

Alcohol Advisory Committee
Council Chambers at City Hall
April 9th , 2018
5:00pm

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Review and Motion to Adopt Minutes
 - A) March 12th, 2018
3. Discussion of the Special Events Ordinance Sec. 6-8
4. Questions and Comments from the Community
5. Announce Next Meeting- May 14th at 4:00pm
6. Adjourn

Alcohol Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018

A meeting of the Alcohol Advisory Board was held on March 12, 2018 at 4:25 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Jim Thibodeau, Laura Wheaton, Woody Pumphrey and Matt Hube. Also present was City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith.

The minutes from the February 12, 2018, meeting were presented and adopted.

The first item for discussion was regarding a requirement that all licensees obtain and maintain liquor liability and/or commercial general liability insurance. City Attorney Cain Smith presented a proposed modification to Sections 6-5 and 6-19. Attorney Smith informed the Board that the City of Savannah has a very similar ordinance currently in place. Questions were asked about whether an applicant only had to have a binder in place when application was made or if they had to have actual insurance coverage in place. Discussion was had about the revocation policy and it was decided that the provision should indicate a suspension would go into place upon receipt of a 30 day cancellation notice being sent to the city, but that suspension could be cured by the licensee reinstating insurance coverage. Further, the license would be revoked if there was a second 30 day cancellation notice sent to the city in any 12 month period. Discussion was also had that a resolution would be recommended that existing establishments would be granted a 90 day provisional license beginning upon their next annual renewal. Laura Wheaton asked if low volume sellers would be able to purchase insurance coverage. No one knew the specific answer to this question, but efforts will be made by Board members to try and find out.

A motion was made by Woody Pumphrey to recommend that the council adopt the proposed language to Sections 6-5 and 6-19 subject to the changes that were discussed and agreed upon. Jim Thibodeau seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

The next item for discussion was amending section 6-8 to come into compliance with state law with regards to special event permitting. City Attorney Smith made a presentation on the matter and explained that the proposed changes to the current section of the ordinance will make the city ordinance come into compliance with the state law. Some discussion was had, but it was decided that more information was necessary to make an informed decision on the issue. City Attorney Smith will forward to each Board member additional information regarding this issue. A motion was made by Laura Wheaton to table the discussion on this issue until the April meeting. Jim Thibodeau seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The next item was questions and comments from the community. There were no questions or comments from the community.

The next Alcohol Advisory Board meeting was set for April 9, 2018, at 4:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Sec. 6-8 Regulations pertaining to certain classes of licenses only.

(d) (3) Temporary special event license

a. A temporary license may be issued to any person, firm or corporation, (or alternately any City licensed caterer) for a period not to exceed three (3) days for an approved special event. The person, firm or corporation must make application and pay the fee that may be required by this chapter and shall be required to comply with all the general ordinances and regulations for an on-premises consumption. Said temporary licenses may be applied for and issued to any one (1) person, firm or corporation up to six (6) times per calendar year. The applicant seeking a temporary license must also obtain a state-issued temporary special event permit.

b. The special event must meet the following criterion prior to the issuance of a license to sell alcoholic beverages:

(1) The special event must receive approval from the city police department on crowd control, traffic control, and security measures.

(2) The location at which the special event is to take place must be properly zoned and approved by the code enforcement officer.

(3) The premises at which the special event is to take place must be approved by the code enforcement officer.

(4) The application must be presented to Mayor and Council and approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Statesboro City Council.

c. At least one (1) employee or volunteer of the special event licensee, working the special event in any position dispensing, selling, serving, taking orders or mixing alcoholic beverages shall be required to obtain a sever certification pursuant to section 6-10 for the special event.

d. The code enforcement officer or the chief of police or his designee may immediately revoke any temporary license for a special event if it is determined continued alcohol sales may endanger the health, welfare or safety of the public.

e. As a condition on the issuance of a temporary special event license, the licensee shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all claims, demands or causes of action which may arise from activities associated with the special event.