



St. James Parish Council

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, on November 21, 2023, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 23-17 **ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-2 LOCATION RESTRICTIONS OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to amend the footage restrictions under the location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council that Chapter 6 of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A hereto and made a part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse, 5800 Hwy 44, Convent, LA at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

s/ Vondra Etienne-Steib
Vice-Chairwoman

s/ Linda Hubbell
Secretary

***Note:** St. James Parish will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation to any disabled individual wishing to attend the meeting. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation is requested to contact 1-800-846-5277 (TDD), 1-800-947-5277 (Voice) or 562-2400 (Handicapped) to discuss the particular accommodation needed.*

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Exhibit A

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

Alcoholic beverage means and includes beverages of low and high alcoholic content. It means any fluid or solid capable of being converted into fluid, suitable for human consumption, and containing more than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume, including malt, vinous, spirituous, alcoholic or intoxicating liquors, beer, porter, ale, stout, fruit juices, cider or wine.

Beverages of high alcoholic content means alcoholic beverages containing more than six percent alcohol by volume.

Beverages of low alcoholic content means alcoholic beverages containing not more than six percent alcohol by volume.

- (b) The sale of alcoholic beverages from licensed locations shall be prohibited within 300 feet of a public playground or of a building used exclusively as a full-time day care center as defined in R.S. 17:405(A)(4), a correctional facility housing inmates, including, but not limited to, a halfway house, a church or synagogue, a public library or a school, except a school for business education conducted as a business college or school, to be in the public interest, as authorized by R.S. 26:81 and 26:281.
- (c) In those areas of the parish divided into subdivisions with streets, blocks, sidewalks, etc., this distance shall be measured as a person walks using the sidewalk from the nearest point of the property line of the full-time day care center, correction facility housing inmates, church or synagogue, library, or school to the nearest point of the premises to be licensed. In undeveloped rural areas, the distance shall be measured in a straight line from ~~the nearest point to the nearest point~~ door to door of the respective premises.
- (d) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in [section 1-13](#).
- (e) No occupational license and no permit to conduct business or sell alcoholic beverages shall be issued for any premises situated within 300 feet of any public playground or of a building used exclusively as a full-time day care center as defined in R.S. 17:405(A)(4), a correctional facility housing inmates, including, but not limited to, a halfway house, a church or synagogue, a public library or a school, except a school for business education conducted as a business college or school, as prohibited by this section.
- (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to registered pharmacists or licensed drugstores, licensed under the laws of the state, who are permitted to sell alcoholic beverages, by prescription only, of high alcoholic content under R.S. [title 26, ch. 1](#) (R.S. 26:1 et seq.). The prohibition in this section does not apply to any premises maintained as a bona fide hotel, railway car, or fraternal organization, nor to any premises which have been licensed to deal in alcoholic beverages for a period of one year or longer prior to August 4, 1982.

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