



Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Revisions 2023

The approved revisions will ensure equity, compliance, and accountability throughout the City of Savannah, implementing effective ways to provide a safe environment for patrons consuming alcoholic beverages.

Apart from the Server Training Permit Card, all revisions are effective April 1, 2023.



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Server Training Permit (STP) Card

Effective June 1, 2023, servers will have until September 1, 2023, to obtain their permit. Code Section 6-1215(a) – The City of Savannah Server Training Permit will be is available as follows:

1. Alcohol server applicants on the City's website can register for an online standardized alcohol awareness training course and complete an online alcohol awareness assessment.
2. Upon successful completion of the assessment, applicants will submit the training certification and a copy of their driver's license.
3. The City will issue the server a Server Training Permit Card, valid for five years. Additional training will be required to renew.

Distilled Spirits Take-Out w/ Meal.

Code Section - 6-1213 (c) 1-7- Permit Retail Consumption Dealers (Restaurants with on-premises licenses) to sell distilled spirits for off-premises consumption in approved containers with the purchase of a meal.

The Below Containers are Approved:



The Below Containers are NOT approved:



Tastings (replace Samples) Code Section- 6-1209 (t) 1-5. Permits Class D and Class E to conduct 52 tastings per calendar year with 14-day prior notification to the City's Revenue Department. May last only 4 hours. May only serve one type of alcoholic beverage, either malt beverage, wine, or distilled spirits. The maximum size per sample is 8 oz of malt beverage, 5 oz of wine and 1.5 oz of distilled spirits.

Bring Your Own Bottle "BYOB" Code Section 1209 (u)(1) (2)-Clarify that customers are only allowed to bring and consume their own alcoholic beverage at an establishment if that establishment already has a consumption on premises alcoholic beverage license.

Selling, Serving or Dispensing Alcoholic Beverages Through Windows or Doors Code Section 6-1212 (c)-With the exception of Class D (Package stores) license holders, no licensee may sell or permit the sale or dispensation of alcoholic beverages through windows, doors, or other openings to sidewalks, parking lots, or to any other area outside the licensed premises, excluding approved adjacent patios.

Alcohol Review Committee Code Section 6-1205 (d) (1) (2)- Establish Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) to collaborate with City staff and outside agencies involved in the alcohol licensure process to improve efficiency of the application process. Ensure all regulatory requirements are met prior to consideration by the City Council.

Transitional Permit (Class K) Code Section 6-1209 (w) (1-4). Transitional Permit Establish requirements for alcohol-serving establishments that functionally transition from restaurants to bars, including ceasing food sales or charging entry fees, primarily late at night. No one under 21 years of age is allowed on premises during transitional hours. Only current ABL/Responsible ABL applicants can apply for Transitional Permit. Additional Public Safety Plan must be turned into the SPD's Alcohol Beverage Compliance (ABC) unit at the time of permit request



Effective September 1, 2023, all individuals serving alcohol in the City of Savannah must obtain an official City of Savannah Server Training Permit Card (STPC).

Why: The City of Savannah Server Permit Card will provide official verification that the individuals serving alcohol within the City have obtained the appropriate training and subsequent proficiency of the city ordinances governing alcohol compliance; state and federal laws governing alcohol; and sexual assault and human trafficking prevention.

How: Beginning September 1, 2023, the City of Savannah will provide free online training, required for all individuals serving alcohol to obtain an official server permit card.

To obtain your STPC, follow these steps:

Online Testing:

1. Register for the server permit training card (STPC) and complete the official City of Savannah training and testing via <https://www.savannahga.gov/546/Business-Alcohol-Regulations>.
2. Bring your required identification to City of Savannah, Department of Revenue, 305 Fahm, Savannah, GA 31401, have your picture taken, and receive your card.
3. Your STPC will be valid for five years. Additional training, webinars, and workshops are encouraged annually. Connect with training resources [here](#).

Did You Know: Additional training providers offer supplemental training to aid you and your business in providing a safe, secure, and legal environment for alcohol compliance. Check out a list of trainers [here](#).

Did You Know: The City of Savannah Server Training Institute also provides quarterly information sessions, seminars, workshops and more. [Learn more here](#). The Server Training Institute provides on-site testing once a month, the dates will be provided on the [website](#).

Questions? Concerns? Suggestions? Help us make Savannah the best City for safe, secure, and legal alcohol consumption. Email servertraininginstitute@savannahga.gov with your ideas!