

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Type: Council - Regular Meeting Date: December 4, 2025 Agenda Item Type: New Business Staff Contact: Phillip Trocquet

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration to amend Sections 4-1, 4-71, 4-72, 4-82, 4-143, 4-144, 4-150 and to add Section 4-164 and 4-165 to the Town's Alcohol Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

At the annual planning workshop in March, Council discussed alcohol special events and event venues. In response, staff prepared modifications to the ordinance in two phases:

Phase One (recently adopted): Focused on catered special events, creating a mechanism for occasional alcohol service at events not integral to the host business.

Phase Two (this discussion): Focuses on event venues, in response to Council's request for a more appropriate framework to address regular alcohol use at such locations.

This second phase is intended to regulate alcohol service at event venues that may currently operate outside the bounds of the ordinance, such as through informal BYOB policies. While these establishments can technically use outside catering services, doing so for every event is cumbersome and not feasible for businesses where events are a regular part of operations.

Many Georgia municipalities have adopted alcohol provisions for event venues and performing arts spaces that strike a balance in allowing controlled service without creating loopholes for bar-only establishments. The intent is to ensure Tyrone's ordinance goals are preserved while offering a practical, enforceable path for legitimate venue operations.

At the previous Council Workshop meeting, language was discussed with council for these provisions. Modifications were made based on council feedback as well as the Town's attorney from review.

The attached redlined ordinances are provided for consideration to adopt.

FUNDING:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of these ordinances.

ATTACHMENTS:

Redline draft ordinances

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS:

November 6, 2025 Council Workshop

March 27, 2025 Annual Planning Workshop:

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