



Mayor & Council Work Session
December 21, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.



Mayoral ad hoc committee met on December 14, 2021
with discussion points as follows:



1. Number of licenses allowed. Suggestions included the following:

a. could limit one per district

b. could increase proximity requirements between stores to indirectly limit number of outlets

c. could base on population with example given to start with 6 licenses, allow additional license at each 5,000 person threshold beginning with seventh issued when CRC or Census numbers reach 35,000



2. Square footage/ inventory

No recommendation on minimum square footage

Recommendation to require \$200,000 in distilled spirits inventory was discussed, with no final number set



3. Recommendation to follow state proximity law. Recommendation made to mandate 100 yard distance from Housing Authority properties. This mandate is already included in OCGA 3-3-21 (e)(2) and will be added to submitted proximity requirements prior to directed first reading presentation at 12/21 work session.



4. Proximity between licensed establishments.
Option of increasing distance between stores to indirectly limit the number of licenses was discussed.



5. Recommendation to allow in zoning districts already set out in Chapter 6 (HOC, LI, CR, and CBD)



6. No discussion of products available for sale in liquor stores



7. Hours of operation recommended to track state law



8. No restriction to limit to freestanding was recommended



9. No final recommendation made as to lottery or application process. Should number of licences be limited there will be a need for process such as Newnan's model of application window and lottery.



Alcohol License Process:

- Complete application, turning in all required attachments on the checklist provided. Required submissions include copy of lease or proof of ownership, floor plan, proximity map by registered surveyor, alcohol liability insurance policy declaration.



- Pay the \$200 application fee once application is turned in to the tax department.



- Upon submission of completed application, all people who need to be fingerprinted will be registered and given instructions on how to proceed with this requirement.



- Once fingerprinting results are available, entire application and results are sent over to the Police Department for review.



- Once Fire, Police, and Zoning have evaluated application and submitted comments, City Attorney will review and submit his comments.



- Sign giving public notice of place and time for meeting of Mayor and Council consideration of application is posted in front of the establishment for 7 calendar days prior to that meeting.



- Notes: Occupational tax certificate must be obtained in addition to alcohol license. Failure to open within 45 days of license issuance results in forfeiture and cancellation of license. Licenses are completely non-transferrable (even change in name of corporate entity triggers need for new application). All licensure must be approved by Mayor and Council at open meeting of body.



QUESTIONS?