

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF CORDELE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIALTY CUPS FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; REGULATING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OFF PREMISES IN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; REPREALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cordele has established a Downtown Development Authority and a Main Street program to promote and develop the City of Cordele Downton Development District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Main Street program and the Downtown Development Authority have determined that the establishment of an Entertainment District would promote the development of Downtown Cordele; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-63 of the City Code provides for licenses to be issued for the sale of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits to be consumed on premises in restaurants; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful study and deliberation, the Commission has determined to establish an Entertainment District to provide for off premise consumption of alcohol under certain limited conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Chairman and members of the City Commission as follows:

**Section 1.** A new Article X of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of the City of Cordele is established as follows:

**“Section 3-185 Creating of Entertainment District Boundaries.**

The Entertainment District shall be the same as the Main Street District as designated on Exhibit A of Section 3-63 of this ordinance.”

**“Section 3-186 A Specialty Cup Required For Consumption Of Alcoholic Beverages Off Premises.**

“(a) A specialty cup defined as a clear plastic 16 ounce cup issued by the City of Cordele MainStreet program is attached to the cup and denotes the date.

(b) Those persons desiring to possess any alcoholic beverages or consume off premises which were purchased at a licensed premise located in the entertainment district in accordance with the restrictions set forth herein are required to purchase a specialty cup from the licensed premises within the Entertainment District from whom said person purchased the alcoholic beverage.

- (c) Only establishments who are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages within the Entertainment District are authorized to sell said specialty cups.
- (d) Personal display of a specialty cup does not relieve the licensed premise of their responsibility to determine a person's age of 21 before dispensing alcohol to that person in said specialty cup or otherwise.
- (e) Said specialty cups are disposable and are intended for single use.
- (f) Said specialty cups may be issued by a participating licensed premise between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and the close of business on that day Monday through Saturday and between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and the close of business on Sunday.
- (g) A specialty cup shall be issued only for an event approved by the Board of Directors.

**“Section 1-87 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Off Premises.**

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 3.6 of this ordinance, alcoholic beverages may be consumed off premises within the boundaries of the Entertainment District and persons may be allowed to remove specialty cups containing alcoholic beverages from licensed premises and may be allowed to possess and consume alcoholic beverages anywhere within the Entertainment District including other licensed premises.
- (b) Each licensed premise within the Entertainment District shall have the discretion to choose whether to issue specialty cups and/or to allow persons to leave its premises with alcoholic beverages in the specialty cup.
- (c) Each licensed premise within the Entertainment District shall have the discretion to choose whether to allow persons to enter its premises with a specialty cup containing alcoholic beverages.
- (d) Each licensed premise within the Entertainment District choosing to allow persons to leave its premises or enter its premises with a specialty cup containing alcoholic beverages shall notify the City of Cordele prior to allowing such actions to occur.
- (e) Persons are not allowed to possess a specialty cup containing alcoholic beverages while in the passenger area of a motor vehicle in accordance with O.C.G.A. §40-6-253.

**Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

**SO ORDAINED**, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023.

**CITY OF CORDELE**

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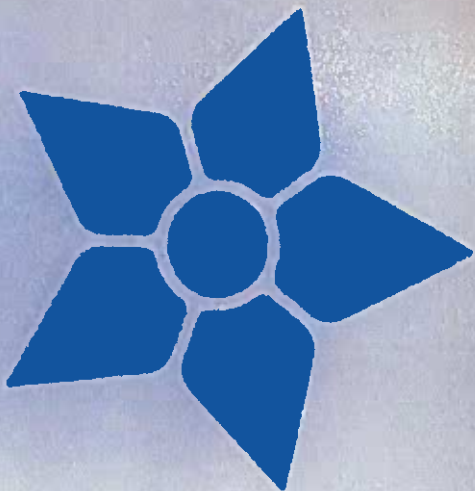
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