.* For purposes of this section, all distances shall be measured by the most direct route of travel on the ground. Obstacles added by the licensee or any other party, such as fences or obstructions, added with the purpose of increasing the measurement of distance, will be ignored. Measurements shall be taken in a straight line from the front door of the structure from which alcoholic beverages are sold to:

1. The front door of the church building, government-owned treatment center, or retail package store;
or
2. The nearest property line of the real property being used for school or educational purposes.

e. *Non-Applicability and Exceptions.*

1. Prior Licenses: These distance requirements shall not apply to any location for which a license was issued prior to July 1, 1981 (for schools/churches) or July 1, 2000 (for housing authority property), nor to the renewal of such licenses.
2. Subsequent Use: If distance requirements are met at the time of the initial license issuance, the subsequent opening of a church or school within the prohibited distance shall not prevent the continuance of an existing license or the issuance of a new license to a subsequent owner.

3. Grocery Stores: As authorized by state law, a grocery store licensed for the retail sale of only malt beverages or wine for consumption off the premises may sell such products within 100 yards of a school building or college campus.

Sec. 4-23. Applicant standards.

- (a) No license for alcoholic beverages issued pursuant to this chapter shall be granted to any person who is not:
- (1) At least 21 years of age; and
 - (2) A United States citizen, legal permanent resident of the United States; or a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency.
- (b) If the applicant is a partnership or corporation, the provisions of this section shall apply to all its partners, officers, and majority stockholders. Issuance of the license shall be as follows:
- (1) In the case of a corporation, the license shall be issued jointly to the corporation and the majority stockholder, if an individual. If the majority stockholder is not an individual, the license shall be issued jointly to the corporation and its designated applicant or licensee agent under the provisions of this chapter.
 - (2) In the case of a partnership, the license shall be issued to the partnership and all the partners owning at least 20 percent of the partnership. If no partner owns 20 percent of the partnership, then the general partner, managing partner or the partner with the greatest ownership will be licensed.
- (c) No person shall be granted any alcoholic beverage license unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the city manager that neither such individual nor any person with 20 percent or more ownership in the entity, nor any officer or director of the corporation shall have been convicted of, entered a guilty plea or a plea of nolo contendere, or been released from parole or probation within a period of ten years immediately prior to the filing of such application, for:
- (1) Moral turpitude;
 - (2) Illegal gambling;
 - (3) Felony possession or sale of controlled substances;
 - (4) Illegal possession or sale of alcoholic beverages, including the sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to minors in a manner contrary to law;
 - (5) Keeping a place of prostitution;
 - (6) Pandering;
 - (7) Pimping;
 - (8) Public indecency;
 - (9) Prostitution;
 - (10) Solicitation of sodomy; or
 - (11) Any sexually related crime.

An applicant may establish the required lack of criminal history listed by providing an official Federal Clearance Letter from the Federal Court of the individual's state of residence or a criminal history report from a police department, sheriff's department or the official state crime investigation center in the individual's state of

residence. The city manager may also require a criminal history consent form and/or an affidavit of criminal history to be completed and submitted by any individual.

- (d) It shall be prohibited for any city employee directly involved in the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses or enforcement of the regulations under this chapter to have any whole, partial, or beneficial interest in any license to sell alcoholic beverages in the city.
- (e) No license for alcoholic beverages issued pursuant to this chapter shall be granted to any person who has had any alcoholic beverage license issued by any jurisdiction within the state revoked within two years prior to the filing of the application.
- (f) The city manager or city council may decline to issue an alcoholic beverage license when any person having any ownership interest in the operation of such place of business or having control over such place of business does not meet the same character requirements as set forth in this section for the licensee.
- (g) Corporate or business applicants shall be of good business reputation.
- (h) An alcoholic beverage license application may be denied to any applicant for any alcoholic beverage license where it appears that the applicant would not have adequate financial participation in the proposed business to direct and manage its affairs, where the applicant or the licensee agent does not have sufficient control over the operations of the business to assure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, or where it appears that the application is intended to be a mere surrogate for a person who would not otherwise qualify for a license for any reason whatsoever.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-24. Effect of prior criminal history; exceptions.

- (a) An applicant or licensee agent's first-time conviction for illegal possession of alcohol as a misdemeanor or violation of a city ordinance shall not, by itself, make an applicant/licensee agent ineligible for an alcoholic beverage license.
- (b) For purposes of this chapter, a conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere shall not be considered as to any offense for which a defendant was allowed to avail themselves of this state's first offender provisions, O.C.G.A. § 42-8-60 et seq.; provided, however, that any such offense may be considered where the defendant violated any term of probation imposed by the court granting first offender treatment or committed another crime and the sentencing court entered an adjudication of guilt as to the crime for which the defendant had previously been sentenced as a first offender.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-25. Pending application for business on prior licensed premises.

Where there is a pending application for a new licensee or a change of ownership for a business that is to be located in premises that have been licensed within a year prior to the pending application, the new applicant may continue to sell alcohol in the same capacity as previously licensed pursuant to a management agreement with the existing licensee for a maximum period of 30 days beyond the sale or transfer of the licensed premises. However, the 30 days of operation under the management agreement shall be counted as the first month of sales for the purposes of calculating the alcohol license fees that are due. If a violation of this chapter occurs during the 30 days that the business is operating under a management agreement pursuant to this section, both the prior licensee and the new applicant can be charged and held liable. Moreover, any such violation may serve as grounds for denial of the new license.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-26—4-29. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 4-30. Application requirements.

- (a) *City form.* All persons desiring to sell alcoholic beverages or any other license or permit provided for in this chapter shall make an application on the form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.
- (b) *Contents.* The application shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) The name and address of the applicant/licensee agent;
 - (2) The proposed business to be carried on and type of license desired;
 - (3) If a partnership, the name and residence address of each partner;
 - (4) If a corporation, the names of the officers;
 - (5) The name and address of the registered agent for the service of the process;
 - (6) The name of the manager;
 - (7) The names of all shareholders holding more than 20 percent of any class of corporate stock, or any other entity having a financial interest in each entity which is to own or operate the establishment for which a license is sought; and evidence of compliance with any prior notice requirements, including but not limited to O.C.G.A. § 3-4-27 where applicable.
- (c) *Grand opening/annual promotion permits.* For grand opening/annual promotion permits, the detailed requirements of this section will not be applied and the only information required will be the name and address of the business, the name and address of the applicant, and the date, time and location of the event. If a catered event, refer to Article IX of this chapter.
- (d) *Financial information.* All applicants shall furnish such financial and other information and records as may be required by the city manager to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Failure to furnish information and records pursuant to such request shall automatically serve to dismiss the application with prejudice.
- (e) *Agreements.* All agreements between and among any persons or stockholders of corporations or partners of partnerships applying for a license to sell or dispense any alcoholic beverages and which agreements reflect or control ownership, division of profits, sharing of revenues of any kind, including payment of rents, or which agreements reflect any other arrangements in connection with ownership, rents, profit sharing or income shall be in writing, and copies of all these agreements shall, upon request, be furnished to the city manager.
- (f) *Survey.* For businesses engaged in package sale of alcohol for off-premises consumption, the application shall have attached a survey (dated no more than 180 days prior to submission of the application to the city), certified by a registered surveyor of this state, showing a scaled drawing of the premises, the location on the premises where the applicant desires to operate an alcoholic beverage establishment, and the distance in linear feet measured pursuant to state law and section 4-22 of this chapter to the nearest church building, school building, educational building, school grounds or college grounds or college campus building. If the applicant is a new owner of an establishment at a location where the sale of alcoholic beverages was lawful at any time during the 12 months immediately preceding such application, a survey is not required. The city manager has the discretion to waive the survey requirement if it can otherwise be confirmed with clear

evidence that there is no school, church, or other restricted facility in proximity to the proposed licensed premises.

- (g) *Notary.* All applications shall be sworn to by the applicant/licensee agent before a notary public or other officer empowered by law to administer oaths.
- (h) *Consent.* Each applicant/licensee agent authorizes the city and its agents to secure from any court, law enforcement agency, or other public agency his criminal and civil history and to use such information in determining whether the license applied for shall be issued. Each applicant, as a consideration of the application, further authorizes the city and its agents to use such information in any public hearing with respect to the license applied for, either before or after the issuance of the license. Each applicant waives any right that he or she would otherwise have to preclude the city or its agents from obtaining and using such information, and each applicant further waives any liability of the city or its agents for obtaining and using such information.
- (i) ~~*License fees.* The application shall be accompanied by the prerequisite application non-refundable processing fee and license/permit fee(s) as established by the city council. Except for applications for permits, all licenses granted under this chapter shall be for the months remaining in the calendar year after application is made. License fees for new licenses granted shall be based on the number of months remaining in the calendar year; a partial month shall be counted as a full month.~~

License fees. The application shall be accompanied by the prerequisite non-refundable processing fee and the prorated annual license fee. For new licenses, the annual fee shall be prorated based on the calendar month in which the applicant intends to commence alcoholic beverage sales. Should an applicant seek to commence alcoholic beverage sales in less than the standard 90-day investigative and review period, a separate application for a temporary license and payment of the *Expedited Review Fee*, as established in Appendix A, shall be required to defray the additional City resources necessitated by an accelerated review.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-31. Separate application for each location and license type required.

A separate license application is required for each location of sale and must identify the license category for which application is made. A separate license shall be obtained for each separate location.

Locations will be deemed separate if they have different addresses or different entrances with separate trade names. The city may allow an applicant to utilize the same form for multiple alcoholic beverage license types at the same establishment or may require a separate application for the different license types. Under either circumstance, the city manager and city council will act upon each license type as a separate application.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-32. Accurate application required; consequences for false or misleading statements or omissions.

An applicant shall provide complete and accurate information in support of an application. Any material omission, false or misleading information contained in or omitted from an original, renewal or transfer application for an alcoholic beverage license under this chapter shall be cause for the denial thereof and, if any license has previously been granted, such circumstances shall constitute cause for revocation.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-33. Registered agent required.

All licensed establishments must have and continuously maintain in Fulton County, or any county that borders Fulton County, a registered agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law or under this chapter required to be served upon the licensee or owner may be served. This person must be a resident of one of the aforesaid counties. The licensee shall file the name of such designated registered agent, along with the written consent of such individual to serve as the registered agent for the licensee, with the city manager on such form as he or she may prescribe.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-34. Non-refundable processing fees.

Each application or renewal for an alcohol license under this chapter shall be accompanied by non-refundable processing fees in an amount to be determined by the city council to defray processing, administrative, and investigative costs. Processing fees shall be paid at the time the application is filed. Any person applying for more than one license on a given application, to the extent that such is authorized by the city manager, shall pay only one set of processing fees.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-35. Withdrawal by applicant; refund of license fee deposit.

- (a) Any license application made pursuant to this chapter may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time.
- (b) If the application is withdrawn before the license is issued, any sums deposited as license fees will be refunded (without interest), less non-refundable processing fees. After issuance of the license, no refund will be made. No refunds shall be made under any circumstances for investigative and administrative expenses required in this chapter.
- (c) No license shall be renewed for less than a calendar year, and if an issued license is revoked or surrendered before the expiration of a calendar year, the licenses shall not be entitled to any refund.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the city council may approve a partial refund of the license fee paid to the city if the licensed business cannot continue to be operated due to any action taken by the city beyond the licensee's control (excluding a suspension, revocation or other disciplinary action). If a refund is approved by the city council, the refund shall be calculated as follows:
 - (1) Three-fourths of the license fee if the licensee goes out of business during the first quarter of the calendar year.
 - (2) One-half of the license fee if the licensee goes out of business during the second quarter of the calendar year.
 - (3) One-fourth of the license fee if the licensee goes out of business during the third quarter of the calendar year.
 - (4) No refund if the licensee goes out of business during the fourth quarter of the calendar year.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-36. Notice requirements.

(a) Posting on premises to be licensed.

- (1) *Required; specifications.* The applicant for an original license under this chapter shall, at his or her own expense, post a notice on the premises to be licensed. The notice shall be posted for at least 15 days prior to the date of the public hearing. The notice shall be on a sign having a surface of not less than 12 square feet. The notice shall be painted or printed in black letters at least three inches in height against a white background. The notice shall state:
 - a. That an application for a license related to the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises under this chapter has been filed with the city;
 - b. The type of license applied for;
 - c. The time and place of the public hearing to be held on such license application; and
 - d. The name(s) in which the license is to be issued.
- (2) *Placement.* The advertisement shall be placed with the base of the sign not more than three feet from the ground on the most conspicuous part of the premises, facing the most frequently traveled road, street or highway abutting same, and not more than ten feet therefrom.

(b) Publication.

- (1) *Contents.* The city manager or his or her designee shall prepare and cause to be published a notice of each pending application, which notice shall include:
 - a. The date the application will be considered by the city council;
 - b. The location or street number of the premises where the applicant proposes to conduct activities permitted by this chapter; and
 - c. The applicant's name.
- (2) *Costs.* The applicant shall pay the publication costs.
- (3) *Newspaper of general circulation.* The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the city and shall appear once a week for two weeks immediately preceding consideration of the application by the city council.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-37—4-39. Reserved.

DIVISION 4. GRANT OR DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS; APPEALS

Sec. 4-40. Consideration of applications by chief of police and city manager.

- (a) *Chief of police.* Each application for an alcoholic beverage license shall be referred to the chief of police or his or her designee for investigation. The chief of police or his or her designee shall report the findings to the city manager. Such findings shall include a recommendation as to the qualifications of the applicant. At the discretion of the city manager or his/her designee, this step may be omitted for grand opening/annual promotion permits.

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- (b) *City manager.* The city manager shall have the authority to:
- (1) Request additional written or investigative information from the applicant or city staff deemed necessary to consider an application prior to a decision;
 - (2) Grant an applicant a temporary alcoholic beverage license or any special event, catered event, or grand opening/annual promotion permit, consistent with the provisions of this chapter;
 - (3) Submit an applicant's completed license application to the city council for hearing, along with a recommendation for approval;
 - (4) Deny any application on the grounds that it is incomplete, fails to show the applicant has satisfied the qualifications set forth in this chapter or other provisions of this Code; shows the applicant, location, or application would not qualify under state law or Georgia Department of Revenue Regulations; or for other due cause;
 - (5) Receive and submit an applicant's appeal of the city manager's decision to deny the application to the city council for hearing, along with a copy of the city manager's decision;
 - (6) Receive an applicant's appeal of the police chief's decision to deny an alcohol/server permit under section 4-172(d) and submit such appeal to the city council for hearing, along with a copy of the police chief's decision; and
 - (7) With the exception of temporary alcoholic beverage licenses and all permits, no application for an original license shall be granted until a public hearing has been held before the city council as scheduled by the city manager or his or her designee.
- (c) *Notice required.* The city manager shall provide written notice to any applicant whose application is denied. Such written notification shall set forth in reasonable detail the reasons for such denial and shall advise the applicant of the right to an appeal before the city council with a right to present evidence and cross examine witnesses. Such notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered agent at the address provided and to the named licensee at the licensed premises. Delivery shall be deemed to take place on the third day following deposit in the United States mail.
- (d) *Appeals from decisions of the city manager.* In the event the city manager denies an application for a temporary alcoholic beverage license or special event, catering, grand opening/annual promotions permit, the individual or applicant may appeal to the city council for reconsideration of the denial by filing a written request for an appeal hearing with the city manager within 15 days of the written notice informing of the denial. Any such appeal hearings concerning a denial shall be conducted according to the procedures set in section 4-41.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-41. City council's consideration of applications; appeals.

- (a) *Public hearings.* The city council shall hold public hearings to (i) consider license applications and recommendations submitted from the city manager for action, and (ii) consider applicant appeals from decisions of the city manager to deny license applications or applicant appeals from decisions of the police chief to deny seller/server permits. Witnesses and evidence shall be presented by the city manager or his or her designee, and the licensee shall be entitled to present evidence and witnesses and cross-examine the city's witnesses.
- (b) *Ten days' prior notice.* Public hearings shall be scheduled by the city manager, who shall give at least ten days' prior written notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, and a statement of the charges upon which the hearing before the city council shall be held. If to the licensee or licensee's agent, service of

such notice shall be by personal service on the registered agent by the police department, code enforcement officer, or other city designee. If personal service fails, the notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered agent at the address provided, to the licensee, and to the licensee's employee. Delivery shall be deemed to take place on the third day following deposit in the United States mail.

- (c) *City council actions.* During or following the hearing, the city council may:
- (1) Request additional written or investigative information from the applicant, city manager, or city staff deemed necessary to consider an application prior to a decision;
 - (2) Consider an application recommended for approval by the city manager and render a final determination approving or denying the application;
 - (3) Hear any appeal from a decision of the city manager to deny an application and render a final determination upholding or overturning the city manager's decision;
 - (4) Deny any application on the grounds that it is incomplete, fails to show the applicant has satisfied the qualifications set forth in this chapter or other provisions of this Code; shows the applicant, location or application would not qualify under state law or Georgia Department of Revenue Regulations; or
 - (5) For other due cause.
- (d) *Notice required.* The city council shall provide written notice to any applicant whose application is denied. Such written notification shall set forth in reasonable detail the reasons for such denial. Service of such notice shall be by personal service on the registered agent by the police department or code enforcement officer or other designee of the city manager. If personal service fails, the notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered agent at the address provided and to the named licensee at the licensed premises. Delivery shall be deemed to take place on the third day following deposit in the United States mail.
- (e) *Appeal.* Any decision by the city council denying an application shall be final unless the applicant applies to the Superior Court of Fulton County by filing a petition for writ of certiorari within 30 days of the decision rendered by the city council.
- (f) *Reapplication permitted after one year.* In all instances in which denial of an application is final under the provisions of this chapter, the applicant may not reapply for a license for the same location for at least one year from the date of such final denial.
- (g) *Return of license fee upon denial.* If the application is finally denied, and the applicant did not temporarily operate licensed premises under any provision of this chapter, the license fee, if paid at the time of application, shall be refunded. However, non-refundable processing fees and temporary license fees will not be refunded. If the applicant operated on prior licensed premises under section 4-25 of this chapter while the application was pending, and the application is denied, the applicant shall be entitled to a pro rata refund of the license fee, if a license fee was paid at the time of application.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-42. Exercise of discretion.

- (a) The city manager and city council, in their discretion, shall consider the evidence, including any extenuating, aggravating or mitigation facts or circumstances that may affect or reflect upon the applicant, the application, and/or the proposed location of the business in light of this chapter.
- (b) If, after consideration of the evidence, the city council determines that stipulations or conditions should attach to a decision to approve an application, the city council shall provide for such conditions in its action.
- (c) In addition to all other authority to grant or deny a license, any application for a license may be denied by the city to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the community. In making such a determination, the city

council shall assess the extent to which the granting of the license or the continued holding of the license would contribute to issues, including but not limited to, littering, loitering or public consumption of alcoholic beverages in the area of the establishment, and the exposure of minors to the sale of alcoholic beverages because of the number of minors who frequent the establishment.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-43. Temporary alcoholic beverage license.

- ~~(a) The city manager is authorized to issue temporary licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages subject to the conditions set forth in this section.~~
 - ~~(b) Temporary licenses may be issued for such period as may be determined by the city manager, not to exceed 90 days. No such license shall be issued unless:
 - ~~(1) A complete application for a license is filed with the city manager and payment in full of the fee thereof has been deposited with, and cleared, the city's financial institution;~~
 - ~~(2) The city manager is satisfied that the location for the proposed license substantially complies with the provisions of this chapter authorizing such license in the city;~~
 - ~~(3) The city manager finds that the applicant has satisfied all the qualifications for having a temporary license as specified in this Code;~~
 - ~~(4) The denial of a temporary license would create undue hardship upon the applicant, such as the closing of an existing business or delaying of the opening of a new business; and~~
 - ~~(5) There is an agreement by the applicant that the temporary license may be revoked, with or without cause, by the city manager at any time.~~~~
 - ~~(c) The fee for issuance of a temporary license under this section shall be established from time to time by the city council.~~
 - ~~(d) If, at least three business days prior to the expiration of a temporary license, the applicant requests and explains why an extension is needed, and the city manager finds the factual circumstances surrounding the request to support the granting of an extension; the city manager is authorized to extend the period of the temporary license up to an additional 60 days and charge an additional temporary license fee. Should an applicant have reason to seek an extension beyond the first extension of an additional 60 days and the city manager finds the factual circumstances surrounding the additional extension request to support the granting, then the city manager shall present the request to city council for consideration and approval or denial at the next regular session of city council.~~
 - ~~(e) The grant or denial of a temporary license under the provisions of this section shall not affect or have any bearing upon the grant or denial of a license. The city shall not be liable to the applicant if, for any reason, a license is not issued either prior to the expiration of the temporary license or not issued at all.~~
 - ~~(f) Any alcoholic beverage license that requires a use permit as identified with Division 5 of chapter 64 of the Milton Code of Ordinances must have said use permit approved by the city council prior to applying for a temporary alcoholic beverage license.~~
- (a) The city manager is authorized to issue temporary licenses to aid applicants in opening for business within a short time after passing all required inspections.
- (b) To qualify for a temporary license, the applicant must pay the non-refundable Expedited Review Fee. This fee is established to offset the costs of prioritizing the mandatory police investigation and the multi-departmental inspections of the premises required by Sections 4-40 and 4-156.

(c) The issuance of a temporary license is a transitional administrative action and does not guarantee the City Council's final approval of a permanent license.

(d) Temporary licenses may be issued for such period as may be determined by the city manager, not to exceed 90 days. No such license shall be issued unless:

1. A complete application for a permanent license has been filed and the prorated annual license fee for the intended months of operation and non-refundable processing fee have been deposited with the city as required by Sec. 4-30(i);
2. The applicant has paid the non-refundable flat-Expedited Review Fee as established in Appendix A;
3. The city manager is satisfied that the location for the proposed license substantially complies with the provisions of this chapter;
4. The city manager finds that the applicant has satisfied all the qualifications for having a license as specified in this Code;
5. There is an agreement by the applicant that the temporary license may be revoked, with or without cause, by the city manager at any time and that the issuance of a temporary license does not guarantee the grant of a permanent license.

(ee) Fees for Temporary Licenses. The fee for the expedited review prior to a final decision by the City Council shall be a non-refundable flat fee established by the City Council in Appendix A. This fee is in addition to the prorated annual fee paid at the time of application.

(df) Extension. If an extension beyond 90 days is needed, the city manager may, for good cause shown, extend the temporary license for up to an additional 60 days upon payment of an additional administrative processing fee.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-44—4-49. Reserved.

DIVISION 5. EXPIRATION, RENEWAL, FORFEITURE, AND TRANSFER

Sec. 4-50. Annual expiration; renewal requirements.

- (a) All licenses granted under this chapter shall expire on December 31 of each year. Licensees shall be required to file a renewal application accompanied by the requisite fee with the city manager on the form provided for a renewal license for the ensuing year.
- (b) The applicant for renewal shall be required to comply with all rules and regulations for the granting of licenses each year, including the submittal of the required forms, reports or other requested data establishing compliance with criminal history requirements of this chapter. As a mandatory condition for the renewal of any alcoholic beverage license, the applicant must demonstrate that all taxes, license fees, excise taxes, fines, penalties, or other financial obligations due to the City of Milton under the provisions of this chapter or any other ordinance of the city have been paid in full. No license shall be issued or renewed for any establishment that is delinquent in any required payment to the city or has failed to file any required financial return.

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- (c) Alcoholic beverage license renewal applications and payments are due on or before October 31 of each year. Renewal applications and payments received between November 1 and November 30 are subject to a ten percent late fee, plus interest.
 - (d) Licensees failing to renew their alcoholic beverage licenses on or before November 30 must reapply for an alcoholic beverage license. In such cases, the application will be treated as if no previous license had been held, including the need to review the investigative, zoning, and distance requirements. Under this situation, the applicant shall be required to pay the ten percent penalty, plus interest, along with other fees associated with a new application.

The city shall not be responsible for the consequences of delays in the issuance of any license under this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022; Ord. No. 25-08-587, §§ 1, 2, 8-18-2025)

Sec. 4-51. Automatic forfeiture of license for nonuse.

- (a) All holders of licenses under this chapter must, within six months after the issuance of said license, open for business the establishment referred to in the license. Failure to open the licensed establishment within six months after the issuance of such license shall serve as cause for the revocation of such license, and no refund of license fees or other related fees shall be made. A three-month extension to the original six-month period may be granted by the city manager if requested within the said six-month period in compliance with other sections of this chapter.
- (b) Any licensee under this chapter who shall for a period of three consecutive months after the license has been issued cease to operate the business and sale or service of the products authorized shall automatically forfeit the license without the necessity of any further action.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-52. Transferability of license.

No alcoholic beverage license shall be transferable, except as otherwise provided in this section.

- (a) In the event of the death of a licensee, the establishment shall be allowed to continue to sell or serve alcoholic beverages, or otherwise continue to operate with a BYOB license, in accordance with this chapter, for a period of 45 days from the date of death, or until the expiration of the license, or until approval of a new licensee, whichever shall first occur; provided that no sale or on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed until such time as a new application for a license is made. The application shall indicate that no change of ownership has occurred, except as allowed for in this section. Upon issuance of a new license, the authorization related to alcoholic beverages under the previous license shall be revoked by operation of law. No additional license fees shall be required during the period for which the original license was issued.
- (b) If a license is surrendered or a licensee severs his or her association with a licensed establishment but there is no change in ownership, the establishment may continue to sell or serve alcoholic beverages, or otherwise continue to operate with a BYOB license or other license issued under this chapter, in accordance with this chapter, for a period of 45 days from the date of surrender, or from the date determined by the city manager to be the date of severance; provided that no such establishment may sell or serve alcoholic beverages or otherwise operate pursuant to any license under this chapter until such time as a new application for a license is made. The application shall indicate that no change of ownership has occurred, except as allowed for in this section. Upon issuance of a new license, the authorization related to alcoholic beverages under the previous license shall be revoked by operation

of law. No additional license fees shall be required during the period for which the original license was issued.

- (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit one or more of the partners, members or shareholders holding a license from withdrawing from the partnership, corporation or entity in favor of one or more of the partners, members or shareholders who held an ownership interest at the time of the issuance of the license. This section shall not prohibit transfer of stock between persons who held stock in the corporation at the time of issuance of the license nor shall it prohibit transfers of stock which do not result in any person increasing his or her stock holdings to a total of ten percent or more of any class of stock.
- (d) Except as provided in subsections (a) through (c) of this section, any change in the ownership of any entity owning a licensed establishment shall cancel and revoke any license pursuant to this chapter automatically, without the necessity of any hearing.
- (e) Violation of this section may result in the suspension or revocation of the license being used and/or a fine on the new ownership and the old ownership as provided in this chapter.
- (f) If a violation of this section results in revocation of the license, no license will be issued to the old or the new owner in the city for one year from the date of such violation.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-53—4-59. Reserved.

DIVISION 6. SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OTHER PENALTIES

Sec. 4-60. Suspension or revocation of license or permit; other penalties authorized.

- (a) The city council shall be authorized to suspend or revoke an alcoholic beverage license or permit or impose other penalties upon the licensee, licensee's employee, or licensee's agent under the conditions set forth in this chapter. However, no revocation, suspension or other penalty shall be imposed without first providing the notice, hearing, and appeal rights as more specifically provided in this chapter.
- (b) No alcoholic beverage license or permit, after having been issued, shall be suspended or revoked except for due cause. Sufficient grounds, or due cause, for the suspension or revocation of a license or the imposition of other penalties include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) The violation of the laws or ordinances regulating the business;
 - (2) The violation of any local, state or federal law;
 - (3) The violation of provisions of this chapter;
 - (4) Any reason which would authorize the city to refuse the issuance of a license or permit;
 - (5) Where a licensee has failed to open for business within six months after approval of the license; provided however, that prior to the expiration of such period, the city manager may extend the time in which a licensee is required to open for business by up to three months, upon the timely receipt of a written request from a licensee for such an extension;
 - (6) After opening, where a licensee has ceased to operate the business for a period of three consecutive months;

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- (7) Where a licensee's state license or permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages has been suspended or revoked;
 - (8) Where a licensee or such licensee's employee or agent, has sold or served alcoholic beverages or allowed patrons to bring their own alcohol to the premises during a period of suspension;
 - (9) Where a licensee has provided incomplete, fraudulent or untruthful information in the original application or renewal process for an alcoholic beverage license;
 - (10) Where a licensee has failed to file necessary reports, failed to cooperate in any matter related to the license, failed to pay any fee, license fee, tax, fine or other amount due to the city under this chapter or any other licensing ordinance of the city, has failed to file a required return or to pay taxes imposed, or has failed to maintain any and all of the general qualifications applicable to the initial issuance of a license as set forth in this chapter;
 - (11) Where a licensee, or such licensee's employee or agent, has served or sold any alcoholic beverage to any person that the licensee or the licensee's employee or agent knew or should have known to be under the age of 21 years;
 - (12) Where a licensee, or such licensee's employee or agent, has served or sold any alcoholic beverage to any person that the licensee or the licensee's employee or agent knew or should have known to be in a state of intoxication at the time of service;
 - (13) Where a licensee, or such licensee's employee or agent, has allowed any person to consume alcohol pursuant to a BYOB license when the licensee, licensee's employee or agent knew or should have known that such person was in a state of intoxication;
 - (14) Where a licensee has violated any other law, ordinance or regulation governing the operation of establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages or which is reasonably related to the operation of such establishments;
 - (15) Where a licensee, or such licensee's employee or agent, has violated any other provision of this alcoholic beverage chapter or state law;
 - (16) Where a licensee or an individual or person with 20 percent or more ownership in the entity, or any officer or director of the licensee shall have a conviction for any of the following subsequent to issuance of the license: Moral turpitude, illegal gambling, felony possession or sale of controlled substances, illegal possession or sale of alcoholic beverages, including the sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to minors in a manner contrary to law; keeping a place of prostitution; pandering; pimping; public indecency; prostitution; solicitation of sodomy; or any sexually related crime.
 - (17) In addition to all other authority to suspend or revoke a permit or license, any license may be suspended or revoked to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the community. In making such a determination, the city council shall assess the extent to which the continued holding of the license would contribute to issues, including but not limited to, littering, loitering or public consumption of alcoholic beverages in the area of the establishment, and the exposure of minors to the sale of alcoholic beverages because of the number of minors who frequent the establishment.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-61. Notice of violations; city manager's authority.

- (a) *Chief of police and finance director.* The chief of police and finance director shall notify the city manager of violations by licensees, licensee's employees, or licensee's agents related to enforcement and administration of this chapter that reflect the failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter or state or federal law.

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- (b) *City manager.* Upon information known to or received by the city manager that creates a reasonable belief that a licensee, licensee's employee, or licensee's agent has violated law or otherwise failed to comply with requirements of this chapter, the city manager shall have the responsibility and authority to:
- (1) Evaluate the severity of the situation and immediately ensure appropriate measures are taken with regard to any health, safety or welfare concerns to address any immediate threat of harm or damage based upon the information received;
 - (2) Authorize any investigation needed on the part of appropriate persons, requesting additional written or investigative information from the licensee, city staff, or other authorities or persons deemed necessary to consider the actions or inactions of the licensee, licensee's employee, or licensee's agent;
 - (3) After providing the licensee, licensee's employee, and/or licensee's agent with notice of violations and the opportunity to respond to the charges, and following the receipt and consideration of any response, the city manager shall determine whether due cause exists to recommend action against the licensee, licensee's employee or licensee's agent, up to and including revocation of the license or permit;
 - (4) Upon a finding of due cause, the city manager shall provide written notice to the licensee, licensee's employee, and/or licensee's agent, as appropriate, setting forth in reasonable detail the facts upon which due cause exists to take action, the nature of the proposed action, and advising of the scheduling of a public hearing before the city council with a right to present evidence and cross examine witnesses. Such notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered agent at the address provided, to the named licensee at the licensed premises, and to any person alleged to have committed the violation. Delivery shall be deemed to take place on the third day following deposit in the United States mail. A copy of the notice shall also be provided to the city council.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-62. Conduct of public hearing by city council.

- (a) *Public hearings.* The city council shall hold public hearings to consider recommendations submitted from the city manager for action based on due cause for violations of a licensee, licensee's employee, or licensee's agent, based on due cause as described in of this chapter. Witnesses and evidence shall be presented on behalf of the city by the city manager or his or her designee, and the licensee, licensee's employee, or licensee's agent shall be entitled to present evidence and witnesses and to cross-examine the city's witnesses.
- (b) *Ten days' prior notice.* Public hearings shall be scheduled by the city manager, who shall give at least ten days' prior written notice to the licensee of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, and a statement of the charges upon which the hearing before the city council shall be held in accordance with this section. If to the licensee or licensee's agent, service of such notice shall be by personal service on the registered agent by the police department, code enforcement officer, or other city designee. If to the licensee's employee, personal service shall be upon the employee. If personal service fails, the notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered agent at the address provided, to the licensee, and to the licensee's employee. Delivery shall be deemed to take place on the third day following deposit in the United States mail.
- (c) *Decision by city council.* Upon hearing the matter, the city council, shall render a decision as to whether due cause exists for action against the licensee, licensee's employee, or licensee's agent. If due cause exists, the city shall determine the appropriate penalty, up to and including suspension and/or revocation of a permit or license.

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- (d) *Appeal.* Any decision by the city council denying an application shall be final unless the applicant applies to the Superior Court of Fulton County by filing a petition for writ of certiorari within 30 days of the decision rendered by the city council.
 - (e) *Reapplication permitted after one year.* In all instances in which a license is revoked, the licensee may not reapply for a license for the same location for at least one year from the date of such final denial.
 - (f) *No return of license fee upon revocation.* If the license is revoked, the licensee shall not be entitled to the return of all, or any portion of, the license fee.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-63. Exercise of discretion; consideration of mitigating factors.

- (a) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require suspension or revocation of a license, and each violation should be considered at the discretion of the city council on a case by case basis. The city manager and city council, in their discretion, shall consider the evidence, including any extenuating, aggravating or mitigation facts or circumstances that may affect or reflect upon the applicant, the application, and/or the location of the business in light of this chapter.
- (b) Penalties for the licensee may be mitigated by the city council upon presentation of evidence that the licensee established practices and procedures to prevent the violation from occurring. Such mitigating factors may include:
 - (1) Attendance at a responsible alcohol sales and service (RASS) workshop by the licensee and/or managers;
 - (2) Implementation and components of written policies;
 - (3) Evidence that employees have or do not have alcohol seller/server permits;
 - (4) Evidence that the licensee conducts its own "secret shopper" or internal "sting" operations and the results therefrom;
 - (5) Implementation and components of an employee training program;
 - (6) Length of time in business;
 - (7) Whether the ID was requested;
 - (8) The degree to which the licensee has other procedures in place to monitor its alcohol servers/sellers for compliance;
 - (9) Whether the licensee enforces a zero-tolerance policy in which employees are terminated for any knowing violation of this chapter; and
 - (10) Other evidence demonstrating the licensee's efforts to comply with the ordinance and prevent illegal alcohol sales or service in the licensed establishment and the community at large.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-64. Consideration of progressive actions; mandatory penalties for sale or service to persons under 21; criminal penalties.

- (a) If a licensee is found to have violated any provision of this chapter, excluding selling or serving underage persons, the city shall ordinarily give consideration to the following progressive actions:

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- (1) The first alleged violation in a 12-month period shall result in a mandatory hearing before the city council and the issuance of a warning or a license suspension for a period of up to 30 days if the violation is sustained.
 - (2) The second alleged violation within a consecutive 12-month period shall result in a mandatory hearing before the city council and the issuance of a license suspension for a period of up to 60 days if the first and second violations were sustained.
 - (3) The third alleged violation within a consecutive 12-month period shall result in a mandatory hearing before the city council and cause the revocation of the license and the inability of the licensee to obtain a license from the city for a term of up to three years from the date of revocation if the first, second, and third violations were sustained.
- (b) If a licensee or employee of such licensee has a conviction (including for purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere or the forfeiture of bond) for the violation of O.C.G.A. § 3-3-23 or any section of this chapter relating to the sale or service of alcoholic beverages to any person under 21 years of age, the following minimum penalties shall apply:
- (1) The first conviction shall result in a mandatory hearing before the city council, a minimum fine of \$500.00, and may result in a license suspension for a period of up to 30 days.
 - (2) The second conviction within a consecutive 24-month period shall result in a mandatory hearing before the city council, a minimum fine of \$750.00, and a license suspension for a minimum period between seven and 60 days.
 - (3) The third conviction within a consecutive 24-month period shall result in a mandatory hearing before the city council, a minimum fine of \$1,000.00, and revocation of the license absent a showing of mitigating circumstances deemed sufficient in the discretion of the city council to allow retention of the license.
- (c) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to preclude the city council from suspending or revoking an alcoholic beverage license or alcohol seller/server permit for a period exceeding those described in this section if the city council determines in its discretion that such action is necessary and in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the city.
- (d) For any license suspension of less than 30 days, the licensee will not be required to remove alcoholic beverages from the premises, but shall be required to secure with lock and chain, or similar locking mechanism, all refrigeration units containing alcoholic beverages, and remove non-refrigerated alcoholic beverages to an on-premises locked storage area or otherwise secure such beverages so that they are out of view and access of the public.
- (e) Actions taken by the city council shall be in addition to any criminal citation and prosecution by the city. Each violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense subject to a separate citation and penalties. Criminal penalties may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, imprisonment not to exceed 60 days, or both.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-65—4-69. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 4-70. Locations where prohibited.

No alcoholic beverages may be sold for consumption on-premises except in establishments which hold the following licenses or license types:

- (a) Standard consumption on premises;
- (b) Nonstandard consumption on premises;
- (c) Hybrid;
- (d) Manufacturer; and
- (e) Craft beer and/or wine markets.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-71. Open area, sidewalk, deck and patios sales.

The consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages may be allowed in a licensed establishment's open areas, sidewalks, decks, patios or similar unenclosed spaces on, about or adjacent to the premises of an establishment licensed to sell alcohol for consumption on-premises under such conditions as the city manager, or his or her designee, may deem appropriate for the protection of public health, safety and welfare including, but not limited to, maximum capacity, ingress and egress. The provisions of this article shall not be deemed to abrogate or otherwise impact any state law or local ordinance pertaining to public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, or similar laws.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-72. Happy hour discounts or promotions prohibited.

- (a) No consumption on the premises [by] licensee, or employee or agent of the licensee, shall engage in any of the following practices:
 - (1) The giving away of any alcoholic beverage in conjunction with the sale of any other alcoholic beverage;
 - (2) The sale of two or more alcoholic beverages for a single price, including the sale of all such beverages a customer can or desires to drink at a single price;
 - (3) Selling, offering to sell or delivering to any person any alcoholic beverage at a price less than one-half the price customarily charged for such alcoholic beverage, provided, nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit reducing the price of a drink by up to one-half the price customarily charged;
 - (4) Requiring or allowing the purchase of a second or subsequent alcoholic beverage at the same time another alcoholic beverage is purchased or before the first such beverage has been consumed, by any one person;
 - (5) Increasing the volume of alcoholic beverage contained in a drink without proportionately increasing the price customarily charged for such beverage.
- (b) It is the intent of this section to prohibit activities typically associated with discounts or promotions referred to as "happy hour."
- (c) As used in this section, the phrase "customarily charged" means the price regularly charged for such alcoholic beverage during the same calendar week.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-73. Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages prohibited.

- (a) No alcoholic beverages may be sold for consumption on the premises on Sundays except in establishments which hold the following licenses or license types:
 - (1) Standard consumption on premises;
 - (2) Hybrid;
 - (3) Manufacturer; and
 - (4) Craft beer and/or wine markets.
- (b) No alcoholic beverages may be sold for consumption on premises without an approved Sunday sales license except for establishments qualifying as a farm winery as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter.
- (c) To qualify for a Sunday sales license, an establishment must derive a minimum of 50 percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared foods and meals as defined in this chapter. Microbreweries, microdistilleries, and farm wineries as defined and described in this chapter are exempt from this requirement. Microbreweries and microdistilleries must apply for a Sunday sales license for consumption on-premises.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-74. Carry out of alcoholic beverages prohibitions.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all alcoholic beverages sold or otherwise dispensed for consumption on the licensed premises shall be consumed only on the licensed premises.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it shall be prohibited for any person to remove from the licensed premises any alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on-premises, and it shall be prohibited for the licensee to permit any person to remove from the licensed premises any alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on-premises except as otherwise permitted under this chapter. When prohibited, the licensee shall be responsible for ensuring that no person removes any alcoholic beverages from the premises in any type of container.
- (c) It shall be prohibited for any person purchasing alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises to leave the premises without paying for such alcoholic beverages.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it shall be prohibited for patrons to gather outside the establishment of a consumption on-premises licensee and consume alcoholic beverages.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it shall be prohibited for the manager or any employee of a consumption on-premises licensee to allow patrons to gather outside the establishment and consume alcoholic beverages.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-75—4-79. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. STANDARD CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES LICENSE

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Sec. 4-80. Permitted consumption on premises.

- (a) A standard consumption on-premises license permits the sale of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits by the drink. An establishment that wishes to apply for this license must first meet the applicable zoning requirements.
- (b) Types of establishments where consumption on premises sales permitted:
 - (1) Restaurant;
 - (2) Hotel and in-room service;
 - (3) Golf course;
 - (4) Event facility.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-81. Hours of sale.

No alcoholic beverages may be sold for consumption on premises except:

- (a) Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. of the following day; and
- (b) On Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. on Monday, provided the establishment has also applied for and received an approved Sunday sales license.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-82. Restaurant.

- (a) A restaurant must meet the requirements as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other contrary provision of law, any restaurant which is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises may permit a patron to remove one unsealed bottle of wine per patron for consumption off premises, if the patron has purchased a meal and consumed a portion of the bottle of wine which has been purchased on the premises with such meal on the restaurant's premises. A partially consumed bottle of wine that is to be removed from the premises must be securely resealed by the licensee or its employees before removal from the premises. The partially consumed bottle of wine shall be placed in a bag or other container that is secured in such a manner that it is visibly apparent if the container has been subsequently opened or tampered with, and a dated receipt for the bottle of wine and meal shall be provided by the licensee and attached to the container. If transported in a motor vehicle, the container with the resealed bottle of wine shall be placed in a locked glove compartment, a locked trunk, or the area behind the last upright seat of a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk.
- (c) Restaurants shall not be required to apply for or pay additional fees for a BYOB license and shall be included in its standard consumption on-premises.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-83. Hotels and in-room service.

- (a) As used in this chapter, the term "in-room service" means:

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- (1) The delivery of alcoholic beverages in unbroken packages by an employee of the hotel to a registered guest's room or to a registered guest at any other location in the same building as the hotel when such alcoholic beverages have been ordered by the guest and when the guest shall be billed for the cost of such alcoholic beverages at the time of delivery and when the sale of such alcoholic beverages is completed at the time of delivery; and
 - (2) The provision of a cabinet or other facility located in a hotel's guest room which contains alcoholic beverages, and which is provided upon written request of the guest and is accessible by lock and key only to the guest and for which the sale of the alcoholic beverages contained therein is deemed to be final at the time requested except for a credit which may be given to the guest for any unused portion.
- (b) As used in this chapter, the term "registered guest" means the lessor or tenant of one or more hotel rooms; the lessor, tenant, or owner of a condominium unit located in the same building as one or more hotel rooms; or the lessor, owner, or tenant of a commercial space located in the same building as one or more hotel rooms, provided that the name of such lessor, owner, or tenant appears on a guest registry maintained by the hotel.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, in-room service of alcoholic beverages shall be subject to all restrictions and limitations in this chapter relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages. In-room service sales shall be authorized only on such days and only during such hours as provided for in this chapter for on-premises consumption. It shall be the responsibility of the licensee and its employees to ensure that any cabinet key for alcoholic beverages and any alcoholic beverages delivered to a room are provided only to someone who is above the legal drinking age of 21 years.
- (1) Distilled spirits sold pursuant to this section shall not be sold in packages containing less than 50 milliliters each.
 - (2) All alcoholic beverages sold pursuant to this section shall be purchased from a licensed wholesale dealer and shall be subject to all taxes imposed under this chapter, including the excise tax on the retail sale of by the drink of alcoholic beverages containing distilled spirits.
 - (3) A hotel may grant a franchise for the operation of a restaurant on its premises; such a franchised operation may be granted a consumption on the premises license if it meets the other applicable requirements of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-84. Golf course.

A golf course as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter can obtain a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, provided that it derives no more than ten percent of its annual gross revenues from the sale of alcoholic beverages. For the purposes of this section only, premises shall include the grounds of the establishment.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-85. Event facility.

- (a) An event facility as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter, where staff for a special events facility, or contractors hired by that facility who are not separately licensed alcoholic beverage caterers, will be dispensing or serving alcohol, the special events facility must obtain a separate license for on-premises consumption.

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- (b) Where a caterer is hired and separately licensed, and where that caterer will be the only entity dispensing or serving alcohol, the special events facility need not obtain a separate license for on-premises consumption.
 - (c) The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at all times except during a prescheduled event as described in the definition of event facility within section 4-2 of the chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

DIVISION 3. NON-STANDARD CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES LICENSES

Sec. 4-86. Non-standard consumption on premises licenses.

A non-standard consumption on-premises license may permit the sale of distilled spirits, malt beverages and wine by the drink subject to specific conditions and limitations for each license. No new applications for any non-standard licenses will be accepted and only yearly renewals for establishment that held this license on or before January 1, 2022 will be considered. Notwithstanding this Division or any other provision of the City of Milton code of ordinances, establishments holding a non-standard consumption on-premises license that was first issued on or before January 1, 2022, and have further had no changes to the ownership of the establishment, will be permitted to apply for a new license for the sole purpose of relocating the establishment.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022; Ord. No. 23-03-531, § 1(Exh. A), 3-20-2023)

Sec. 4-87. Reserved.

Ord. No. 25-08-587, § 3, adopted August 18, 2025, repealed § 4-87, which pertained to limited food service restaurant license and derived from Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022; Ord. No. 23-03-531, § 1(Exh. A), 3-20-2023.

Sec. 4-88. Limited tap license.

- (a) An establishment that does not sell food prepared on the premises and that provides a limited selection of craft beers on tap and wine for consumption on premises only. An establishment with a limited tap license is limited to having five or fewer craft beer taps.
- (b) A limited tap license authorizes the holder of such license to sell ~~distilled~~-craft beer on tap and wine for on-premises consumption, provided that all such alcoholic beverages are purchased from a licensed wholesaler, subject to the following limitations:
 - (1) May have five or fewer beer taps;
 - (2) Consumption is limited to 48 ounces of malt beverages and 18 ounces of wine for any individual within a calendar day;
 - (3) The licensee shall at all times offer for sale at least one (1) craft beer product that is manufactured within the city limits of Milton, Georgia, by a microbrewery or brewpub licensed under this chapter and at least one (1) wine product that is manufactured within the city limits of Milton, Georgia by a farm winery licensed under this chapter. In the event that a craft beer or wine product manufactured in Milton is not available to the licensee through a licensed wholesaler, the licensee shall instead offer for sale at least one (1) product in that category manufactured at a location within 100 miles of the city limits of Milton, Georgia.

(34) The establishment must obtain approval from the fire marshal and building official in accordance with applicable codes;

(45) Limited tap license holders are prohibited from applying for a Sunday sales license.

(c) Hours of alcoholic beverage sales are Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022; Ord. No. 23-03-531, § 1(Exh. A), 3-20-2023)

Sec. 4-89. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. PACKAGE SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

DIVISION 1. IN GENERAL

Sec. 4-90. Locations where prohibited.

(a) No alcoholic beverages may be sold by the package at retail except in:

- (1) Distilled spirit package stores as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter;
- (2) Malt beverage package stores as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter;
- (3) Wine package stores as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter;
- (4) Craft beer and/or wine markets as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-135 of this chapter;
- (5) Microbreweries as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in article VI, division 2 of this chapter;
- (6) Microdistilleries as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in article VI, division 3 of this chapter;
- (7) Brewpubs as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-106 of this chapter; and
- (8) Restaurants as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-80 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-91. Package sales only.

(a) Except as may be otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, establishments holding a license to sell alcoholic beverages by the package shall not hold a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

(b) The foregoing prohibition, however, shall not apply with respect to the following:

- (1) Craft beer and/or wine markets as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-135 of this chapter;

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- (2) Microbreweries as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in article VI, division 2 of this chapter;
 - (3) Microdistilleries in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in article VI, division 3 of this chapter;
 - (4) Brewpubs as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-106 of this chapter.
- (c) For the purposes of this chapter, where a person holds a license to sell alcoholic beverages by the package, including distilled spirits, at one establishment, and a license to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at a contiguous establishment, and the licensed premises of each establishment are physically separate from the other, with the only interconnectivity between the establishments (if any) being an inside connecting service door or passageway, such establishments shall be considered separate and distinct establishments, provided that:
- (1) Each establishment operates under a trade name different from the other;
 - (2) All business transactions are kept separate;
 - (3) Each establishment must operate in compliance with all other provisions of this chapter and all other laws and regulations applicable to such business;
 - (4) The inside connecting service door or passageway (if any) must be located behind the service counter of each establishment or otherwise so situated or maintained as to be reasonably accessible only to the licensee or employees of the establishments, and only the licensee and employees of the establishments may use such door or passageway; and
 - (5) All other conditions required by state regulations applicable to such contiguous operations are met.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-92. Further prohibitions on package sales.

- (a) Coin-operated or amusement machines are prohibited and establishments licensed for package sales shall not permit on the premises any slot machines of any kind or character or any coin-operated machines or any machine operated for amusement purposes.
- (b) Alcohol consumption near retail package stores.
 - (1) It shall be prohibited for any person to open or to consume all or any part of any type of alcoholic beverage within 100 feet of any retail store where alcoholic beverages are sold in package form or within the boundary lines of the property on which such retail store is located, whichever constitutes the greater distance.
 - (2) An exception to this prohibition is within open container areas as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and within special districts as described in section 4-146 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-93, 4-94. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. PACKAGE DISTILLED SPIRITS

Sec. 4-95. Retail package distilled spirit license.

- (a) A retail package distilled spirit license permits the sale of distilled spirits by the package. An establishment that wishes to apply for this license must first meet the applicable zoning requirement.
- (b) No distilled spirits by the package may be sold at retail except in the following type of retail establishment, subject to such establishments holding a license to sell distilled spirits by the package:
 - (1) Retail establishments devoted exclusively to the retail sale of alcoholic beverages by the package; or
 - (2) Retail establishments in which space has been set aside devoted exclusively to the retail sale of distilled spirits by the package, with ingress and egress provided directly to and only to the exterior of the building in which the facility is located and not to any other enclosed part of the building in which the facility is located.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the retail sale within these establishments of malt beverages, wine, alcohol consumables, liquid commodities and/or mixes normally used in the preparation and serving of distilled spirits.
- (d) Off-premises distilled spirits retailers shall indicate plainly, by tag or labels on the bottles or containers or on the shelf immediately below where the bottles or containers are placed, the prices of all distilled spirits exposed or offered for sale. The retailer shall not display prices or brand names in such a way as to be visible from the outside of the establishment.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-96. Further prohibitions for retail package distilled spirit licenses.

- (a) Establishments licensed under this section shall not sell or offer to sell:
 - (1) Any cannabidiol (CBD), vape products as described with the definition of vape shop in ~~section 64-1 of the Milton Code of Ordinances~~ [the Unified Development Code of the City of Milton, Georgia](#), or any prohibited substances as defined in section 32-114 of the Milton Code of Ordinances.
 - (2) Any games of chance including but not limited to those identified in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-3.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-97. Hours of sale.

No distilled spirits by the package may be sold at retail except during the following hours:

- (a) Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m.; and
- (b) Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) provided the retailer has also applied for and received an approved Sunday sales license.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-98. Distance requirements.

Minimum distance requirements apply to this use as defined in section 4-22 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

DIVISION 3. PACKAGE MALT BEVERAGES AND WINE

Sec. 4-99. Package sales of malt beverages.

A retail package malt beverage or retail package wine license permits the sale of malt beverages or wine by the package. An establishment that wishes to apply for this license must first meet the applicable zoning requirement.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-100. Types of establishments where retail sale permitted.

- (a) No package malt beverage or wine shall be sold at retail except in the following types of retail establishments, subject to such establishments holding a license to sell malt beverages or wine (as applicable) by the package:
- (1) Establishments which meet the same requirements applicable to establishments where distilled spirits may be sold as described in section 4-95 of this chapter;
 - (2) Establishments maintaining 80 percent of the floor space and storage area in a manner which is devoted principally to the retail sale of foods, groceries, and general merchandise and located in zoning districts in which these establishments are permitted;
 - (3) Grocery stores as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter;
 - (4) Craft beer and wine markets as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-135 of this chapter;
 - (5) Microbreweries as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in article VI, division 2 of this chapter;
 - (6) Brewpubs as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-106 of this chapter; and
 - (7) Restaurants as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-80 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-101. Hours of sale.

No package malt beverages or wine may be sold at retail except during the following hours:

- (a) Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight); and
- (b) Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) provided the retailer has also applied for and received an approved Sunday sales license.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-102. Distance requirements.

Minimum distance requirements apply to this use as defined in section 4-22 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-103. Growlers.

- (a) No growlers as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter shall be sold at retail except in the following types of retail establishments, subject to such establishments holding a license to sell growlers:
 - (1) Retail malt beverage or wine package store;
 - (2) Microbreweries as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in article VI, division 2 of this chapter; and
 - (3) Brewpubs as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-106 of this chapter,
- (b) The filling of growlers by means of a tapped keg shall not constitute the breaking of a package as contemplated by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-26 or this section.
- (c) Growlers may only be filled from kegs procured by the licensee from a duly licensed wholesaler.
- (d) Only professionally sanitized and sealed growlers may be filled and made available for retail sale.
- (e) Each growler must be securely sealed and removed from the premises in its original sealed condition.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-104. Ancillary tastings.

Ancillary tastings are permitted with a valid ancillary tasting license pursuant section 4-138 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-105. Reserved.

ARTICLE V. HYBRID LICENSES

Sec. 4-106. Brewpub license.

- (a) A brewpub is an eating establishment as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter that permits the manufacture and sale of malt beverages for on premises consumption and by the package for off premises consumption. An establishment that wishes to apply for this license must first meet the applicable zoning requirements.
- (b) *Exception for brewpubs.* A limited exception to the provisions of this chapter which implement and enforce the three-tier system for the manufacture, distribution and sale of malt beverages established under state law shall exist for owners and operators of brewpubs, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (1) A brewpub license authorizes the holder of such license to:
 - a. Manufacture on the licensed premises not more than 5,000 barrels of malt beverages in a calendar year solely for retail sale;

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- b. Operate an eating establishment that shall be the sole retail outlet for manufactured malt beverages;
 - c. Sell directly to the public on its licensed premises up to 5,000 barrels of malt beverages manufactured on such licensed premises per year provided that any such sales by the package directly to consumers shall not exceed a maximum of 288 ounces per consumer per day.
 - d. Operate an eating establishment that may offer for sale for consumption on the premises any other alcoholic beverages produced by other manufacturers which are authorized for retail on-premises consumption under this chapter, including wine, distilled spirits, and malt beverages, provided that such alcoholic beverages are purchased from a licensed wholesaler; and, provided, further, that in addition to draft malt beverages manufactured on the premises, each brewpub licensee shall offer for sale commercially available canned or bottled malt beverages from licensed wholesalers; and
 - e. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, sell up to a maximum of 5,000 barrels annually of such malt beverages to licensed wholesale dealers. Under no circumstances shall such malt beverages be sold by a brewpub licensee to any person holding a retail consumption dealer's license or a retailer's license for the purpose of resale.
- (b) In calculating the total annual gross food and beverage sales for any such establishment for the purpose of determining whether the establishment constitutes an eating establishment as defined herein and by state law, neither barrels of malt beverages sold to licensed wholesale dealers for distribution to retailers, as authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 3-5-36(2)(D), or retail sales by the package or growler, shall be included.
 - (c) A brewpub licensed under this chapter may engage in the retail sale of malt beverages for off-premises consumption, so long as malt beverages sold by the package by the brewpub are manufactured on site, subject to the limitations of state law and this section.
 - (d) *Hours of sale.* No alcoholic beverages may be sold for on-premises consumption or by the package for off-premises consumption at a brewpub as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter except:
 - (1) Monday through Saturday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. of the following day; and
 - (2) On Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. on Monday provided the establishment has also applied for and received an approved Sunday Sales license.
 - (e) *Distance requirements.* Minimum distance requirements apply to this use as defined in section 4-22 of this chapter.
- (Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-107. Farm winery license.

- (a) A farm winery is a winery which makes at least 40 percent of its annual production from agricultural produce grown in the State of Georgia. It is located on premises, a substantial portion of which is used for agricultural purposes, including the cultivation of grapes, berries, or fruits to be utilized in the manufacture or production of wine by the winery (or) is owned and operated by persons who are engaged in the production of a substantial portion of the agricultural produce used in its annual production. An establishment that wishes to apply for this license must first meet the applicable zoning requirements.
- (b) A farm winery license authorizes the holder of such license to:
 - (1) Make retail sales for on-premises consumption of its wine and by the package for off-premises consumption, other Georgia wines, and wines produced or shipped from out of state as permitted

under state law in an approved tasting room on the premises of the farm winery without additional license requirements.

- (2) For the purposes of this section only, "premises" shall be limited to the tasting room and 20 feet beyond the tasting room in all directions.
 - (3) Conduct tastings in a tasting room as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter on the premises of the farm winery.
 - (4) ~~This establishment is prohibited from selling distilled spirits or malt beverages by the drink or package.~~
The sale of distilled spirits is prohibited. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a farm winery is authorized to sell malt beverages produced by a licensed Georgia microbrewery, brewery, or brewpub for on-premises consumption only, provided such beverages are purchased from a licensed wholesaler. If the licensee offers malt beverages for sale, it shall at all times offer for sale at least one (1) malt beverage product that is manufactured within the city limits of Milton, Georgia, by an establishment licensed under this chapter. In the event that a qualifying product manufactured in Milton is not available to the licensee through a licensed wholesaler, the licensee shall instead offer for sale at least one (1) product manufactured at a location within 100 miles of the city limits of Milton that is available through a licensed wholesaler.
 - (5) Be granted a wholesale license for sale and distribution as provided by O.C.G.A. § 3-6-21.1. Such license shall be issued upon application and payment of established fees and upon presentation of a receipt for payment of the state annual license tax as provided by the referenced code provisions in this section.
 - (6) Acquire and receive deliveries and shipments of wine in bulk from out-of-state producers and shippers in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of its annual production, provided that the Georgia farm winery licensee receiving any such shipment or shipments files timely reports with the commissioner and keeps such records of the receipt of such shipment or shipments as may be required by the commissioner.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit a farm winery from obtaining appropriate licenses or permits to allow special events on its premises and provide alcohol in conjunction with such licenses or permits as permitted by state law and city ordinances.
- (d) Hours of sale.
- (1) Monday through Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; and
 - (2) Sunday, from 12:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- (e) Applicable provisions. The provisions of this chapter regarding qualifications of the licensee and other matters shall apply to the issuance of the license for sale by a farm winery tasting room and the operation thereof.
- (f) Licensing limitations. The tasting license created in accord with this article shall be limited to the approved farm winery tasting room on-site, licensed by the State of Georgia in accord with O.C.G.A. § 3-6-21.1 et seq., and the licensee shall be permitted to perform only acts allowed in accord with such statutes. No license is hereby created authorizing any other tasting use.
- (g) Renewals. All applications for renewal of a farm winery license or licenses shall be accompanied by a copy of the current state license. Failure to present a valid copy of a current and valid state license may result in a refusal to renew the license. In addition, the licensee must provide a copy of the renewed state license by January 31st annually.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-108, 4-109. Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. MANUFACTURING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

DIVISION I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 4-110. Locations where prohibited.

- (a) No alcoholic beverages may be manufactured for sale except in:
- (1) Microbreweries as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in article VI, division 2 of this chapter;
 - (2) Microdistilleries as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in article VI, division 3 of this chapter; and
 - (3) Brewpubs as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and only as outlined in section 4-106 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-111—4-114. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. MICROBREWERY LICENSE

Sec. 4-115. Microbrewery license.

- (a) A microbrewery license permits the manufacture and sale of malt beverages at retail for both on-premises consumption and by the package for off-premises consumption. An establishment that wishes to apply for this license must first meet the applicable zoning requirements.
- (b) Special provisions related to microbreweries:
- (1) As a limited exception to the provisions of state law which implement and enforce the three-tier system for the manufacture, distribution and sale of malt beverages, a microbrewery license authorizes the holder of such license to sell directly to the public on its licensed premises for personal use and not for resale, subject to following terms and conditions;
 - (2) The brewer may only make sales of malt beverages to an individual while the individual is physically on the brewer's licensed premises where the brewer produces malt beverages;
 - (3) The brewer may only make sales of malt beverages for which the brewer is the sole owner of the brand and brand label;
 - (4) Sales for consumption off the premises shall not exceed a maximum of 288 ounces of malt beverages per individual per day; and
 - (5) The maximum amount of malt beverages the brewer may sell pursuant to this chapter at retail each calendar year shall be 6,000 barrels in the aggregate among all brewer's licensed premises making such sales.

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Sec. 4-116. Hours of sale.

No malt beverages by the package or drink may be sold at retail except during the following hours:

- (1) Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m.; and
- (2) Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. provided the retailer has also applied for and received an approved Sunday sales license.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022; Ord. No. 25-08-587, § 4, 8-18-2025)

Sec. 4-117. Distance requirements.

Minimum distance requirements apply to this use as defined in section 4-22 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-118, 4-119. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. MICRODISTILLERY LICENSE

Sec. 4-120. Microdistillery license.

- (a) A microdistillery license permits the manufacture and sale of distilled spirits at retail for both on-premises consumption and by the package for off-premises consumption. An establishment that wishes to apply for this license must first meet the applicable zoning requirements.
- (b) Special provisions applicable to microdistilleries.
 - (1) As a limited exception to the provisions of state law which implement and enforce the three-tier system for the manufacture, distribution and sale of distilled spirits, a microdistillery license authorizes the holder of such license to sell directly to the public on its licensed premises for personal use and not for resale, subject to following terms and conditions;
 - (2) A distiller may only sell up to 750 barrels of distilled spirits at retail per calendar year;
 - (3) The distiller may only make retail sales of distilled spirits to an individual while the individual is physically on the distiller's licensed premises;
 - (4) Such distiller shall only make such retail sales of distilled spirits that such distiller has distilled, rectified, blended, aged, or bottled at one or more of its licensed premises;
 - (5) The distiller may only make sales of distilled spirits for which the distiller is the sole owner of the brand and brand label;
 - (6) Sales for consumption off the premises shall not exceed a maximum of 4,500 milliliters of distilled spirits per individual per day.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-121. Hours of sale.

No distilled spirits by the package or drink may be sold at retail except during the following hours:

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- (1) Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m.; and
 - (2) Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. provided the retailer has also applied for and received an approved Sunday sales license.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022; Ord. No. 25-08-587, § 5, 8-18-2025)

Sec. 4-122 Distance requirements.

Minimum distance requirements apply to this use as defined in section 4-22 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-123—4-125. Reserved.

ARTICLE VII. SPECIALTY LICENSES

Sec. 4-126. Specialty gift shop.

- (a) A specialty gift shop is a retail gift shop that derives not more than 15 percent of its gross sales from the sale of packaged gift baskets or similar items containing unbroken containers of wine or malt beverages.
- (b) To qualify as a specialty gift shop, a retail shop must:
 - (1) Deal in the sale of foods, specialty foods and gifts that derives not more than 15 percent of its gross sales from the sale of packaged gift baskets containing non-alcohol related items such as flowers, plants, food or similar items which also contain unbroken containers of malt beverages and/or wine;
 - (2) Have an interior floor area of not more than 5,000 square feet (inclusive of storage), of which more than 60 percent of interior floor area is devoted to the display for sale of non-alcoholic beverages; and
 - (3) Only offer packaged wine or malt beverages for sale in gift baskets or similar items.
- (c) Specialty gift shops prohibitions:
 - (1) On-premises consumption in any manner is strictly prohibited.
 - (2) Check cashing services shall not be offered.
 - (3) Sales of malt beverages with an alcohol content by volume greater than six percent is prohibited.
 - (4) Sales of gasoline, diesel fuel, tires, and tobacco products.
 - (5) Sale of any cannabidiol (CBD), vape products as described with the definition of vape shop in ~~section 64-1 of the Milton Code of Ordinances~~ [the Unified Development Code of the City of Milton, Georgia](#), or any prohibited substances as defined in section 32-114 of the Milton Code of Ordinances.
 - (6) Any games of chance including but not limited to those identified in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-3.
- (d) No package malt beverages or wine may be sold at retail at a specialty gift shop except during the following hours:
 - (1) Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight); and
 - (2) Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) provided the retailer has also applied for and received an approved Sunday sales license.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-127. Distance requirements.

Minimum distance requirements apply to this use as defined in section 4-22 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-128. Incidental service license.

- (a) Incidental service is the gratis provision of malt beverages or wine to patrons.
- (b) An incidental service license authorizes the holder of such license to provide, free of charge, limited quantities of malt beverages and wine to patrons in qualified establishments.
- (c) Incidental service; limitations.
 - (1) Service is limited to malt beverage and wine;
 - (2) There can be no charge to the patron for malt beverages or wine served;
 - (3) No individual can consume more than 16 ounces of wine or 24 ounces of malt beverages on premises in a calendar day;
 - (4) The amount of money spent on alcoholic beverages by such establishment shall not exceed two percent of gross receipts and defined in section 12-20 of the Milton Code of Ordinances.
 - (5) Holders of other city alcoholic beverage licenses are ineligible; and
 - (6) Establishments, as designated by the community development director, with advice and assistance from staff and council, as providing a use or service that is not compatible with complimentary service of alcohol (i.e., gas stations, convenience stores) are not eligible.
- (d) The community development director shall have the authority to:
 - (1) Request additional written or investigative information from the applicant or city staff deemed necessary to consider an application for an incidental service license prior to a decision; and
 - (2) ~~Grant an applicant an incidental service license, consistent with the provisions of this chapter; and~~
 - (3) Deny any application on the grounds that it is incomplete, fails to show the applicant has satisfied the qualifications set forth in this chapter or other provisions of this Code; shows the applicant, location, or application would not qualify under state law or Georgia Department of Revenue Regulations; or for other due cause.
- (e) *Notice required.* The community development director shall provide written notice to any applicant whose application is denied. Such written notification shall set forth in reasonable detail the reasons for such denial and shall advise the applicant of the right to an appeal before the city council with a right to present evidence and cross examine witnesses. Such notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered agent at the address provided and to the named licensee at the licensed premises. Delivery shall be deemed to take place on the third day following deposit in the United States mail.
- (f) *Appeals from decisions of the community development director.* In the event the community development director denies an application for an incidental service permit, the individual or applicant may appeal to the city council for reconsideration of the denial by filing a written request for an appeal hearing with the community development director within 15 days of the written notice informing of the denial. Any such appeal hearings concerning a denial shall be conducted according to the procedures set in section 4-41.

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(g) No malt beverages or wine may be served pursuant this license except: Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

(h) Distance requirements; none.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-129. Bring your own beverage (BYOB) license.

~~(a) No patrons may bring alcoholic beverages into any establishment for the purposes of consumption except:~~

~~(1) A restaurant as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter;~~

~~(2) Establishments with a council-issued festivals or events, indoor/outdoor use permit as defined in section 64-1812 in the Milton Code of ordinances; or~~

~~(3) Establishments, as designated by the community development director, with advice and assistance from staff and council.~~

~~(b) BYOB is prohibited, except: Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until one hour before close, but no later than 1:00 a.m. Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until one hour before close, but no later than 10:00 p.m. if the establishment possesses an approved Sunday sales license. Hours for establishments with no existing alcohol beverage license are limited to Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until one hour before close, but no later than 10:00 p.m.~~

~~(c) Further requirements and prohibitions for an establishment holding a BYOB license include the following:~~

~~(1) The establishment may not sell distilled spirits by the package.~~

~~(2) The licensee must have an established policy pertaining to BYOB practices and may in its discretion charge a corkage fee and have available, either for a fee or not, barware such as glasses, ice buckets and bottle openers for the patrons' use.~~

~~(3) BYOB beverages are limited to malt beverages and wine.~~

~~(4) No alcohol may be brought onto the premises of a BYOB licensed establishment or consumed by a patron under 21 years of age.~~

~~(5) No alcohol may be brought onto the premises by a patron less than one hour prior to closing.~~

~~(6) All alcohol brought onto the premises by a patron must be removed from the premises or disposed of by the patron.~~

~~(7) Any malt beverages or wine opened and not completely consumed at a business establishment pursuant to a BYOB license shall be properly disposed of and not kept on the premises.~~

~~(8) Employees of the establishment/licensee are prohibited from handling any patron's alcohol unless removing it to dispose of it. If a patron leaves the alcohol on the premises, it must be disposed of and not allowed to remain on the premises.~~

(a) General Prohibition and Exceptions. No patron shall bring alcoholic beverages into any establishment for the purpose of consumption, nor shall any person or entity allow such practice, except within the following licensed establishments:

1. A restaurant as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter;

2. Establishments holding a valid, City Council-issued Use Permit for Festivals or Events (Indoor/Outdoor) as defined and regulated by the Unified Development Code; or

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3. Establishments specifically designated by the Community Development Director, following consultation with and assistance from City staff and the City Council.

(b) Permitted Hours of Operation. The provision of BYOB services is prohibited except during the following days and hours:

1. Monday through Saturday: From 9:00 a.m. until one hour prior to the close of business, provided that such service shall terminate no later than 1:00 a.m..
2. Sunday: From 11:00 a.m. until one hour prior to the close of business, provided that such service shall terminate no later than 10:00 p.m.

(c) Operational Standards and Requirements. Every establishment holding a BYOB license shall adhere to the following mandatory regulations:

1. *Package Sales Prohibited.* The licensee is strictly prohibited from selling distilled spirits by the package.
2. *Mandatory Written Policy.* The licensee shall establish, maintain, and enforce a comprehensive written policy governing all BYOB practices and operations on the licensed premises. This policy must incorporate, at a minimum, all operational requirements and prohibitions set forth in this subsection (Sec. 4-129.c). A copy of said comprehensive written policy shall be submitted to the City as part of the license application.
3. *Discretionary Fees and Barware.* The licensee may, at its discretion, charge a corkage fee and may provide barware—including but not limited to glasses, ice buckets, and bottle openers—for patron use.
4. *Permitted Beverages.* BYOB privileges are limited exclusively to malt beverages and wine.
5. *Underage Restrictions.* It shall be unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises of a BYOB licensed establishment or to consume alcoholic beverages thereon.
6. *Entry Cutoff.* No patron shall bring alcoholic beverages onto the licensed premises less than one hour prior to the closing of the establishment.
7. *Removal of Beverages.* All alcoholic beverages brought onto the premises by a patron must either be removed from the premises by the patron upon departure or properly disposed of.
8. *Handling and Disposal.* Any malt beverages or wine opened but not fully consumed shall be properly disposed of and shall not be kept, stored, or abandoned on the premises.
9. *Employee Handling Restrictions.* Employees and agents of the licensee are prohibited from handling any patron's alcoholic beverages, except for the express purpose of immediate disposal. Any alcohol left on the premises by a patron must be destroyed and shall not be permitted to remain on site.
10. *Physical On-Site Supervision.* No establishment holding a BYOB license shall operate without active, physical on-site supervision. At all times alcoholic beverages are permitted for consumption on the premises, the licensee, a licensee agent, or a manager holding a valid City alcohol seller/server permit must be physically present on the premises to exercise supervisory authority and operational control. Such supervision is required to:

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- a. Examine proper identification of patrons to ensure they are of legal age;
 - b. Monitor patrons for states of intoxication; and
 - c. Ensure the immediate and proper disposal of unconsumed beverages as required by this section.

- (d) The community development director shall have the authority to:
 - (1) Request additional written or investigative information from the applicant or city staff deemed necessary to consider an application for a BYOB license prior to a decision; and
 - ~~(2) Grant an applicant an BYOB license, consistent with the provisions of this chapter; and~~
 - (23) Deny any application on the grounds that it is incomplete, fails to show the applicant has satisfied the qualifications set forth in this chapter or other provisions of this Code; shows the applicant, location, or application would not qualify under state law or Georgia Department of Revenue Regulations; or for other due cause.
- (e) *Notice required.* The community development director shall provide written notice to any applicant whose application is denied. Such written notification shall set forth in reasonable detail the reasons for such denial and shall advise the applicant of the right to an appeal before the city council with a right to present evidence and cross examine witnesses. Such notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered agent at the address provided and to the named licensee at the licensed premises. Delivery shall be deemed to take place on the third day following deposit in the United States mail.
- (f) *Appeals from decisions of the community development director.* In the event the community development director denies an application for a BYOB service permit, the individual or applicant may appeal to the city council for reconsideration of the denial by filing a written request for an appeal hearing with the community development director within 15 days of the written notice informing of the denial. Any such appeal hearings concerning a denial shall be conducted according to the procedures set in section 4-41.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-130—4-134. Reserved.

ARTICLE VIII. ADD-ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

Sec. 4-135. Craft beer and/or wine market license.

- (a) No alcoholic beverages may be sold for on-premises consumption at a craft beer and wine market as defined in section 4-2 except:
 - (1) Monday through Saturday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; and
 - (2) On Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. provided the establishment has also applied for and received an approved Sunday sales license.
- (b) A craft beer and wine market as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter can obtain a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages limited to craft beer and wine for on-premises consumption and package sales of craft beer and wine for off-premises consumption. This establishment is prohibited from selling distilled spirits by the drink or package.

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- (c) The primary purpose of the establishment must be the sale of craft beers and/or wine for consumption off-premises in conjunction with the sale of prepared food and/or groceries. The establishment shall:
 - (1) Have an interior floor space of which 60 percent or more is devoted to retail sales of craft beers and/or wine for consumption off-premises, food preparation, or grocery sales including shelving and displays; and
 - (2) Maintain 60 percent of gross sales derived from retail package craft beer and/or wine for off-premises consumption, prepared food and meals, groceries, or any combination thereof.
 - (d) The establishment shall offer a minimum of 50 different craft beer and/or wine selections.
 - (e) The establishment must meet the quantity restrictions and/or requirements as set forth in this chapter and specified by state law. The establishment shall meet all distance requirements for a consumption on-premises license as well as an off-premises beer and/or wine package license as described in section 4-22 of this chapter.
 - (f) Craft beer and wine markets are permitted to sell growlers as defined in chapter 4-2 of this section. The filling of growlers with craft beer drawn from a tap on a barrel, cask, tank, or keg on the premises shall not constitute the breaking of a package as contemplated by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-26 or other provisions of this chapter.
 - (g) Craft beers and wine consumed on the premises of a craft beer and/or wine market shall only be opened by the licensee or an employee of the craft beer and/or wine market. Craft beers and wine to be consumed on-premises shall not include growlers or packaged craft beer.
 - (h) No open containers of craft beer or wine shall be removed from the licensed premises unless otherwise specifically permitted by this chapter.
 - (i) The sale of food is expressly permitted in a craft beer and/or wine market provided all applicable laws and regulations are complied with.
 - (j) The craft beer and/or wine market license is a supplement to, and not a substitute for, the off-premises package sales license that would be required for such establishment. An ancillary tasting license will also be required if tasting events will be held.
 - (k) The establishment must gain approval from the fire marshal and building official in accordance with applicable codes.
 - (l) Minimum distance requirements apply to this use as defined in section 4-22 of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-136. Resident alcoholic beverage caterer license.

- (a) A resident alcoholic beverage caterer as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter is a City of Milton standard consumption on premises license holder or any Milton licensed package alcoholic beverage retailer as identified in article IV of this chapter.
- (b) A resident alcoholic beverage caterer license authorizes the holder of such license to transport and sell alcoholic beverages for service and consumption at private functions on private property, at duly licensed special events and at assembly halls or special events facilities.
- (c) Additional requirements for a resident alcohol beverage caterer license:
 - (1) Must be a licensed business with the limits of the City of Milton which holds the appropriate occupational tax certificate.

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- (2) In order to distribute or sell malt beverages, wine or distilled spirits to or at a catered function within the city, a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer shall file an application for a special/catered event alcohol permit as defined in section 4-2 of this chapter and described in section 4-140 of this chapter, with the city manager or his or her designee.
 - (3) A copy of the local and state alcoholic beverage catering licenses as well as the original catered event permit shall be kept in the vehicle transporting the alcoholic beverages to the catered event or function.
 - (4) It shall be prohibited for a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer to distribute, sell, or otherwise dispense alcoholic beverages off-premises except as authorized by the resident alcoholic beverage catering license and event alcohol permit. A licensed alcoholic beverage caterer may sell or otherwise dispense only that which is authorized by its alcoholic beverage license. For example, if the alcoholic beverage caterer possesses a valid license to sell malt beverages, it may sell or otherwise dispense only malt beverages at the authorized catered event or function.
 - (5) Bartenders and/or servers for licensed alcoholic beverage caterers must meet all state and local laws, age restrictions, and must possess a valid server/seller alcohol permit as described in section 4-172 of this chapter.
 - (6) Sunday sales. An alcoholic beverage caterer wishing to cater an event or function on Sunday must possess a valid Sunday sales license and comply with the requirements of state law with respect to the service of alcoholic beverages on Sunday.
 - (7) Excise taxes are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages by resident caterers as provided in this chapter. Excise taxes are imposed upon the total of individual alcoholic beverages served by a non-resident caterer in the amount set forth in this chapter and shall be paid within 30 days after the conclusion of the catered event or function.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-137. Sunday sales license.

- (a) A Sunday sales license requires compliance with the requirements of state law with respect to the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, and a payment of the applicable fee. A separate Sunday sales license will be required for qualified licensed establishments wishing to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday.
- (b) The holder of the following alcohol beverage licenses may apply for a Sunday sales license pursuant to the conditions contained herein:
 - (1) A standard consumption on premises license or a craft beer and wine market license as defined in this chapter; provided, however, no Sunday sales license shall be issued unless the establishment derives at least 50 percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or food as defined in section 4-2;
 - (2) A packaged distilled spirit, malt beverages or wine license;
 - (3) A manufacturing license; and
 - (4) A specialty gift shop license.
- (c) Incidental service license holders are prohibited from applying for or obtaining a Sunday sales license.
- (d) The hours for Sunday sales shall be subject to those identified for each use and may be further restricted by zoning conditions or requirements.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-138. Ancillary tasting license.

- (a) Ancillary tasting license. The holder of a package malt beverage or wine license may be eligible for a separate ancillary tasting license to provide samples of malt beverages and/or wine it offers for sale by the package to patrons upon meeting all of the requirements specified in this chapter and paying the required fees. An ancillary tasting license may be utilized at an approved establishment only under the following conditions:
- (1) Sampling in a retail package store shall be on limited occasions when a patron requests a sample offered for sale within the premises or in conjunction with education classes and sampling designed to promote malt beverage and/or wine appreciation and education.
 - (2) Malt beverage and/or wine tasting for patrons in a retail package store shall only be conducted at a counter area constituting no more than ten percent of the entire floor area of the premises. This does not apply to restaurants, microbreweries, microbreweries, or brewpubs.
 - (3) Sampling for patrons shall not exceed two ounces per sample of malt beverage or wine and no patron shall consume more than eight ounces of malt beverage or wine during a calendar day.
 - (4) Distilled spirit tastings are prohibited in retail package stores.
 - (5) No patron shall consume more than one type of alcohol at a tasting during a calendar day.
 - (6) Bottles shall be opened only by the licensee or an employee, and samples shall only be poured by the licensee and/or an employee.
 - (7) No open containers of malt beverages and/or wine shall be removed from the licensed premises.
- (b) The holder of an ancillary tasting license may conduct educational classes and sampling for classes. All conditions of sampling set forth in this section shall apply to such classes, except for the limitation on floor areas where the classes can be conducted.
- (c) The hours during which tastings shall be conducted are limited to Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- (d) This section is intended to be interpreted as a supplement to, and not to interfere with the requirements of, O.C.G.A. § 3-15-2.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-139. Reserved.

ARTICLE IX. EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMITS

Sec. 4-140. Special/catered event alcohol permits.

- (a) For existing consumption off-premises and/or on-premises establishments that hold an alcoholic beverage catering license.
- (1) A special/catered event permit may be issued to any licensed alcoholic beverage caterer to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption within the fixed boundaries of the physical area where an approved special event pursuant to chapter 34 of the Milton Code of Ordinances or city-approved catered event is held and only for the time period approved pursuant to the special/catered event permit.

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- (2) The licensee must submit an application and pay the required non-refundable fee, and, in relation to the special/catered event permit, shall be required to comply with all licensing requirements associated with its consumption off-premises or on-premises license with the exception of the full-service kitchen requirement. Notwithstanding any other term or prohibition in this chapter, the holder of the special/catered event alcohol permit may be authorized, upon terms and conditions identified by the city manager, to pour alcohol at the special event and allow open container consumption within the fixed boundaries of the physical area where the special event is to be held.
 - (3) An establishment that holds a current on-premises consumption license may not receive a special/catered event alcohol permit for package sales for off-premises consumption.
 - (4) Alcohol seller/server permits required.
- (b) For non-profit civic organizations.
- (1) A special/catered event alcohol permit may be issued to any non-profit organization for a period not to exceed the time permitted pursuant to the special/catered event alcohol permit.
 - (2) The applicant must submit an application and pay the required non-refundable processing fee and shall be required to comply with all licensing requirements for a consumption on-premises establishment with the exception of the full-service kitchen requirement. Notwithstanding any other term or prohibition in this chapter, the holder of a special/catered event alcohol permit may be authorized, upon terms and conditions identified by the city manager, to pour alcohol at the event, sell sealed packaged malt beverages and/or wine for off-premises consumption, and allow open container consumption within the fixed boundaries of the physical area where the event is to be held.
 - (3) In the event that open container consumption is so authorized within the fixed boundaries of the physical area where the special event is to be held, any other holder of a consumption on-premises license whose licensed premises is located entirely within the fixed boundary of the special event site shall likewise be authorized to allow open container alcohol consumption within the special event boundary. This open container consumption accommodation shall only be authorized, if at all, during the term of the event.
 - (4) Alcohol seller/server permits are not required. Any employee or volunteer of a non-profit special/catered event alcohol permit, working the special event in any position dispensing, selling, serving, taking orders or mixing alcoholic beverages shall not be required to obtain an alcohol seller/server permit for the special event, provided that no person under 18 years of age may dispense, serve, or take orders for alcoholic beverages.
 - (5) The event must be associated with and benefit the cause of a non-profit charitable or civic organization with an approved special event permit pursuant to chapter 34 of the Milton Code of Ordinances or a city-approved catered event.
- (c) *Not to be issued for BYOB.* BYOB is not allowed at any event or special event as defined within the Milton Code of Ordinances. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit BYOB at establishments operating under a valid, City Council-issued Use Permit for Festivals or Events (Indoor/Outdoor) as defined and regulated by the Unified Development Code, provided no special/catered event alcohol permit is required or has been issued.
- (d) *Chief of police's authority to revoke.* The chief of police or his or her designee may immediately revoke any event alcohol permit if it is determined continued alcohol sales may endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public.
- (e) *Indemnification required.* As a condition on the issuance of an event alcohol permit, the licensee shall indemnify and hold the city harmless from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action that may arise from activities associated with the special event.

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- (f) *Number of events permitted.* Catered events shall be limited to six per location. Outdoor auditoriums and special event facilities as defined in ~~chapter 64 of the Milton Code of Ordinances~~ [the Unified Development Code of the City of Milton, Georgia](#) are exempt from this limitation. Special events shall be limited as outlined in Chapter 34 of the Milton Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-141. Grand opening/annual promotion alcohol permit.

- (a) Any establishment licensed to do business in the city and meeting all other location requirements to be open to the public may apply for a grand opening/annual promotion permit. Such permit allows the holder to provide malt beverages and wine for consumption on-premises of its business establishment for a single four-hour period in any given year for the purpose of celebrating the business whether for a grand opening, anniversary, or other event. The establishment must abide by all other provisions of this chapter, including prohibitions against providing alcohol to minors and intoxicated patrons. The establishment may not receive money or donations for the alcohol served in accordance with such a permit.
- (b) Employees or volunteers of the grand opening/annual promotion permit, working the event in any position in any position dispensing, serving, taking orders, or mixing alcoholic beverages shall not be required to obtain an alcohol seller/server permit for the special event, provided that no person under 18 years of age may dispense, serve, or take orders for alcoholic beverages.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-142 Public facilities event alcohol permit.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, a limited exception to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property shall exist for that person or entity possessing a public facilities event alcohol permit, as hereinafter defined.
- (b) For all purposes of this section, "public facilities" shall mean all facilities owned or leased by the city, except:
- (1) Any fire station; and
 - (2) Any public safety facility.
- (c) Any person or entity desiring to engage in activities licensed by this section, shall make written application to the city manager or his or her designee for the appropriate public facilities event alcohol permit on forms prescribed by the city. All applications shall be accompanied by a public facilities event alcohol permit fee as established by the city council. Further, all applicants shall be required to provide a release and meet any other requirements established by the city manager as conditions of obtaining the public facilities event alcohol permit.
- (d) The city manager or his or her designee shall consider the following factors in determining whether to approve or deny an application for a public facilities event alcohol permit:
- (1) Expected time period in which the event will occur;
 - (2) Whether the event will occur during daylight hours;
 - (3) The number of people expected to attend the event;
 - (4) Other activities scheduled to occur in the structure, facility or property at the time of the event; and
 - (5) Any other factor weighing upon the health, safety or welfare of others.

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- (e) If the application is denied, which denial shall be based upon the factors described above, or if the applicant withdraws the application prior to its approval, the license fee (without interest) shall be refunded. The application shall include but shall not be limited to: The name and address of the applicant, the date, address and times of the proposed event and the location of the public facility. All applications shall be sworn to by the applicant before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.
 - (f) If such public facilities event alcohol permit is granted by the city manager or his or her designee, it shall be good only for the specified event at the specified address and times set forth in the application, not to exceed two days for a public park and one day for any other public facility.
 - (g) A public facilities event alcohol permit for a public park shall permit the permit holder to serve and sell alcoholic beverages in a hospitality tent or similar structure previously approved by the fire marshal, and the alcoholic beverages may only be consumed on-premises of such hospitality tent or similar structure.
 - (h) A public facilities event alcohol permit shall license the holder to serve and sell alcoholic beverages within the premises of the public facility.
 - (i) A public facilities event alcohol permit shall only be issued to a caterer licensed under the provisions of this chapter, or to an individual who meets the character requirements of this chapter; provided, however, that no more than two permits per calendar year shall be issued to an individual who is not a licensed caterer.
 - (j) The city manager shall have authority to prescribe forms for applications. Failure to furnish any requested data shall automatically serve to dismiss the application with prejudice.
 - (k) Any untrue or misleading information contained in, or material statement omitted from, an original or renewal application for a public facilities event alcohol permit shall be cause for the denial or revocation thereof.
 - (l) Except as set forth above in this section, a public facilities event alcohol permit holder must comply with all of the provisions set forth in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-143, 4-144. Reserved.

ARTICLE X. OPEN CONTAINER AREAS IN SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Sec. 4-145. General provisions.

The provisions of this article are intended to set forth exceptions and provisions applicable only to licensees whose establishments are located within the areas identified in the Crabapple District, Deerfield District, and Birmingham Crossroads District (as hereinafter defined) holding licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Except as specifically set forth in this article, all such licenses remain subject to all other provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-146. Definition of special districts.

For the purposes of this article only, the city's special districts are designated as follows: The Crabapple District, Deerfield District, and Birmingham Crossroads Districts (as shown in the attached maps) and are defined as follows: The area of the city identified as C1, MIX, T4, T4 Open, T4 Restricted, T5, T6, and adjacent CS transect

zones in the applicable Form Based Code, excluding, in the Crabapple District, those parcels fronting Green Road and Arnold Mill Road.

In the case of a licensed establishment whose main entrance is inside a special district, the entire licensed establishment shall be considered part of the special district, regardless of whether any portion of the licensed establishment is in a zoning district not included in the special district.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-147. Open container areas allowing outside consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter, the following activities are specifically allowed within open container areas in the city's "special districts."

- (a) *One drink on-street limit.* Any establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on-premises whose entrance is located in a special district is authorized to dispense an alcoholic beverage in a paper or plastic cup, or other container other than a can, bottle, or glass, for removal from the premises; provided, however, that no establishment shall dispense to any person more than one such alcoholic beverage at a time for removal from the premises, and no person shall remove at one time more than one such alcoholic beverage from the licensed premises.
- (b) *Size limited to a maximum of 16 ounces.* No container in which an alcoholic beverage is dispensed and removed from the licensed premises shall exceed 16 fluid ounces in size. No person shall hold in possession on the streets and sidewalks, in parks and squares, or in other public places within the defined area any open alcoholic beverage container which exceeds 16 fluid ounces in size.
- (c) *Drinking from can, bottle, or glass prohibited.* It shall be prohibited for any person to drink or attempt to drink any alcoholic beverage from a can, bottle, or glass, or to possess in an open can, bottle, or glass any alcoholic beverage on the streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, and parking lots, whether public or private.
- (d) *Purchase from licensed premises within defined districts.* Alcoholic beverages consumed pursuant to this provision must be purchased from a licensed consumption on-premises establishment within the defined districts. A licensed premises will be deemed to be within the defined district if the entrance to the licensed premises is located within the district.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-148. No abrogation of other laws.

The provisions of this article shall not be deemed to abrogate or otherwise impact any state law or local ordinance pertaining to public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, driving with an open container or under the influence of alcohol, or similar laws.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-149. Reserved.

ARTICLE XI. ENFORCEMENT, REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS, SELLER/SERVER PERMITS

DIVISION 1. ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 4-150. Enforcement by police department.

Except as otherwise provided, the police department shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and applicable state law.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-151. Emergency suspension of sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages.

The city manager and chief of police are each authorized to suspend the sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages under any license for any emergency situation when the official deems such suspension necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare. Such suspension may be made effective immediately and shall remain in force until the city manager or chief of police determines the emergency no longer exists or until the next meeting of the city council, at which time the city council shall decide whether the suspension shall cease or be extended.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-152. Inspection of licensed establishments.

- (a) Sworn officers of the police department shall have the authority to inspect establishments licensed under the city's alcoholic beverages ordinance during the hours in which the premises are open for business. These inspections shall be made for the purpose of verifying compliance with the requirements of this chapter and state law.
- (b) This section is not intended to limit the authority of any other city officer to conduct inspections authorized by other provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-153, 4-154. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. OPERATING REGULATIONS

Sec. 4-155. Hours and days of sale.

- (a) Alcoholic beverages shall only be permitted during the following hours and days of the week contained within this chapter or ~~chapter 64 of the Milton Code of Ordinances~~ [the Unified Development Code of the City of Milton, Georgia](#).
- (b) Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, licensed premises shall close their premises to the public and clear the premises of patrons within 30 minutes after the time set in this section for discontinuance of the

sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises. The licensed business shall open its business each day it is open by not later than 5:00 p.m.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-156. Maintenance and compliance of premises.

- (a) The licensed premises shall be kept clean and shall be in full compliance with all city regulations governing the conditions of the premises, including but not limited to, compliance with the applicable sections of this Code governing the conditions of premises used for the storage and sale of food for human consumption.
- (b) The licensee is required to maintain the exterior of the licensed premises, parking lot and all parts of the premises abutting public rights-of-way during all hours the business is open and to do an inspection of the premises within three hours after closing. The term "maintain" means keeping the defined areas free of bottles, cans, cups, trash and other litter.
- (c) All eating establishment and restaurant areas, including all tables, booths, and other areas where patrons are served and including all passageways for patrons, shall be kept clean and shall be sufficiently well illuminated so that they may be viewed by those on or about the premises.
- (d) The Fulton County Health Department is authorized to regularly inspect such licensed premises to determine that such licensed premises are in compliance with all county and state health rules and regulations and report any violations to the city manager or his or her designee.
- (e) City fire personnel are authorized to regularly inspect the premises to see that they are in compliance with all city, county, and state fire regulations and report any violation to the city manager or his or her designee.
- (f) The city community development department is authorized to regularly inspect the licensed premises to determine if the premises are in compliance with all technical codes of the city and county and report any violation to the city manager or his or her designee.
- (g) City police personnel shall periodically inspect the premises to determine if the licensed premises are in compliance with all provisions of this chapter and report any violation to the city manager or his or her designee.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-157. Advertising; signs; pricing.

- (a) No outdoor advertising or signs with respect to the promotions of the sale or service of alcoholic beverages, or the prices of such beverages, shall be permitted:
 - (1) On the exterior of any retail package outlet;
 - (2) On the premises of an on-premises consumption dealer; or
 - (3) In the windows of any licensed establishment that may be viewed from outside.
- (b) No signs shall be erected anywhere in the city advertising or promoting the sale of alcoholic beverages, except that a store displaying its merchandise may in the same manner as such other merchandise is displayed, erect a sign indicating the counter on which the merchandise is displayed; provided the lettering of such signs does not exceed in size the lettering of such signs on other counters where other products are sold. The name, brand or type of alcoholic beverage served and the price per serving may be provided to patrons on a regular printed menu.

(c) Alcoholic beverages may not be priced in any manner except as to single units or unbroken package quantities.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-158. Wholesaler and distributor registration and delivery requirements.

All wholesalers or distributors shall register and pay appropriate fees with the city and comply with this chapter before they can sell or deliver any alcoholic beverages to any establishment in the city. Deliveries shall be made in a conveyance owned and operated by a wholesaler or distributor registered as set out in this chapter and shall at all times when deliveries are being made be subject to inspection by any and all duly authorized authorities of the city. Deliveries of any alcoholic beverages shall be limited to premises that are covered by a valid retail license.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-159. Storage of alcoholic beverages by retailers.

All licensed retailers shall store all alcoholic beverages on the premises for which the license was issued, and at no other place. All alcoholic beverages shall be available at all times for inspection by authorized city officials. Any brand or type of alcoholic beverages found in any retailer's stock that was not delivered to the licensed premises by an authorized wholesaler or distributor shall be subject to immediate confiscation.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-160. Conflicts with wholesaler or manufacturer prohibited.

No financial aid or assistance to any retail licensee hereunder from any wholesaler or manufacture of malt beverage, wine or other alcoholic beverages shall be permitted.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-161. Requests for additional information.

The city manager or his or her designee may request, from time to time, information concerning purchases and sales of alcoholic beverages from retailers and wholesalers.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-162. Single cans/bottles or other containers permitted for sale.

Single cans or bottles or other containers of alcoholic beverages may be sold at retail.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-163. Tasting of samples by employees.

Notwithstanding any contrary term or prohibition in this chapter, in any retail package distilled spirits store in which alcoholic beverages are legally sold in unbroken packages, tasting of alcohol samples by retail dealers and their employees is permitted to the extent allowed by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-26.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-164—4-169. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. REGULATION OF EMPLOYEES; SELLER/SERVER PERMITS

Sec. 4-170. Licensee to identify employees involved with alcoholic beverages.

It shall be the duty of the licensee to file with the city a list of the names, driver's license numbers, addresses and telephone numbers of all present employees who are involved with the sale and/or handling of alcoholic beverages. The list is due twice annually during the month of June and again during the month of December.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-171. Restrictions on employment of underage persons.

- (a) No licensee shall allow or require a person in such person's employment under 18 years of age to dispense, serve, sell, or take orders for any alcoholic beverages. It shall be prohibited for any person under the age of 18 years of age to dispense, serve, sell or take orders for any alcoholic beverages. All employees of retail package distilled spirits establishments must be at least 21 years of age.
- (b) This section shall not prohibit persons under 18 years of age who are employed in off-premises malt beverage and/or wine package stores from selling or handling alcoholic beverages which are sold for consumption off-premises if there is, at all times during which any person under 18 years of age is working and during hours within which alcoholic beverages are sold, either the licensee or at least one employee over the age of 21 who has a valid alcohol permit and who is serving in a managerial capacity on the premises inside the building within which the alcoholic beverages are sold.
- (c) In the event a licensee employs persons under 21 years of age who will or may sell or handle alcoholic beverages, all such employees shall require proper age identification of any person attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-172. Alcohol seller/server permits required; application process and conditions; appeals; training.

- (a) The following regulations shall apply to all establishments holding an alcoholic beverage license other than non-profit special event alcohol permits and grand opening/annual promotion permits:
 - (1) No person shall be employed or allowed to dispense, sell, serve, take orders, mix alcoholic beverages, or serve in any managerial position, by an establishment holding a license under this chapter until such person has been cleared by the chief of police or his or her designee, indicating that the person is eligible to hold an alcohol seller/server permit.
 - (2) This section shall not be construed to include volunteer groups with nonprofit tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service whose volunteer efforts financially benefit a nonprofit organization with no direct financial benefit, either by wages, tips or donations, to the individual volunteer. However, no volunteer under the age of 18 years shall be allowed to dispense, sell, serve, take orders or mix

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alcoholic beverages. Employees of a licensed establishment whose duties are limited solely to those of busboy, cook, or dishwasher shall also be excluded from this section.

- (3) No alcohol seller/server permit shall be issued until such time as a signed application has been filed with the city police department and upon paying a fee which shall be established by the city council, and a search of the criminal record of the seller/server is completed. The application shall include, but not be limited to, name, date of birth, and social security number. These applications and the resulting criminal investigative report shall be regarded as confidential and shall not be produced for public inspection without a court order.
 - (4) Any individual seeking an initial alcohol seller/server permit shall submit to fingerprinting as part of a background investigation by the police department in connection with the application for the permit. Renewals will require a non-fingerprint background check every two years. Seller/server permits must be active at the time of renewal, otherwise it will be deemed an initial permit application.
 - (5) The chief of police or his or her designee shall have a complete search made relative to any police record of the seller/server seeking a permit. If there is no record of a violation that would preclude the individual from selling or serving alcohol under this chapter, the chief of police or his or her designee shall approve the issuance of a permit to the person, stating that the person is eligible for sales and service of alcohol at the licensed location. If it is found that the person is not eligible, the chief of police or his or her designee shall notify the person, in writing, that he or she not eligible for an alcohol seller/server permit from the city, of the cause of such denial, and of the individual's right to appeal. Appeals shall be filed with the city manager and heard by the city council.
- (b) Crimes preventing the possession of an alcohol seller/server permit:
- (1) No person shall be granted an alcohol seller/server permit who has, within five years of the date of applying for said permit, been convicted of or pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any crime involving: Moral turpitude, illegal gambling, felony possession or sale of controlled substances, illegal possession or sale of alcoholic beverages (including sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to minors in manner contrary to law), keeping a place of prostitution, pandering, pimping, public indecency, prostitution, solicitation of sodomy, or any sexual related crime. No person shall be granted an alcohol seller/server permit who, at the time of applying for an alcohol seller/server permit, is then on parole or probation for any of the criminal offenses identified in this subsection.
 - (2) No person shall be granted an alcohol seller/server permit who has been convicted, plead guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any federal, state, or local law for any felony within five years of the date of conviction and has not been released from parole or probation prior to the filing for application for such permit. For purposes of this chapter, a conviction or plea of guilt or nolo contendere shall not be considered as to any offense for which defendant who was allowed to avail himself or herself of the state first offender provisions, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-98 et seq.; provided, however, that any such offense shall not be ignored where the defendant violated any term of probation imposed by the court granting first offender treatment or committed another crime and the sentence in court entered an adjudication of guilt as to the crime for which the defendant had previously been sentenced as a first offender.
- (c) An alcohol seller/server permit shall be issued for a period of two calendar years from the date of the initial or renewal application and shall be valid for use at any licensed establishment. The alcoholic beverage seller/server permit must be in the possession of the employee while the employee is working at the licensed establishment and shall be available for inspection by members of the police department or the city manager's staff.
- (d) No person shall be issued a permit if it is determined that the person falsified, concealed or covered up any material fact by any device, trick or scheme while making application to the city for an alcohol seller/server permit under this section. If it is determined that a person is in violation of this subsection and a permit is

denied for this reason, then 30 calendar days must elapse from the date of notification per certified mailing before a new application and fee may be resubmitted.

- (e) All permits issued through administrative error can be terminated and seized by the chief of police or his or her designee or the city manager or his or her designee.
- (f) A replacement permit will be issued within 30 days of the original date, upon paying one-half of the fee charged for an original alcohol seller/server permit. After 30 days of original application date, a new application and fee must be submitted.
- (g) All permits issued under this chapter remain city property and shall be produced for inspection upon demand of any city police officer or code enforcement officer.
- (h) No licensee shall allow any employee or manager required to hold an alcohol seller/server permit to work on the premises unless the employee or manager has in his or her possession a current valid city alcohol seller/server permit. For new employees, an application for a permit must be made within five calendar days of date of initial employment. Licensees are required by this chapter to inspect and verify that each employee has in his or her possession a valid city alcohol seller/server permit.
- (i) Training of permit holders:
 - (1) Licensees shall provide regular information, the establishment's alcohol sale/service policies, and training to all permit holders on the methods, procedures and measures to be taken in order to request, obtain and examine proper identification of patrons to be certain that such patrons are of legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages and do not appear to be legally intoxicated. Training shall also include the methods, procedures and measures to be taken in order to refuse sale/service to underage or intoxicated patrons. Training shall provide information to all permit holders on provisions of the law of this state and the city's ordinances regarding the prohibitions against providing alcoholic beverages to intoxicated and underage persons and the penalties for violating such laws and ordinances.
 - (2) Detailed records of such training, including the content, date, time, persons attending and copy of any pre/post-test, shall be maintained for a minimum of 36 months after the training. Evidence of such training records shall be made available upon request for inspection by the city.
- (j) Any establishment that has agents or employees acting in violation of this section may receive a fine and/or license suspension or revocation as set forth in this chapter for violations of this chapter.
- (k) Any individual working in a licensed establishment without the required permit may be charged with a misdemeanor and penalized accordingly and may also be prohibited from applying for an alcohol seller/server permit within the city for a period of time up to 60 days in the discretion of city council.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-173—4-179. Reserved.

DIVISION 4. SALES AND CONSUMPTION REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

Sec. 4-180. Sales and consumption on public property.

- (a) Except as provided in this chapter, it shall be prohibited for any person to sell, serve, or otherwise dispense any alcoholic beverage in a street, sidewalk, alleyway, parking area, mall or other place commonly used by the public or in any other public place or on public property.

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- (b) Private parties and organizations may secure a permit from the city manager as set forth in this chapter to serve, sell, or otherwise dispense alcoholic beverages on property owned or leased by the city to the extent authorized.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-181. Drinking in public places.

- (a) It shall be prohibited for any individual to drink or consume all or any part of an alcoholic beverage in or on any street, sidewalk, alleyway, parking area, mall, or other place commonly used by the public unless the place has been licensed or permitted for consumption or is located in a special district, subject to the limitations of the license, permit, or provisions of this chapter.
- (b) It shall be prohibited for any individual to drink or consume all or part of any alcoholic beverage while in any city park except during licensed special events or at licensed locations within such parks.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to: (i) prohibit the sale and consumption of any alcoholic beverage at any duly licensed sports club, assembly hall, special event facility, or golf course owned or operated by the city, or (ii) prevent a licensee from preparing and serving alcoholic beverages to be consumed within an approved outdoor dining area as part of the operation of its business. To the extent that an approved outdoor dining area is located on a portion of a city sidewalk or is separated from the interior dining portion of the licensed premises by a city sidewalk, open containers of alcoholic beverages shall only be transported into or out of such outdoor dining area by the licensees' working employees as part of their work duties.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-182. Promotions and sales.

- (a) No licensee or employee or agent of a licensee, in connection with the sale or other disposition of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises, shall:
 - (1) *Offer or deliver any free alcoholic beverage to any person or group of persons.* For the purpose of this section, "free" means free to the patron on behalf of the establishment. Offer or deliver any free alcoholic beverage to any person or group of persons. For the purpose of this section, "free" means free to the patron on behalf of the establishment. Notwithstanding this provision, consumption on-premises licenses may provide a sample tasting to guests of the alcohol it has for sale provided, however, that such tasting shall not exceed eight ounces of malt beverages, or eight ounces of wine, or two ounces of distilled spirits per person.
 - (2) *Deliver more than two alcoholic beverages to one person at a time.* For the purposes of this section, one alcoholic beverage shall be the equivalent of one 16-ounce malt beverage, or one six-ounce glass of wine or one ounce of 100 proof spirits.
 - a. Nothing herein shall prohibit a licensed establishment from offering a sampler of malt beverages in containers not exceeding eight ounces. Each sampler shall not exceed four different types of malt beverages.
 - b. Nothing herein shall prohibit a licensed establishment from offering a sampler of wine in containers not exceeding three ounces. Each sampler shall not exceed four different types of wine.
 - c. Nothing herein shall prohibit a licensed establishment from offering a sampler of distilled spirits in containers not exceeding one-half ounce. Each sampler shall not exceed four different types of distilled spirits.

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- (3) Sell, offer to sell, or deliver to any person or group of persons any alcoholic beverage at a price less than 50 percent of the price regularly charged for such alcoholic beverage during the same calendar week, except at private functions not open to the public.
 - (4) Sell, offer to sell, or deliver to any person or group of persons an unlimited number of alcoholic beverages during any set period of time for a fixed price, except at private functions not open to the public.
 - (5) Sell, offer to sell, or deliver to any person or group of persons any alcoholic beverages on any one day at prices less than those charged the general public on that same calendar day, except at private functions not open to the public.
 - (6) Sell, offer to sell, or deliver alcoholic beverages, including malt beverages, in any container which holds more than 32 fluid ounces (0.947 liters), except to two or more legally aged persons at any one time.
 - (7) Increase the volume of alcohol contained in a drink without increasing proportionately the price regularly charged for such alcoholic beverage during the same calendar week.
 - (8) Encourage or permit on the licensed premises any game or contest which involves the drinking of alcoholic beverages or the awarding of alcoholic beverages as a prize.
- (b) This section shall not apply to incidental service licenses, ancillary tasting licenses, farm wineries, or as otherwise provided by law or in this Code.
 - (c) Each licensee shall maintain a schedule of the price charged for all alcoholic beverages to be served and consumed on the licensed premises or in any room or part thereof. The schedule of prices shall be posted in a conspicuous manner so as to be in view of the paying public, and the schedule shall be effective for not less than one calendar week.
 - (d) No licensee shall advertise or promote in any way, whether within or without the licensed premises, any of the practices prohibited under this section.
 - (e) No provision of this section shall be construed to prohibit:
 - (1) Offering free food or entertainment at any time;
 - (2) Including an alcoholic beverage as part of a meal package; or
 - (3) Selling or providing wine by the bottle or carafe when sold with meals or to more than one person.
 - (f) The police department shall have the responsibility for the enforcement of this section.
 - (g) No licensee may require the purchase of any alcoholic beverage as a part of or prerequisite to the purchase of any other product or service. If alcoholic beverages are included as part of a package of other goods and services, the alcoholic beverages must be priced separately and all patrons must be allowed to purchase the remaining goods and services without the alcoholic beverages at a price from which the full price of the alcoholic beverages has been deducted, provided, however, that this section shall not apply to incidental service licenses.
 - (h) It shall be prohibited for any sales to be made outside of the area on or about the premises licensed for such sale except as permitted herein. For the purpose of this section, the term "sale" shall refer to the point at which there is an exchange of money for alcoholic beverages or when alcoholic beverages are left in the sole possession or control of a patron. Nothing in this section will be deemed to prohibit alcoholic beverages from being sold through a window of the premises when any such practice is otherwise permitted by state law.
 - (i) It shall be prohibited for any person except a licensee, his or her manager, or agent in charge of the licensed premises, to carry into or have in his or her possession on any licensed premises, any alcoholic beverages provided that this section shall not apply to beverages sealed in their original container being brought onto the premises of private clubs or establishments with a BYOB license by a patron.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-183. Prohibited sales to persons under 21 or intoxicated persons; Sunday and election day provisions.

- (a) No licensee shall permit on the licensed premises, the sale, barter, exchange, giving, providing or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to any person under 21 years of age.
- (b) No licensee shall permit on the licensed premises the sale, barter, exchange, giving, providing or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to any person who is in a state of noticeable intoxication.
- (c) No licensee shall permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, except as otherwise provided by law or in this chapter.
- (d) No licensee shall permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on election days within 250 feet of any polling place or of the outer edge of any building within which such polling place is established on primary or election days. The sale of alcoholic beverages on election days is permitted to the extent authorized by state law, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 3-3-20.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-184—4-189. Reserved.

DIVISION 5. "UNDER 21" PROHIBITIONS

Sec. 4-190. Furnishing to, purchasing of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age prohibited; maintaining place where persons under 21 may purchase, drink, or possess alcoholic beverages prohibited.

Refer to section 32-135 of the City of Milton Code of Ordinances, prohibited acts by persons under 21 years of age.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-191. Purchase, consumption, possession by or for underage persons.

- (a) It shall be prohibited for any person under 21 years of age to purchase, drink, consume or possess any alcoholic beverages except as provided under state law.
- (b) It shall be prohibited for any person to keep or maintain a place where persons under 21 years of age are knowingly allowed to come and purchase, drink, consume or possess any alcoholic beverage.
- (c) It shall be prohibited for any parent or other person to buy any alcoholic beverages and furnish such beverage for consumption by any person under 21 years of age except as permitted under state law.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of the alcoholic beverage licensee and his or her agents and employees to examine proper identification of patrons to be certain that such patrons are of legal age.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-192. Under-age persons on licensed premises, employment of minors.

No licensee who holds a license to sell or serve alcoholic beverages by the drink or who holds a BYOB license shall permit any person under 21 years of age to be in, frequent or loiter about the licensed premises unless such person is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or spouse who is 21 years of age or older; provided, however, that such person shall be permitted in eating establishments or private clubs as defined herein without being accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or custodian, and provided further, that this section shall not apply to persons who are employees under this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-193. Misrepresentation of age by underage persons.

It shall be prohibited for any person under the age of 21 years, to misrepresent his or her age in any manner whatsoever.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-194—4-199. Reserved.

DIVISION 6. ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED ON PREMISES

Sec. 4-200. Contents of bottles.

It shall be prohibited for a licensee to add to the contents of distilled spirit bottles or to refill empty alcoholic beverage bottles or in any other manner to misrepresent the quantity, quality or brand name of any alcoholic beverage.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-201. Solicitation prohibited.

No establishment licensed under this chapter shall require, permit, suffer, encourage, or induce any employee or person to solicit in the licensed premises for himself or herself, or for any person other than the patron and guest of the patron, the purchase by the patron of any drink, whether an alcoholic beverage or nonalcoholic beverage or money with which to purchase the beverage; nor shall any licensee pay a commission or any other compensation to any person frequenting his or her establishment or to his or her agent or manager to solicit for himself or herself or for the others, the purchase by the patron of any drink, whether an alcoholic beverage or nonalcoholic beverage or money with which to purchase the beverage.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-202. Employees prohibited from mingling with patrons.

- (a) It shall be prohibited for any employees of a licensee under this chapter to dance or sit with patrons in the premises or for any patron to be permitted to purchase food or drink for such employees during such employees' working hours.
- (b) Alcoholic beverages shall only be served by the licensee or the licensee's employees or agents.

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- (c) It shall be prohibited for any employee or agent of any licensee to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of the licensee during such employee's or agent's working hours.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-203. Types of entertainment—Attire and conduct prohibited.

- (a) No person shall perform on a premises licensed hereunder acts of or acts which constitute or simulate:
 - (1) Sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation, or any sexual acts which are prohibited by law;
 - (2) The touching, caressing, or fondling of the breast, buttocks, anus, or genitals; or
 - (3) The displaying of any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola or the displaying of any portion of any person's pubic hair, anus, cleft of the buttocks, vulva, or genitals.
- (b) No person shall use on licensed premises artificial devices or inanimate objects to perform, simulate, or depict any of the prohibited conduct or activities described in this section.
- (c) It shall be prohibited for any person to show, display, or exhibit, on licensed premises, any film, still picture, electronic reproduction, or any other visual reproduction or image of any act or conduct described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.
- (d) Failure to comply with this section shall be considered as due cause to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any license issued by the city pursuant to this chapter.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-204—4-209. Reserved.

ARTICLE XII. REPORTING, AUDITS, AND EXCISE TAXES

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 4-210. Administration and enforcement of article.

- (a) The finance director or his or her designee shall administer and enforce the provisions of this article.
- (b) The city manager may promulgate rules and regulations for the enforcement of this article.
- (c) Every licensee engaging in the sale of mixed drinks shall keep such records, receipts, invoices, and other pertinent papers in such form as may be required by the city.
- (d) The city manager or his or her designee may examine the books, papers, records, financial reports, equipment, and facilities of any licensee engaging in the sale of any alcoholic beverage, retail or wholesale, in order to verify the accuracy of any return, or if no return is made to ascertain the amount of tax due.
- (e) In the administration of the provisions of this chapter, the city manager or his or her designee may require the filing of reports by any person or class of persons having in their possession or custody any information relating to purchases subject to taxation under this article.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-211. Audits.

- (a) If the city manager deems it necessary to conduct an audit of the records and books of a licensee, he or she shall notify the licensee of the date, time and place of the audit. The city manager may designate the city's finance director or other designee to perform any audit authorized in this Code. The licensee shall cooperate with the audit or forfeit any license issued under this chapter.
- (b) All establishments licensed under this chapter must maintain the following records for five years and make them available for audit at the licensed premises:
 - (1) Monthly income or operating statements.
 - (2) Daily sales receipts showing malt beverage, wine, distilled spirit and food sales separately (this requirement does not apply to package malt beverage and wine licensees).
 - (3) Daily cash register receipts such as Z tapes or guest tickets.
 - (4) Monthly state sales and use tax reports.
 - (5) Federal income tax return with all Form 1099s.
 - (6) Any and all records utilized in calculating excise taxes as set forth in this chapter.
- (c) The city manager can waive all or some of the requirements of subsection (b) of this section if the city manager finds reasonable evidence to support the waiver.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-212. Reporting of food sales required.

- (a) Each holder of any alcoholic beverage license for which minimum food sales requirements apply, shall maintain on the premises and available for inspection at any time during business hours, records that document the establishment's sales in even dollars and as a percent of total revenue. These numbers shall include gross food sales in even dollars and as a percent of the total sales, gross alcoholic beverage sales in even dollars and as a percent of the total sales, the amount of tax at the percent required under this division, and any other information reasonably related to the operation of the business required by the city. A report reflecting the same shall also be provided to the city manager upon request and no more than 20 days after such request.
- (b) Failure to provide any and all of the information required by this section may result in penalties specified in this chapter, including but not limited to, penalties and interest on the amount of tax due and payable, suspension or revocation of the license, or fines.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-213. Tax levied; reporting requirements; duties of dealers and wholesalers; prohibited sales and deliveries; bonds; penalties.

- (a) *Scope of section.* In addition to all other taxes or license fees imposed upon retail dealers engaged in the city in the business of selling malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits, as defined under the laws of the state, there is imposed and levied upon all dealers described in this section within the city limits an excise tax, to be computed and collected as set forth in this article.

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- (b) *Amount of tax.* The excise taxes on malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits are set forth below and may be modified by the city council with such modifications set forth in a schedule of excise taxes on file in the city manager's office and the finance department.
- (c) *Computation, payment, duties of wholesale dealer or distributor.* The tax imposed in this article shall be computable and payable monthly. Each wholesale dealer or distributor selling, shipping or delivering malt beverages, wine or distilled spirits to any retail dealer in the city shall, as a condition to the privilege of carrying on the business:
- (1) Keep true and correct records of all sales, shipments or deliveries of such alcoholic beverages to any retail dealer in the city, such records to be for a period of five years for malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits, and to be made available upon request to any duly authorized representative of the city.
 - (2) Collect from each such retail dealer in the city limits at the time of delivery of the malt beverage, wine, and distilled spirit the amount of tax due under the terms of this article and to hold such amount in trust for the city until such amount is remitted to the city as provided in this section.
 - (3) Except as provided in O.C.G.A. § 3-5-81 or other applicable state law, on or before the 20th day of each calendar month make a verified and comprehensive report to the city manager or his or her designee, which shall correctly show all sales and deliveries of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits to or for retail dealers in the city limits for the month immediately preceding such report. Such report shall show the name and address of each retail dealer, the quantities delivered to each retail dealer, the amount collected under the terms of this article, and such other information as may be called for by the city. This report shall be accompanied by remittance to the city for all taxes collected or due as shown on the report.
- (d) *Noncompliance by wholesale dealer or distributor.* If any wholesaler dealer or distributor fails or refuses to make the report provided for in this section, the city shall notify the party in writing; and if the reports are not made and the taxes remitted within five days from the date of notice, the city may prohibit said wholesaler or distributor from doing business in the city until the acts of noncompliance are cured. In addition, such a wholesaler must pay a late payment charge of 15 percent per month for each month of delinquency together with interest on the total amount due (including late payment fee) equal to one percent per month.
- (e) *Prohibited retail sales.* It shall be a violation of this section for any person to sell at retail within the city any malt beverage, wine, or distilled spirit on which the taxes provided for in this section have not been paid. This section shall also apply to farm wineries.
- (f) *Prohibited deliveries.* It shall be prohibited and a violation of this section for any wholesale dealer or distributor to deliver any malt beverage, wine, or distilled spirit to any retail dealer in the city without collecting the taxes provided for in this section at the time of delivery.
- (g) *Violations and penalties.* Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, or who shall assist any retail dealer in malt beverage, wine, or distilled spirit in the city to evade or avoid the payment of the taxes provided for in this section shall be punished as provided in this chapter and shall also be subject to having his/her license revoked.
- (h) *Farm wineries.* Wines sold at retail by a farm winery shall have levied thereon the excise tax that applies to wholesalers. Farm wineries have a duty to keep accurate records as to what is sold at retail and what is sold at wholesale.
- (i) *Microdistilleries.* Distilled spirits sold at retail by a microdistillery shall have levied thereon the excise tax that applies to wholesalers. Microdistilleries have a duty to keep accurate records as to what is sold at retail and what is sold at wholesale.

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- (j) *Microbreweries*. Malt beverages sold at retail by a microbrewery shall have levied thereon the excise tax that applies to wholesalers. Microbreweries have a duty to keep accurate records as to what is sold at retail and what is sold at wholesale.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

State law reference(s)—O.C.G.A. § 3-3-41; employee solicitation of patrons for drinks on-premises, O.C.G.A. § 3-3-42; display of prices of distilled spirits, O.C.G.A. § 3-4-26; levy of tax on sale of distilled spirits by the package authorized, O.C.G.A. § 3-4-80; sale of distilled spirits by the drink, O.C.G.A. § 3-4-90 et seq.; imposition of excise tax on malt beverages required, O.C.G.A. § 3-5-80; authorization to levy tax on wine, O.C.G.A. § 3-6-60.

Sec. 4-214. Per drink excise tax on distilled spirits to be collected and paid by on-premises consumption retailers.

- (a) There is hereby levied and imposed a specific excise tax on the sale of distilled spirits in the amount of three percent of the charge to the public (or the patron in the case of a catered event) for the beverage that contains the distilled spirits; this does not include any sales tax.
- (b) The excise tax imposed in this subsection does not apply to the sale of fermented beverages made in whole or in part from malt or any similar fermented beverages made in whole or in part from fruit, berries or grapes either by natural fermentation or fermentation with brandy or any similar fermented beverage.
- (c) The excise taxes provided for in this section shall be imposed upon and shall be paid by the on-premises consumption licensee who sells distilled spirits by the drink.
- (d) Each licensee selling distilled spirits by the drink within the city shall file a report with the city by the 20th day of each month showing the preceding calendar month summary of the licensee's gross sales derived from the sale of distilled spirits sold by the drink during the preceding month.
- (e) Each such licensee shall remit to the city by the 20th day of the month next succeeding the calendar month in which such sales were made the amount of excise tax due in accordance with this section.
- (f) Each licensee collecting the tax authorized by this section shall be allowed a percentage of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due if the amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. The deduction amount authorized will be the rate authorized under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-50, as now written or hereafter amended; (currently the rate of deduction as authorized under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-50 is three percent of the total amount due).
- (g) Excise taxes received after the tenth day of the month shall be charged a 15 percent penalty plus interest.
- (h) If the city manager or his/her designee deems it necessary to conduct an audit of the records and books of the licensee, he/she will notify the licensee and an agreed upon date and time will be arranged. If a date and time cannot be agreed upon, the city manager or his/her designee may set the date and time to occur anytime during the licensee's normal business hours.
- (i) In addition to any penalties otherwise set forth in this chapter, failure to properly complete or submit the required reports shall subject the licensee to a late filing penalty of \$25.00 for each deficient reporting period.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-215. Excise tax on alcohol produced by brewpubs, microbreweries, and microdistilleries.

- (a) Every brewpub, microbrewery, and microdistillery located within the city shall file a monthly report with the city manager or designee no later than the 20th day of each month, on such forms as the city manager or designee may prescribe, setting forth all alcohol produced during such preceding calendar month, to include beginning and ending inventories. Such report shall also indicate the total production of alcohol during the report period and the proper tax remittance for such production. Failure to properly complete or submit the required reports shall subject the licensee to a deficient or late filing penalty of \$25.00 for each deficient reporting period.
- (b) There is levied an excise tax on all malt beverages produced by a brewpub or microbrewery at the rate of \$6.00 per half barrel (15½ gallons) and \$12.00 per barrel (31 gallons). Where malt beverages are sold in bottles, cans, or other containers, except barrel or bulk containers, the levied tax shall be \$0.05 per 12 ounces and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of 12 ounces.
- (c) There is levied an excise tax on all distilled spirits produced by a microdistillery at the rate of \$0.22 per liter or [\$0.0065] per ounce.
- (d) Such tax shall be paid to the city no later than the 20th day of each month for the preceding month's production. A late payment penalty of 15 percent of the tax otherwise due plus interest shall be added to the amount due for any payment not received by the due date.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-216. Excise tax required on wholesalers.

- (a) There is levied an excise tax computed at the rate of \$0.22 per liter or [\$0.0065] per ounce which shall be paid to the governing authority on all wine and distilled spirits sold by wholesalers to retailers in the city.

Such tax shall be paid to the city by the wholesale distributor on all wine and distilled spirits sold in the city as follows:

- (1) Each wholesaler selling, shipping, or in any way delivering wine or distilled spirits to any licensee under this chapter, shall collect the excise tax at the time of delivery and shall remit the same to the city together with a summary of all deliveries to each licensee on or before the tenth day of the following month.
- (2) Excise taxes received after the 20th day of the month shall be charged a 15 percent penalty plus interest.
- (3) It shall be a violation of this chapter for any wholesaler to sell, ship or deliver in any manner any wine or distilled spirits to a retail dealer without collecting such tax.
- (4) Upon each and every delivery by a licensed wholesaler to a licensed retailer, written records in triplicate shall be prepared, showing the quantities and brands of distilled spirits delivered, together with the price thereof and the tax collected thereon. The original copy of such record shall be delivered by the wholesaler to the retailer simultaneously with each such delivery. The wholesaler shall retain the second copy of such record and shall keep it and have it available for inspection by authorized representatives of the city. If requested by an authorized representative of the city, a copy of such records shall be attached to any reports requested or required by the city.
- (5) It shall be a violation of this chapter for any retail dealer to possess, own, hold, store, display or sell any wine or distilled spirits on which such tax has not been paid. Wholesalers collecting the tax authorized

in this section shall be allowed a percentage of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting, and paying the amount due, if the amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. The rate of the deduction shall be at the same rate authorized for deductions from state tax under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-50, and any amendment thereto.

- (b) There is levied an excise tax on all malt beverages sold by wholesalers to retailers in the city at the rate of \$0.05 per 12-ounce container and \$6.00 for each container of tap or draft malt beverages of 15½ gallons and in similar proportion for bottles, cans and containers of various sizes as follows:

Size of Container	Tax Per Container
7-ounce	\$0.0291
8-ounce	0.0333
12-ounce	0.0500
14-ounce	0.0583
16-ounce	0.0666
32-ounce	0.1333
Half barrel (15½ gallons)	6.00
One barrel (31 gallons)	12.00

All provisions as to excise tax in this section shall apply to this tax on malt beverages except the tax rate which is set out in this subsection and the reimbursement of three percent of the taxes collected which shall not apply to malt beverage wholesalers.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Secs. 4-217—4-219. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. TAX RETURNS AND COLLECTION

Sec. 4-220. Tax delinquent on 21st day.

The tax imposed under this chapter shall, for each month, become delinquent on the 21st day of each succeeding month. Any such delinquent tax shall bear interest at the rate of one percent per month, or fraction thereof, and a penalty of 15 percent of such delinquent tax shall be added and attached to the total amount of the fee. The city manager or designee is empowered to pursue any remedy or right of collection and payment of taxes lawfully levied by the city, as may be allowed under the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

State law reference(s)—Authority to impose excise tax on sale of distilled spirits by the drink, O.C.G.A. § 3-4-131; Local excise tax on sale of distilled spirits, O.C.G.A. § 3-4-80; local excise tax on sale of malt beverages, O.C.G.A. § 3-5-80 et seq.; local excise tax on wine, O.C.G.A. § 3-6-60 et seq.

Sec. 4-221. Deficiency assessment.

- (a) If the city has cause to believe that a return or the amount of tax paid to the city by a licensee is not proper, the city may compute and determine the amount due on the basis of any information available. One or more deficiency determinations may be made of the amount due for any month.

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- (b) The amount of deficiency determination shall bear interest at a rate equal to the bank prime loan rate as posted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in statistical review release H.15 or any publication that may supersede it, plus three percent, to accrue monthly from the 20th day of the month after the close of the period for the tax due, which the amount or any portion thereof should have been returned until paid, in addition to any other penalties which may be imposed. Such annual interest rate shall be determined for each calendar year based on the first weekly posting of statistical release H.15 on or after January 1 of each year. For the purposes of this section, any period of less than one month shall be considered to be one month.
 - (c) For any deficiency which is determined to be made due to fraud, or an intent to evade any provisions of this article, a penalty of 25 percent of the deficiency shall be added thereto.
 - (d) The city shall give notice of a deficiency determination to the licensee. The notice shall be served by personal service on the registered agent by a city police officer or code enforcement officer. If personal service fails, the notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the registered agent at the address provided and to the named licensee at the licensed premises. Delivery shall be deemed to take place on the third day following deposit in the United States mail.
 - (e) Except in the case of fraud, intent to evade this chapter, or failure to make a return, every notice of deficiency determination shall be mailed within three years after the 20th day of the calendar month following the monthly period for which the amount is proposed to be determined, or within three years after the return is filed, whichever period should last expire.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-222. Failure to file return.

- (a) If any licensee fails to make a return, the city may make an estimate of the amounts of the gross receipts of the licensee, or as the case may be, of the amount of the total sales in the city which are subject to the tax. The estimate shall be made for the period in respect to which the licensee failed to make the return and shall be based upon any information which is or may come into the city's possession. Upon the basis of this estimate, the city shall compute and determine the amount required to be paid the city. One or more determinations may be made for each period.
- (b) If the failure of any person to file a return is due to fraud or intent to evade this chapter, a penalty of 25 percent of the amount required to be paid by the party shall be added thereto in addition to any other penalties which are imposed under this chapter.
- (c) The city shall promptly give to the party written notice of the deficiency in the manner specified by this chapter.
- (d) In the event that any person holding a retail license shall fail to file the required return or to pay the taxes imposed by this chapter, it shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of any retail license to sell alcoholic beverages in the city.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-223. Penalties and interest.

- (a) Any party who fails to pay the tax herein imposed by the city, or fails to pay any amount of such tax required to be paid by the party shall, in addition to the tax, pay interest on the outstanding tax obligation at the rate of one percent per month, or fraction thereof, from the date the tax payment was last due until payment is made.

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- (b) Any party who fails to pay the tax herein imposed by the city, or fails to file any required tax return to the city, within the time required, shall pay a penalty of 15 percent of the tax and interest due the city.
 - (c) In the event that any person holding a retail license shall fail or refuse to pay to the wholesaler selling to him or her alcoholic beverages the tax imposed by the city, the wholesaler shall immediately report such failure to pay to the finance department and shall make no further sales of any alcoholic beverages whatsoever to said retailer until receipt of written notification to do so from the city. In such event, the tax may be collected by the city by an action at law against the retailer.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-224. Actions for collections; overpayment.

- (a) At any time within three years after the delinquency of any amount due under this chapter, the city may bring an action in the courts of this state, any other state, or the United States in the name of the city to collect the amount delinquent, together with penalties, interest, court fees, filing fees, attorneys' fees, and other legal fees incident thereto.
- (b) Whenever any tax, penalty, or interest has been paid more than once or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the city, it may be offset against any future liability for the tax.
- (c) If the licensee determines that he has overpaid or paid more than once and such fact has not yet been determined by the city, the licensee shall have three years from the date of payment to file a claim with respect to such overpayment or double payments. Such claim shall be in writing and shall state the specific grounds upon which it is based. The claim shall be audited. If the city approves the claim, the excess amount paid may be credited against other amounts due from the licensee or refunded.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

ARTICLE XIII. WHOLESALERS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 4-225. License required.

- (a) Any wholesale dealer in alcoholic beverages who is licensed by the State of Georgia and who has a place of business in the city shall procure a license under the same distance requirements and required hours and days of operation applicable to retail package licensees. The license fee for a resident wholesale dealer's license shall be set by the city council and approved by resolution.
- (b) Any wholesale dealer in alcoholic beverages who is licensed by the State of Georgia, who does not have a place of business in the city but who does business in the city, shall be registered in the city and subject to excise tax due from wholesale dealers pursuant to article VIII. Such registration shall be renewed annually with:
 - (1) Submittal of annual renewal affidavit;
 - (2) The presentation of satisfactory evidence that he understands the alcoholic beverage rules and regulations of the city and the conditions under which retail licenses are issued; and
 - (3) A registration fee of \$100.00 as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 3-5-43.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-226. Special provisions applicable to wholesale license.

- (a) Except as may be authorized under state law, no person who has any direct financial interest in any license for retail sale of any alcoholic beverages in the city shall be allowed to have any interest or ownership in any wholesale alcoholic beverage license issued by the city.
- (b) No retailer shall purchase any alcoholic beverage from any person other than a wholesaler licensed under this chapter. No wholesaler shall sell any alcoholic beverage to any person other than a retailer licensed under this chapter; provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the purchase by one retailer of another retailer's entire stock in a bona fide purchase of an ongoing business.
- (c) No alcoholic beverage shall be delivered to any retail sales outlet in the city except by a duly licensed wholesaler. The name of the wholesale distributor shall be clearly marked on the delivery vehicle.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Sec. 4-227. Audits.

If the city manager deems it necessary to conduct an audit of the wholesaler licensee's records and books, he or she shall notify the licensee of the date, time and place of the audit.

(Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. A), 10-17-2022)

Appendix A FEES AND OTHER CHARGES¹

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Section	Description	Conditions	Amount (in dollars)
Chapter 2—Administration			
2-702(c)	Public records copying	8½×11 inches black and white	.10 cents/page
		8½×11 inches color	.25 cents/page
		11×17 inches black and white	.50 cents/page
		11×17 inches color	.70 cents/page
2-702(d)	Copies of plats	48×32 inches	\$9.10/page
		24×30 inches	\$3.60/page
		24×34 inches	\$5.00/page
2-702(d)	Copies of CD, jump drives		\$15.00/each
Chapter 4—Alcoholic Beverages			
4-34	Processing fee - Administrative	Non-refundable	\$100.00/year
4-36(a)	Posting on premises		Paid directly to sign vendor
4-36(b)	Publication		\$200.00
4-43	Expedited Review Fee	For temporary operation during the 90-day investigative window; non-refundable	\$100.00
4-64(b)1	Penalty for sale to underage persons	For the first offense	A minimum fine of \$500.00
4-64(b)2	Penalty for sale to underage persons	For the second offense in 24-month period	A minimum fine of \$750.00
4-64(b)3	Penalty for sale to underage persons	For the third offense in 24-month period	A minimum fine of \$1,000.00
4-64(e)	Criminal penalties	In addition to available actions, violators of chapter could be charged criminal penalties	Not to exceed \$1,000.00
	Standard consumption on premises		

¹Editor's note(s)—Section 1 of Ord. No. 12-09-147, adopted Sept. 17, 2012, repealed the former App. A, and enacted a new App. A as set out herein. The former App. A pertained to similar subject matter, and derived from Ord. No. 11-12-120, adopted Dec. 5, 2011. See the Code Comparative Table for a complete derivation.

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Article III, Division 2	Wine		\$650.00/year
Article III, Division 2	Malt beverages		\$650.00/year
Article III, Division 2	Distilled spirit		\$3,200.00/year
	Nonstandard consumption on premises licenses		
4-87	Limited food service restaurant license – wine, malt beverages, and distilled spirits	Renewals only (no new licenses authorized)	\$4,750.00/year
4-88	Limited tap license	Renewals only (no new licenses authorized)	\$325.00/year
	Retail package licenses		
Article IV, Division 2	Distilled spirits		\$3,000.00/year
Article IV, Division 3	Wine		\$400.00/year
Article IV, Division 3	Malt beverages		\$400.00/year
	Hybrid licenses		
4-106	Brewpub		\$1,650.00/year
4-107	Farm winery		\$1,450.00/year
	Manufacturing		
Article VI, Division 2	Manufacturer's license - microbrewery		\$250.00/year
Article VI, Division 3	Manufacturer's license - microdistillery		\$250.00/year
	Specialty licenses		
4-127	Specialty gift shop license		\$100.00/year
4-128	Incidental service license		\$100.00/year
4-129	Bring your own beverage (BYOB) license		\$100.00/year
	Add-on licenses		

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4-135	Craft beer and/or wine market license: wine		\$260.00/year
4-135	Craft beer and/or wine market license: malt beverages		\$260.00/year
4-136	Resident alcoholic beverage caterer license	For currently licensed consumption on premises or retail package establishments	\$150.00/year
4-137(a)(1)	Sunday sales - standard consumption on premises license or craft beer and wine market license		\$500.00/year
4-137(a)(2)	Sunday sales license - retail package license		\$250.00/year
4-137(a)(3)	Sunday sales license - manufacturing license		\$500.00/year
4-137(a)(4)	Sunday sales license - specialty licenses		\$250.00/year
4-138	Ancillary tasting license		\$100.00/year
	Event permits		
4-140	Special/catered event alcohol permit	For qualifying resident caterers	No fee
4-140	Special/catered event alcohol permit	For qualifying non-resident caterers	\$50.00/event
4-140	Special/catered event alcohol permit	For non-profit civic organizations	\$100.00
4-141	Grand opening/annual promotions permit		No fee
4-142	Public facilities event alcohol permit		\$50.00/event
	Other		
4-172(c)	Alcohol seller/server permit	Initial permit	\$60.00
4-172(c)	Alcohol seller/server permit	Renewal	\$20.00
4-172(i)	Alcohol seller/server permit replacement		If within 30 days of original application date, then fee is

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			\$7.50. If after 30 days of original application, new application and fee must be submitted (see 4-235)
4-214(a)	Excise tax on distilled spirits by the drink		3% of the charge to the public for the beverage
4-215(b)	Excise tax on all malt beverages produced by a microbrewery		\$6.00 per half barrel (15½ gallons) and \$12.00 per barrel (31 gallons), \$0.05 per 12 ounces and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of 12 ounces
4-215(c)	Excise tax on all distilled spirits produced by microdistillery		\$0.22 per liter or [\$0.0065] per ounce, and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of a liter
4-215(d)	Penalty for late excise tax payment		15% of the tax otherwise due
4-216(a)	Wholesale excise tax on distilled spirits		\$0.22 per liter of liquor, and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of a liter
4-216(a)	Wholesale excise tax on wine		\$0.22 per liter of wine, and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of a liter
4-216(b)	Wholesale excise tax on malt beverages	Container types	
		When malt beverages are sold in or from a barrel or bulk container	\$6.00 on each container sold containing not more

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			than 15½ gallons and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of 12 ounces
		When malt beverages are sold in bottles, cans, or other containers other than barrel or bulk containers	\$0.05 per 12 ounces and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of 12 ounces
4-221(b)	Interest on deficiency of wholesale or retail excise tax		
4-221(c)	Penalty on deficiency due to fraud		25% of the amount required to be paid
4-222(b)	Penalty for failure to file return	For any deficiency which is determined to be made due to fraud, or intent to evade this chapter	25% of the amount required to be paid
4-223(b)	Penalty for failure to pay tax	Any party who fails to pay the tax herein imposed by the city, or fails to file any required tax return to the city, within the time required	15% of the tax, or amount of the tax and interest, due the city
4-225(a)	Wholesaler license fee	Located within the city limits	
		Wine	\$400.00/year
		Malt beverages	\$400.00/year
		Distilled spirits	\$3,000.00/year
4-225(b)	Wholesaler license fee	Located outside of the city limits	
		Wine	\$100.00/year
		Malt beverages	\$100.00/year
		Wine and malt beverages	\$100.00/year
		Distilled spirits	\$100.00/year
		Wine, malt beverages and distilled spirits	\$100.00/year
Chapter 8—Animals			
8-2(a)	Penalty	If any person violates the provisions of animals	A fine up to the maximum amount provided for by the state law
8-2(b)	Penalty	If any person violates the provisions as it pertains to a potential dangerous dog	No less than \$150.00 for a second conviction, and no

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				less than \$300.00 for a third conviction
8-2(c)	Penalty	If any person violates the provisions as it pertains to a dangerous dog		No less than \$500.00 for a second conviction, and no less than \$750.00 for a third conviction
8-2(d)	Penalty	If the owners of a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog fails to comply with related provision and his or her dog attacks or bites a human		No less than \$1,000.00
8-2(e)	Penalty	If the owners of a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog knowingly and willfully fails to comply with related provision and his or her dog attacks and causes severe injury to or the death of a human		No less than \$5,000.00
8-7(b)	Dog/cat vaccination/license tag	Types of License	Number of Years	
		Standard Licensing Fees		
		Unaltered pet	1 year	\$25.00
			3 year	\$60.00
		Spayed/neutered pet	1 year	\$10.00
			3 year	\$25.00
		Senior Discount (60+)		
		Unaltered pet	1 year	\$24.00
			3 year	\$58.00
		Spayed/neutered pet	1 year	\$9.00
			3 year	\$23.00
8-7(d)	Dog/cat replacement vaccination/license tag			\$2.00
8-8(b)	Special permit (kennels)			\$100.00/year
8-61(d)	Dangerous/potentially dangerous dog registration			\$100.00/year

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8-61(e)	Additional fees for renewing certificate of registration		\$100.00/year
8-82(e)(1)	Impoundment (vaccination)		As established by Fulton County Animal Control
8-82(e)(2)	Impoundment (license)		As established by Fulton County Animal Control
8-82(e)(3)	Impoundment fee		\$35.00
8-82(e)(4)	Impoundment (boarding)		\$10.00/day
Chapter 10—Buildings and Building Regulations			
10-2	Penalty	If any person violates a related provision, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof	Varies
10-86(d)	Building permit application		\$25.00 administrative fee + \$50.00 certificate of occupancy
10-92(b)	Penalty for work commencing before permit issuance		100% of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees
10-92(d)	Permit fee	Permit Fees Based on Valuations	
		Total valuation	Value calculation is based on ICC building valuation data published annually as a minimum standard valuation
		\$1.00 to \$500.00	\$23.50
		\$501.00 to \$2,000.00	\$23.50 for the first \$500.00 plus \$3.50 for each additional \$100.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00
		\$2,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$69.25 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$14.00

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			for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00
		\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$391.75 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$10.10 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00
		\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$643.75 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$7.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
		\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$993.75 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$5.60 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
		\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$3,233.75 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$4.75 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00
		\$1,000,001.00 and up	\$5,608.75 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$3.65 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof
<i>Chapter 10</i>	Commercial construction permit fees	Type of Permit	Includes all listed fees unless otherwise noted
		New Commercial building from the ground up, new shell commercial	\$350.00 site \$25.00 admin.

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		structures include schools, hospitals, subdivision clubhouses, etc.	<p>\$50.00 CO permit fee</p> <p>Plan review (50% of permit fee amount)</p> <p>\$125.00 fire review (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)</p>
		Tenant finish, interior work on commercial property	<p>\$25.00 admin.</p> <p>\$50.00 CO permit fee</p> <p>Plan review (50% of permit fee amount)</p> <p>\$125.00 fire review (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)</p>
		Construction of sales trailer	<p>\$100.00 site</p> <p>\$25.00 admin. permit fee</p>
		Cell tower or co-locate	<p>\$350.00 site</p> <p>\$25.00 admin. permit fee</p>
	Residential construction permit fees	New house/townhouse from the ground up	<p>\$350.00 site</p> <p>\$25.00 admin.</p> <p>\$50.00 CO permit fee</p> <p>\$100.00 plan review (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)</p> <p>\$200.00 plan review (5,001 to 10,000 sq. ft.)</p>

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			\$350.00 plan review (10,001 sq. ft. and up)
		Basement finish, bathroom or kitchen remodel, house addition	\$25.00 admin. permit fee \$100.00 plan review (up to 5,000 sq. ft.) \$200.00 plan review (5,001 to 10,000 sq. ft.) \$350.00 plan review (10,001 sq. ft. and up) \$350.00 site fee (house addition that extends out from original house frame)
		Deck addition, pool house, garage, screened porch	\$100.00 site \$25.00 admin. permit fee
		Pool	\$100.00 site, \$25.00 admin., permit fee—\$250.00 flat fee per pool
		Electrical permit Plumbing permit Mechanical permit For commercial also	\$25.00 admin. permit fee
		Roof, replacement window, replace shingles, etc.	\$25.00 admin. \$50.00 permit fee Flat fee total of \$75.00

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		Shed, out building		\$100.00 site \$25.00 admin. permit fee
		Fence		\$100.00 site \$25.00 admin. permit fee
		Demolition of single-family house Demo of other structures including commercial		\$25.00 admin. \$100.00 permit fee
	<i>Other Fees</i>	Types of Permit	Condition	
		Re-inspection Fire re-inspection		\$50.00 per re-inspection \$100.00 per re-inspection
		Temporary certificate of occupancy	Only valid for up to 60 days	\$200.00 flat fee
		Reinstatement of expired permit 90% complete	If permitted work is substantially complete as evidenced by inspection records showing passed framing and meets inspections as applicable to scope of work permitted	\$100.00 plus any re-inspection fees
		Reinstatement of expired permit Less than 90% complete	If the permitted work is not substantially complete as evidenced by inspection records	Renewal fee is one-half (50%) of the permit fee assessed at original building permit issue, but not less than \$200.00

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		Reinstatement of expired permit Not executed	No work has been performed as evidence by inspection records	Reinstatement amount is full permit fee
Chapter 12—Business Regulation and Taxation				
12-23(a)	Occupation tax for business and practitioner	For business and practitioner subject to the provision		Based on the gross receipts
12-23 (b)(1)	Flat rate fee for home-based businesses	For home-based businesses (limit of one employee)		\$100.00/year
12-23 (b)(2)	Occupation tax for business	For businesses not generating gross receipts at the business location in the city		\$150.00 plus \$7.00 per employee
12-23 (b)(4)	Nonrefundable administrative fee (registration processing)			\$75.00/year
12-30(a)	Flat rate fee or professional occupation tax for professional practitioners	For professional practitioners		May elect to pay a flat fee of \$400.00 (administrative fee included); or may elect to pay occupation tax based on gross receipts plus administrative fee of \$75.00
12-32(a)	Penalty for late payment of occupation tax and administrative fees	1. Failure to pay occupation taxes and administrative fees when due; 2. Failure to file an application by March 31 of any calendar year, when the business or practitioner was in operation the preceding calendar year; and 3. Failure to register and obtain an occupation tax certificate within 90 days of the commencement of business		10% of the amount owed for each calendar year or portion thereof
12-32(b)	Interest for late payment of occupation tax and administrative fees			1.5% per month for delinquent taxes and fees

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12-56	Insurers license fees	For each insurer not covered by [section] 12-57	\$100.00 each insurer, plus an additional \$100.00 per location for insurers not covered by [section] 12-57
12-57	Insurers license fees	For each separate business location operated and maintained by a business organization which is engaged in the business of lending money or transacting sales involving term financing and in connection with such loans or sales offers, solicits or takes application for insurance through a licensed agent of an insurer for insurance, said insurer shall pay an additional annual lincense fee, for the calendar year 2012 and for each calendar year thereafter, of the greater of \$10.00 or 35 percent of the license fee set forth in section 12-56	\$100.00 each insurer, plus an additional \$35.00 per location
12-58	Gross premiums tax imposed on life insurers	For each insurer writing life, accident and sickness insurance within the state	1% of the gross direct premiums received during the preceding calendar year
12-59	Gross premiums tax imposed on all other life insurers		2.5% of the gross direct premium received during the preceding calendar year
12-81	Annual business license tax	For financial institutions	One-quarter (.25)% of the gross receipts, and the minimum amount shall be \$1,000.00
12-108	Professional bondsman administrative fees		\$75.00/year
Chapter 14— Courts			
Chapter 16— Elections			
16-27	Notice of candidacy for municipal office		3% of total salary of office sought

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Chapter 18—Emergency Management Services			
18-48	Monthly charge for 9-1-1 and enhanced wireless 9-1-1 service		\$1.50 per month per telephone service provided and \$1.50 per month per wireless telecommunications connection provided to the telephone subscriber
18-49	Prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge		\$1.50 per retail transaction
18-69(1)	Penalty for false alarm	For the third and each subsequent false alarm that occurs at the same premises within any permit year	Civil penalties for false alarms within a permit year may be assessed against an alarm user as follows: Third false alarm \$50.00, fourth false alarm \$100.00, fifth and over false alarm \$150.00; no monitored alarm user shall be assessed fines in excess of \$600.00 for false alarms that occur at the same premises in any 24-hour period
18-69(2)	Penalty for violation other than false alarm		\$100.00/each
18-90 (a)(5)	Monitored alarm system registration		\$25.00/each
Chapter 22—Fire Prevention and Protection			
22-50	Plan review fees		
	Structural plan review		
		5,000 sq. ft. or less	\$125.00
		More than 5,000 sq. ft.	\$0.25 per sq. ft.
	Site development plan review		\$100.00

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	Sprinkler only plan review		\$100.00
	Fire alarm only plan review		\$75.00
	Commercial hood only plan review		\$50.00
22-50	Inspection fees		
	80% inspection		\$100.00
	Final inspection		\$100.00
	Occupancy inspection		\$100.00
	Miscellaneous/other final inspection		\$100.00
	Re-inspection fee		\$100.00
	After hours inspection		\$150.00
22-71(i)	Penalties of violation to electric vehicle (EV) charging station	Violators of this ordinance shall have 60 days to come into compliance with the ordinance after being fined. Failure to comply after 60 days may result in an additional fine, unless the violator demonstrates, upon a showing of good cause, that they could not have, though no fault of their own, complied prior to 60 days.	Not to exceed \$1,000.00
22-90(f)	Penalties of violation subject to locked gates for commercial, residential and other locations		Not [to] exceed \$1,000.00
22-91(f)	Penalties of violation subject to locked gates for certain buildings		Not [to] exceed \$1,000.00
22-115(a)	Penalties of violation of placing "Fire Lane" signs		\$150.00 for each violation (however, the fine will be waived if the required specifications are made within 14 days from the date of the citation)

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22-115(b)	Penalties of violation of placing "Fire Lane" signs	If that private or public property owner fails or refuses to meet said requirements on his or her property within such 14 days he or she shall, on the 15th day after receiving the citation, be subject to the fine	\$150.00 for each violation and an additional \$10.00 fine for each violation for each day that the owner fails to comply with the provisions
22-116 (b)(1)	Penalties of violation of parking in a fire lane		\$25.00 for the first violation within any 30-day period; \$40.00 for the second violation within any 30-day period; \$50.00 for each violation thereafter occurring within any 30-day period
Chapter 28—Law Enforcement			
Chapter 32—Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions			
32-109	Moving household goods at night permit		TBD
32-135(g)	Penalties of violation for person under 21 years of age		Varies
32-179 (b)(1)	Penalties for nuisances	The first violation	A minimum of \$100.00
32-179 (b)(2)	Penalties for nuisances	The second violation of the same provision	A minimum of \$500.00
32-179 (b)(3)	Penalties for nuisances	The third or repeat violation of the same provision	A minimum of \$1,000.00
Chapter 34—Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs			
34-24.3	Programming Fees		
34-24.3(a)	Camp Joyful Soles		
34-24.3(a)(1)	Camp Joyful Soles	Registration fee per week	\$175.00
34-24.3(a)(2)	Camp Joyful Soles	Non-refundable, non-transferable deposit per week	\$50.00
34-24.3(b)	Milton Pool Fees		
34-24.3(b)(1)	Admission fee to the Milton Pool	Daily fee - One Guest - One admission for the Entire Day	\$5.00

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34-24.3(b)(2)	Admission fee to the Milton Pool	Season pass - Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Admission for Senior Citizens ages 55+	\$55.00
34-24.3(b)(3)	Admission fee to the Milton Pool	Season pass - Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Admission for a single guest	\$75.00
34-24.3(b)(4)	Admission fee to the Milton Pool	Season pass - Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Admission for up to 4 guests	\$200.00
34-24.3(b)(5)	Admission fee to the Milton Pool	Season pass - Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Admission for up to 5 guests	\$250.00
34-24.3(b)(6)	Admission fee to the Milton Pool	Season pass - Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Admission for up to 6 guests	\$300.00
34-24.3(b)(7)	Admission fee to the Milton Pool	Season pass - Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Admission for up to 7 guests	\$350.00
34-24.3(b)(8)	Replacement fee	Replacement of lost or damaged season pass	\$5.00
34-24.3(b)(9)	Non-resident rate for Milton Pool fees	Applies to all individuals and businesses not based in Milton	50% increase over City of Milton Resident rate
34-24.3(c)	Milton Summer Day Camp		
34-24.3(c)(1)	Milton Summer Day Camp	Registration fee, per camper, per week	\$195.00
34-24.3(d)	Other fees		
34-24.3(d)(1)	Administrative fee	Approved refunds/cancellations	\$15.00
34-24.3(d)(2)	Employee discount	City of Milton employees may receive a discount on City of Milton directly offered programs (does not apply to programs offered through independent contractors)	50% off of the City of Milton Resident rate
34-24.3(d)(3)	Non-resident rate for programming fees	Applies to all individuals and businesses not based in Milton	50% increase over City of Milton Resident rate
34-24.3(d)(4)	Independent contractor commissions	At the discretion of the parks and recreation director based upon services provided and fees charged	No less than 10% and no more than 30%

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34-24.3(d)(5)	Recreation Program Late Pickup Fee	Late fees are applicable once a participant is picked up 10 minutes late.	\$10.00 every 15 minutes
34-24.3(d)(6)	Recreation Program After Care	Following the conclusion of a recreational program, after care will provide supervision until pickup. *Only select programs will offer After Care.	\$10.00 per hour, per participant charged per day 20% discount for pre-paid full session
Chapter 36—Peddlers and Solicitors—Door-to-Door Salesmen			
36-40	Application fee	** This fee is for a business solicitation permit—There is no charge for a charity/nonprofit solicitation permit	\$9.00 administrative fees + \$10.00 permit fees + \$41.00 background check
Chapter 38—Personnel			
Chapter 42—Secondhand Goods			
Chapter 46—Solid Waste			
46-3	Collection fee for the disposal and collection of waste		TBD
46-70(a)	Infrastructure maintenance fee		5% of the company's gross receipts to customers within the city
Chapter 48—Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places			
48-259	Traffic calming plan fee		\$500.00 per plan
48-560(c)	Penalties for violation of restoration of lanes		\$1,000.00 per instance and location
48-561 (b)(4)	Penalties for violation of removal		\$1,000.00 per day per location
48-584(c)	Penalties of obstruction of right-of-way (personal property)		125% of the cost the city incurs in removing the property plus a fine of \$1,000.00
48-584(d)	Penalties of obstruction of right-		125% of the cost the city incurs in removing the

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	of-way (illegal dumping)		property plus a fine of \$1,000.00
48-585 (b)(1)	Penalties of location within the right-of-way (new unpermitted installations)		100% of the cost the city incurs in removing the property plus a fine of one-half the cost of the largest permit fee for the site
48-585 (b)(2)	Penalties of location within the right-of-way (existing installations)		No fines
48-585 (b)(3)	Penalties of location within the right-of-way (temporary items)		125% of the cost the city incurs in removing the property plus a fine of \$500.00
48-587(a)	Penalties of violation for agricultural uses		\$100.00 per incident
48-587 (b)(2)	Penalties of violation of agricultural equipment uses		\$100.00 fine per incident, plus the cost of repairs to the road, and plus the cost of certified traffic control by the person who caused the damages
Chapter 52—Taxation			
52-19(b)	Ad valorem taxes on property	For property subject to the ad valorem tax	\$4.753. on 40 percent of each \$1,000.00 of property (general government purposes at \$4.389 and retiring outstanding general obligation bonds at \$0.364)
52-22(b)	Penalties and interest for the delinquent of the ad valorem taxes	For property subject to the ad valorem tax	A penalty of 5% is applied to the amount of tax due if not paid within 120 days of the bill date.

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			<p>After 120 days from the imposition of the initial penalty, an additional 5% of any tax amount remaining due shall be imposed. This will continue every 120 days not to exceed 20% of the principal amount of the tax originally due. The penalty shall not apply to the following:</p> <p>(1) Ad valorem taxes of \$500.00 or less on homesteaded property;</p> <p>(2) Homesteaded property acquired during the tax year by a new owner who did not receive a bill and who before acquiring such property resided outside the State of GA and if taxes are paid within one year following the due date.</p>
			<p>Interest on delinquent taxes due shall be calculated at an annual rate equal to the bank prime loan rate as posted by the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System in statistical release H.15 or any publication that may</p>

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			supersede it, plus 3%, to accrue monthly.
52-46	Penalty for delinquent payment	For hotel and motel tax	Penalties of 10% of amount of taxes due to the city, plus 1% interest per month on the unpaid tax
52-47	Hotel and motel excise tax	For hotel and motel rent	3% of the rent for every occupancy of a guestroom in a hotel in the city
52-94 (a)(1)	Rental motor vehicle excise tax	For motor vehicle rented	3% of the rental charge. If paid on or before the 20th day of the preceding calendar month, the tax payer may retain a credit in the amount of 3% of the tax due.
52-116	Penalties and interest for failure to remit taxes	For rental motor vehicle excise tax	A penalty of 5% of the tax then due, plus 1% interest per month thereon the unpaid principal amount due
52-118(b)	Interest on the deficiency determined	For excise tax	1% per month or fraction thereof from the due date of the taxes
Chapter 56—Traffic and Vehicles			
56-70(b)	Charges and penalties for violation of provision subject to vehicle weights and loads		\$0.05 per pound for all excess weight, except for vehicles permitted to exceed the weight limitation, or are permitted under a "superload" or "superload plus" permit wherein the penalty would be \$6.25 per pound for excess weight

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Chapter 58—Utilities			
58-39(2)	Penalty for violation of water uses	Second and subsequent violations	Not [to] exceed \$1,000.00
58-129(a)	Civil penalty for violation of water uses		Not [to] exceed \$1,000.00 for each day the violation remains unremedied after receipt of the notice of violation
58-129(b)	Criminal penalties for violation of water uses		Not [to] exceed \$1,000.00
Chapter 62—Vehicles for Hire			
62-24(a)	License fee	License fees are levied per annum for each taxicab maintained or operated, and per annum for each driver's permit, and for certificate of public necessity	\$50.00 annual taxicab permit, \$50.00 each annual driver's permit, \$50.00 annual certificate of public necessity
Unified Development Code			
8.4.4.C.5.	Application for small wireless facilities and antennas		O.C.G.A. § 36.66C-5(a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(3). Such maximum application fees shall automatically increase on Jan. 1 of each year beginning Jan. 1, 2021 as provided in O.C.G.A. § 36-66C-5(b)
8.4.4.C.10.	Anniversary of issuance of permit		O.C.G.A. § 36-66C-5(a)(6) and (a)(7)
8.4.4.C.13.	Occupies the public rights-of-way without obtaining a permit		Restore the right-of-way, to the extent practicable in the reasonable judgment of the city, to its condition prior to the unpermitted collocation or installation and to

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			charge the responsible wireless provider the reasonable, documented cost of the city in doing so, plus a penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00
8.4.5.C.4	Application fee		\$2,000.00 plus the actual consulting cost up to \$7,500.00
8.4.5.F.3	Telecommunications operating license		\$1,000.00 per tower and \$1,000.00 per antenna array
8.4.5.I.9.	Lease application fee		\$250.00 legal processing and \$50.00 administrative fee
8.4.5.Q.	Lease compensation		As negotiated by the city manager or designee and approved by city council
8.4.5.Q.	Late lease payments		2% of the annual rental fee for each day or portion thereof beyond the due date
8.9.1	Media production permit fee	Based on permit type requested and minimum processing time	Low impact permit fee—\$100.00, high impact permit fee—\$250.00, additional \$100.00 per day for any permit received less than the minimum number of processing days required in subsections 8.10.1.E. and 8.10.1.F.
9.3.7.A.5.	Penalties for Violation of Signs		Not exceed \$1,000.00 per day
10.4.9.B.4	Sign replacement fee		\$250.00 per sign

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10.4.9.B.5	Sign performance bond		\$100.00 value per sign
11.1.1.P.1	Penalties for violation		Not to exceed \$1,000.00 per violation per day
11.1.2.N.4	Inspection after noncompliance		\$50.00 per inspection
11.1.2.D.5.	Tree removal permit application (includes pre-approval site visit and post-approval compliance inspection)		\$25.00 per tree or per 1,600 sq. ft. of tree canopy cover or portion thereof with a maximum fee of \$150.00
11.1.3.C.7.	Tree canopy plan review and approval application (includes pre-approval site visit, tree protection inspection, certificate of occupancy inspection, and 1- and 3-year follow-up inspections)		\$300.00 for the first acre, \$50.00 for each additional acres; \$500.00 for 5 acres and greater
11.1.3.H.16.	Tree canopy value for estimating tree fund payments		\$31.25 per 100 sq. ft.
11.2.2.C.3.e.	Criminal penalties for violation related to equitable relief; nuisance and abatement		\$1,000.00 per day
11.4.3.e.	Civil penalties for violation subject to equitable relief; nuisance and abatement		May impose a penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 per day for each day the violation remains unremedied after receipt of the notice of violation
11.4.3.F.	Stormwater management application review	Plan review fees	Up to 3 reviews— Subsequent revision reviews will require 50% of the original

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			fee, a minimum of \$350.00
		Residential concept plans	\$350.00 + \$5.00/lot
		Commercial concept plans	\$350.00 + \$5.00/disturbed acre
		Residential development plans	\$350.00 + \$20.00/lot
		Commercial development plans	\$350.00 + \$20.00/disturbed acre
11.6.3.C.	Project site reinspection fee		\$50.00 minimum
11.6.3.E.1.	Monetary penalties (violation)		Not to exceed \$2,500.00 per day for each violation
11.6.5.A.5.	Land disturbance— Local permit application fee, per acre	Permit Fees Based on Valuations	
		Total valuation	Value calculation is based on calculation of inspections per the land development valuation table below
		\$1.00 to \$5,000.00	\$300.00
		\$5,001.00 to \$20,000.00	\$300.00 for the first \$500.00 plus \$150.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$20,000.00
		\$20,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$2,250.00 for the first \$20,000.00 plus \$100.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
		\$100,001.00 to \$250,000.00	\$10,550.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$50.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to

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			and including \$250,000.00
		\$250,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$18,050.00 for the first \$250,000.00 plus \$25.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
		\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$24,300.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$15.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00
		\$1,000,001.00 and up	\$31,800.00 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$10.00 for each additional \$1,000.00, or fraction thereof
		Land Development Valuation Table Based on Inspections	
		Road vert & section	\$16.00/ln. ft.
		Curb and gutter	\$6.50/ln. ft.
		Base and paving	\$25.00/ln. ft.
		Commercial driveway	\$0.75/sq. ft.
		Storm drainage	\$20.00/ln. ft.
		Wastewater	\$22.00/ln. ft.
		Water main	\$16.00/ln. ft.
		Sidewalk	\$5.00/sq. ft.
		Erosion Control Fee	
			Residential fee \$200.00/lot
			Commercial/other fee \$700.00/disturbed acre
		Other Applicable Fees	
		Landscape installation inspection	\$350.00/disturbed acre × 3%
		Administrative fee	\$25.00
		GIS Monument fee (as required)	\$1,050.00/monument

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		Overnight delivery or courier fee (as required)	\$60.00	
11.6.5.A.6.	Land disturbance— State permit, additional per acre fee		\$80.00 per disturbed acre	
12.3.	Rezoning petition			
		To	Acreage	
		AG-1, R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-4A, R-5, R- 5A	0 to 5	\$500.00
			5+ to 10	\$1,000.00
			10+ to 20	\$1,500.00
			20+ to 100	\$2,000.00
			100+	\$2,500.00 plus an additional \$40.00 per acre for any portion thereof over 100 acres. Maximum fee = \$10,000.00
		R-6, TR, A, A-I, O-I, C-1, C-2, M- 1A, M-1, M-2, H	0 to 5	\$750.00
			5+ to 10	\$1,500.00
			10+ to 20	\$2,000.00
			20+ to 100	\$2,500.00
			100+	\$3,000.00 plus an additional \$50.00 per acre for any portion thereof over 100 acres. Maximum fee = \$10,000.00
		CUP, NUP, MHP	Any acreage	\$2,000.00 plus \$50.00 per acre or any portion thereof. Maximum fee = \$10,000.00
		MIX	Any acreage	\$1,000.00 plus \$50.00 per acre or any portion thereof. Maximum fee = \$10,000.00
12.4.2.A. 9.c.i.	Application fee for a concurrent variance	Residential districts: R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-4A, R-5, R-5A, NUP, CUP, MHP	\$250.00 plus \$50.00 for each additional concurrent variance requested on the	

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			same piece of property
		AG-1, R-6, TR, A, A-1, O-I, C-1, C-2, M-1A, M-1, M-2, MIX and nonresidential uses in residential districts listed above	\$350.00 plus \$100.00 for each additional concurrent variance requested on the same piece of property
		All signs	\$350.00 plus \$100.00 for each additional request
12.4.3.F.	Appeal application		
		Single-family residential zoning districts and AG-1 district for residential uses only	\$250.00 plus \$50.00 for each additional variance request on the same piece of property
		Multifamily districts, nonresidential districts, and commercial uses in residential or AG-1 districts	\$350.00 plus \$100.00 for each additional variance request
		All signs	\$350.00 plus \$100.00 for each additional variance request
12.6.7.A	Plat application		\$25.00 administrative fee + \$350.00 review fee + \$5.00/lot
	Recording of plat and declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions at Fulton County Clerk of Superior Court		\$25.00 administrative fee per subdivision + recording fees as established by the Fulton County Clerk of Superior Court
12.6.7.A	Fees for required inspection, water and sewer connection, curb cut, and street sign		See sections 48-466, 20-591 and 22-50
12.6.7.C.	Bond fee		\$250.00 legal processing and \$50.00 administrative fee

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12.7.4.A.	Application to HPC for Certification of Appropriateness		\$350.00 per review
12.8.1.A.1	Approval of alterations or new construction by the DRB	Certificate of endorsement for commercial and multifamily	\$350.00 for each project review
12.9	Penalties of violation		No less than \$1,000.00 and not to exceed \$2,500.00
12.9.2.B.	Penalties for violation	Where a determination is made that property is in violation of zoning ordinance, and any other codes and laws enforced by the community development department, and all reasonable efforts and means to obtain compliance have been exhausted	\$1,000.00

(Ord. No. 12-09-147, § 1, 9-17-2012; Ord. No. 14-05-201, § 1, 5-5-2014; Ord. No. 15-03-238, § 1, 3-16-2015; Ord. No. 15-04-245, § 1, 4-27-2015; Ord. No. 15-10-261, § 1(Exh. A), 10-19-2015; Ord. No. 17-06-319, § 1, 6-5-2017; Ord. No. 17-06-320, § 1, 6-5-2017; Ord. No. 18-03-340, § 1(Exh. A), 3-5-2018; Ord. No. 18-05-352, § 1, 5-7-2018; Ord. No. 18-06-361, § 1, 6-4-2018; Ord. No. 18-08-372, § 1(Exh. A), 8-20-2018; Ord. No. 18-09-377, § 3(Exh. A), 9-24-2018; Ord. No. 18-09-380, § 1, 9-24-2018; Ord. No. 18-10-382, § 4, 10-8-2018; Ord. No. 19-04-392, § 1, 4-8-2019; Ord. No. 19-08-401, 8-12-2019; Ord. No. 20-02-413, § 1(Exh. A), 1-22-2020; Ord. No. 20-02-414, § 1, 2-3-2020; Ord. No. 20-06-434, § 1, 6-1-2020; Ord. No. 20-08-443, § II, 8-10-2020; Ord. No. 20-11-457, § 1, 11-2-2020; Ord. No. 20-12-462, § 2(Exh. B), 12-21-2020; Ord. No. 22-04-509, § 1, 4-25-2022; Ord. No. 22-08-518, § II, 8-15-2022; Ord. No. 22-10-522, § 1(Exh. B), 10-17-2022; Ord. No. 22-06-515, § 1, 6-20-2022; Ord. No. 22-10-521, § 1, 10-17-2022; Ord. No. 23-02-528, § 1, 2-6-2023; Ord. No. 23-08-538, § II, 8-21-2023; Ord. No. 24-01-548, § 1(Exh. A), 2-5-2024; Ord. No. 24-04-552, § 1(Exh. A), 4-8-2024; Ord. No. 24-07-559, § 1, 7-8-2024; Ord. No. 25-04-573, § 1(Exh. A), 4-14-2025)

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

COUNTY OF FULTON

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILTON MODIFYING CHAPTER 4 AND APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MILTON TO AMEND DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TO AMEND TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE PROVISIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A FLAT EXPEDITED REVIEW FEE FOR TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

WHEREAS, Milton, Georgia is a duly formed political subdivision of the State of Georgia, with all the powers attendant thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Charter and other laws of the State of Georgia, the City of Milton has the power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations for the protection and preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend Chapter 4 of the Code of the City of Milton, referred to as the Alcohol Ordinance, to clarify and update the distance requirements applicable to alcohol sales and the process for temporary alcoholic beverage licenses; and

WHEREAS, the City further desires to amend Appendix A of the Code of the City of Milton to establish a flat expedited review fee for temporary alcoholic beverage licenses.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILTON, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 4-22 of the Code of the City of Milton, entitled Distance requirements, is hereby amended by striking said section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:
 - Sec. 4-22. Distance requirements.
 - (a) Package sales. No person knowingly and intentionally may sell or offer to sell alcoholic beverages by the package in violation of the following

minimum state distance requirements mandated by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-21(a)(1):

- (1) Distilled spirits: In or within 100 yards of any church building or within 200 yards of any school building, educational building, school grounds, or college campus.
- (2) Wine and malt beverages: Within 100 yards of any school building, school grounds, or college campus.
- (3) Treatment centers: Within 100 yards of an alcoholic treatment center owned and operated by this state or any county or municipal government therein.

(b) On-premises consumption. The following distance requirement is the sole mandatory state restriction for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises:

- (1) Housing authority property: No person knowingly and intentionally may sell any alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in violation of the minimum state distance requirement of within 100 yards of any housing authority property mandated by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-21(e).
- (2) Additional distances: Pursuant to the discretionary authority granted by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-21(b)(3), the City of Milton elects not to impose additional distance requirements for on-premises consumption beyond those mandatory under state law.

(c) Establishments with dual sales privileges. Any licensee authorized by this chapter to sell alcoholic beverages both by the package and for consumption on the premises, including but not limited to brewpubs, microbreweries, microdistilleries, farm wineries, and craft beer and/or wine markets, shall be required to comply with the distance requirements for package sales set forth in subsection (a) of this section and the distance requirements for on-premises consumption set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

(d) Measurement method. For purposes of this section, all distances shall be measured by the most direct route of travel on the ground. Measurements shall be taken in a straight line from the front door of the structure from

which alcoholic beverages are sold to:

- (1) The front door of the church building, government-owned treatment center, or retail package store; or
- (2) The nearest property line of the real property being used for school or educational purposes.

(e) Non-applicability and exceptions.

- (1) Prior licenses: These distance requirements shall not apply to any location for which a license was issued prior to July 1, 1981, for schools and churches, or July 1, 2000, for housing authority property, nor to the renewal of such licenses.
- (2) Subsequent use: If distance requirements are met at the time of the initial license issuance, the subsequent opening of a church or school within the prohibited distance shall not prevent the continuance of an existing license or the issuance of a new license to a subsequent owner.
- (3) Grocery stores: As authorized by state law, a grocery store licensed for the retail sale of only malt beverages or wine for consumption off the premises may sell such products within 100 yards of a school building or college campus.

2. Section 4-43 of the Code of the City of Milton, entitled Temporary alcoholic beverage license, is hereby amended by striking said section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 4-43. Temporary alcoholic beverage license.

- (a) The city manager is authorized to issue temporary licenses to aid applicants in opening for business within a short time after passing all required inspections.
- (b) To qualify for a temporary license, the applicant must pay the non-refundable expedited review fee. This fee is established to offset the costs of prioritizing the mandatory police investigation and the multi-departmental inspections of the premises required by Sections 4-40 and 4-156.
- (c) The issuance of a temporary license is a transitional administrative action

and does not guarantee the city council's final approval of a permanent license.

(d) Temporary licenses may be issued for such period as may be determined by the city manager, not to exceed 90 days. No such license shall be issued unless:

(1) A complete application for a permanent license has been filed and the prorated annual license fee for the intended months of operation and non-refundable processing fee have been deposited with the city as required by Section 4-30(i);

(2) The applicant has paid the non-refundable flat expedited review fee as established in Appendix A;

(3) The city manager is satisfied that the location for the proposed license substantially complies with the provisions of this chapter;

(4) The city manager finds that the applicant has satisfied all the qualifications for having a license as specified in this Code; and

(5) There is an agreement by the applicant that the temporary license may be revoked, with or without cause, by the city manager at any time and that the issuance of a temporary license does not guarantee the grant of a permanent license.

(e) Fees for temporary licenses. The fee for the expedited review prior to a final decision by the city council shall be a non-refundable flat fee established by the city council in Appendix A. This fee is in addition to the prorated annual fee paid at the time of application.

(f) Extension. If an extension is needed, the city manager may extend the temporary license for up to an additional 60 days upon payment of an additional administrative processing fee.

3. Appendix A of the Code of the City of Milton, under Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages, is hereby amended as follows:

1. The fee entry for Section 4-43, Temporary alcoholic beverage license, Expedited Review Fee, is hereby amended by removing the percentage-based fee and replacing it with a flat fee of \$100.00, non-refundable, for temporary operation

during the 90-day investigative window.

2. The fee entry for Section 4-34, the term “non-refundable” is added.
3. The fee entry for Section 4-87 is stricken.

4. It is the express intent of the City of Milton that this Ordinance be consistent with both federal and state law. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances be held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

5. All other ordinances shall continue in full force and effect and shall remain unaffected, except where such ordinance, or part thereof, conflicts herewith, in which case such ordinance, or part thereof, is hereby repealed.

6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately following the date of adoption.

SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____ 2026.

Approved:

Peyton Jamison, Mayor

Attest:

[SEAL]

City Clerk