

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2023

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I
SECTION 6.4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Montgomery has determined that rental halls and event centers are not be used for their intended and licensed purpose;

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public's safety and well being to place more stringent parameters on the location and utilization of rental halls/event centers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, that Chapter 6, Article I, Section 6.4 will be modified to read as follows:

Sec. 6-4. - Business license requirements for Rental Halls/Event Centers.

1. Prior to receiving a business license to operate a rental hall or event center, the applicant must obtain the appropriate retail license for the sale, service, dispensing or consumption of alcoholic beverages from the State of Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, as well as liquor liability insurance as required by the ABC Board.
2. Licenses for such businesses shall require a separation distance of 250 feet from any private and public schools and universities, daycares, public parks, and community centers as measured in a straight line from the nearest property boundary of the licensed premises to the nearest property boundary of any use listed above.
3. No two licenses for rental halls/event centers shall be permitted to be located within four (4) miles of each other, measured in a straight line from the nearest property boundary of the currently licensed premises to the nearest property boundary of applicant's property.
4. Any building in which one of the above-defined businesses is legally operating prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be a legal nonconforming use, which shall be transferable to any new business opening in the same building or tenant space in multi-tenant buildings. In the event that there is no active business license at the location for a period of six consecutive months, the location shall no longer constitute a legal nonconforming use.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of October, 2023.

**/S/
STEVEN L. REED, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**/S/
BRENDA GALE BLALOCK, CITY CLERK**

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