

ORDINANCE NO. 1168

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND SECTIONS 6-69. - LICENSE FEE AND 6-70. - APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; TIME; REVIEW OF CHAPTER 6 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THOMASTON, TO ALLOW A 1 DAY SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT WITHIN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT AND TO ALLOW APPLICATIONS FOR THOSE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS TO BE SUBMITTED 45 DAYS OR LESS IN ADVANCE BASED ON THE CITY'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE APPLICANT WITH THE NECESSARY SERVICES, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND FOR LIKE PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have been requested and they have deemed it appropriate and necessary to amend the license fee and application for license; time; review for licenses for special event permits within the entertainment district;

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thomaston, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by virtue of the authority thereof that Section 6-69 - License Fee and Section 6-70. - Application for License; Time; Review is hereby amended as follows; to-wit:

Sec. 6-69. - License fee.

Each application for a special event alcoholic beverage permit, together with supporting documentation shall be submitted through the Georgia Tax Center/Department of Revenue's "Centralized Alcohol Licensing Portal". The applicant may obtain a hard copy of the application and a list of documents that are required to be submitted with the application either at the City Manager's office or at the City's website. The State and local alcohol license applications will be reviewed by both State and local agencies, and if approved, the State and local license will be issued simultaneously. The applicant will be notified, via the e-mail address provided by the applicant on the application, when the application has been approved. An invoice from the City of Thomaston will be e-mailed setting forth the local fees due. The applicant must pay the local fees to the City of Thomaston in person at the City of Thomaston Customer Service window within five (5) days of invoice date. When all fees, both State and local, are paid in full, a special event alcoholic beverage permit will be mailed to the applicant from the Georgia Tax Center/Department of Revenue.

Permit for any times that do not include a federally recognized or designated holiday or holiday weekend:

1 Day \$ 75 - 350 within the entertainment district*
1 Day \$350
2 Day \$500
3 Day \$650

*The permit cost will be no less than \$75 and no more than \$350. The City Manager, together with the assistance of the Chief of Police, shall have full discretion to determine the cost of each permit after considering and calculating the public services needed and the associated cost thereof.

Permits for federally recognized or designated holidays or holiday weekends:

1 Day \$700
2 Day \$850
3 Day \$1,000

Sec. 6-70. - Application for license; time; review.

- (a) Special event alcohol beverage permit license applications must be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the planned special event, unless otherwise authorized by City Manager, at his discretion and based upon the size, location and public services needed for the event, and it must state the number of days requested.
- (b) After obtaining the above information, the Chief of Police shall determine whether and to what extent additional police protection will be required for the event for purposes of traffic, crowd control and security. If additional police protection for the event is deemed necessary by the Chief of Police, he shall so inform the applicant for the permit. The applicant then shall have the obligation to secure police protection acceptable to the Chief of Police at the sole expense of the applicant and shall pay the expenses of such protection as required. The Chief of Police shall consider what additional manpower, equipment, and supplies are needed, as well as any other items or expenses which will be necessary for the safety and welfare of the attendees, as well as the public. An estimate of the costs of City resources will be provided to the applicant prior to the issuance of a permit. Half of the estimated cost shall be paid prior to the issuance of the permit, with the remaining half paid three (3) days prior to the event. Private security may be used by the applicant with approval of the Chief of Police or his designee. (See Section 6-73 below.) The Chief of Police may designate someone to act on his behalf regarding any portion of this section.

(c) Ten (10) days prior to the event, the applicant shall meet with the appropriate staff members of the city; however, . This time may be shortened by City Manager, at his discretion and based upon the size, location and public services needed for the event. As designated by the City Manager in the issuance of a permit for the event, the applicant shall sign a statement of understanding of an agreement to the terms and conditions imposed on the event. Such statements shall become a part of the conditions of the permit for the event. Patrons taking alcoholic beverages purchased from the special event alcohol beverage permit licensee outside of the designated area shall be subject to arrest in accordance with sections 62-11 and/or 62-12.

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the terms and provisions set forth in this ordinance be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Thomaston, Georgia, and transmitted by me to the Mayor, this 5th day of April, 2022.



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DEPUTY CITY CLERK

5th Approved by me and returned to said City Clerk as "Approved", this day of April, 2022.



J. D. Stallings

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MAYOR