

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S LICENSES, PERMITS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS; ADOPTING ARTICLE VIII, BYOB BUSINESS REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Killeen, Texas is a home-rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, the City of Killeen has declared the application and enforcement of business regulations to be necessary for the promotion of the public safety, health, convenience, comfort, prosperity and general welfare of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish regulations that will help ensure that BYOB establishments are safe and orderly; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the City's Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations standards to promote the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the municipality and the safe, orderly, and healthful development of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS:

SECTION I. That Chapter 15 of the City of Killeen Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add the following:

ARTICLE VIII. – BYOB BUSINESS REGULATIONS

Sec 15-161. – Short title and purpose.

(A) This article may be known and cited as "BYOB Business Regulations."

(B) The purpose of this Article is to protect the welfare of the citizens of the City of Killeen by monitoring and regulating BYOB businesses. To this end, this Article establishes a permit program for BYOB businesses, imposes regulations of business operations of BYOB businesses, and imposes civil and criminal penalties for violations of this Article by BYOB businesses.

Sec. 15-162. – Definitions.

(A) It is a common practice for an establishment not licensed or permitted by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to sell or serve alcoholic beverages to allow its patrons to bring

their own alcoholic beverages onto the premises for consumption. This practice is often referred to as "BYOB," an acronym for "bring your own bottle."

(B) In this Article:

Alcoholic beverage has the meaning assigned by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

BYOB permit shall mean a permit, issued pursuant to this Article, to operate a BYOB venue.

BYOB venue or event shall mean an establishment to which this Article applies, as prescribed by Sec. 15-163.

Department shall mean The Development Services Department of the City of Killeen.

Director shall mean the Executive Director of the Development Services Department.

Premises shall mean the grounds and all buildings, vehicles, and appurtenances pertaining to the grounds, including any adjacent premises if they are directly or indirectly under the control of the same person.

Public place shall mean any place accessible by the public, a business or public facility, a way or place, of whatever nature, opened to use of the public as a matter of right, or for purposes of vehicular travel as a street, or in the case of a sidewalk thereof, for pedestrian travel.

Restaurant shall mean an establishment engaged in the preparation and retail sale of food and beverages for on-premise consumption or in a ready-to-consume state. To qualify as a restaurant under this Article, the establishment must produce at least 80% of its total revenue, exclusive of tips and gratuities, from the provision of food service.

Sec. 15.163. - Applicability.

(A) Except as provided in subsection (B), this Article applies to an establishment that:

(1) Is not licensed or permitted by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to sell or serve alcoholic beverages; and

(2) Allows patrons to bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises for possession and consumption.

(B) This Article does not apply to:

(1) A residence;

(2) An establishment operated by a governmental entity;

(3) A private club, as defined by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code;

(4) A fraternal or veteran's organization, as defined by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code;

(5) A college and university use;

(6) A religious assembly use;

(7) A restaurant;

(8) A theater use.

Sec. 15-164. – Notice.

(A) Mailed notice is presumed received on the fifth day after it is mailed.

(B) Notice to a permit holder may be delivered to the manager at the BYOB venue and is effective on delivery.

Sec. 15-165. – Permit required.

(A) A person shall obtain a BYOB permit issued by the Department before the person may operate a BYOB venue.

(B) A person must obtain a separate BYOB permit for each BYOB venue location.

Sec. 15-166. – Qualifications.

(A) A person may not apply for or hold a permit under this Article unless the person is at least 18 years of age.

(B) A person may not hold a BYOB permit under this Article or manage a BYOB venue if the person has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities for operating a BYOB venue, and the conviction makes the person unfit to hold a permit or manage a BYOB venue.

Sec. 15-167. – Permit application.

(A) A person who seeks a permit to operate a BYOB venue must submit an application to the Director on a form provided by the Director. The application must include:

(1) The names, addresses, and birth dates of all persons who have an ownership interest in, or who will manage, the proposed BYOB venue;

(2) Authorization for the city to conduct a criminal background check on each person described in subsection (A)(1);

(3) The name of the BYOB venue and its physical address;

(4) A registration certificate for the establishment from the Secretary of State, if registration is required by law;

(5) Proof that the applicant has all other permits and approvals required to operate the establishment, including appropriate zoning;

(6) A security plan that meets or exceeds the minimum standards established by administrative rule, as determined by the Police Chief;

(7) Scale drawings of the site, including:

(a) All site improvements;

(b) The floor plan of each building; and

(c) A designation of the areas where the consumption of alcohol is to be allowed;

(8) Information required by administrative rule;

(9) Proof that the applicant has a commercial general liability insurance policy providing minimum premises/operations coverage of \$500,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate on an occurrence basis; and

(10) Other information reasonably required by the Director.

(B) An applicant shall pay the non-refundable \$50 permit fee established by ordinance.

(C) A BYOB permit is void if the applicant obtains the BYOB permit by knowingly providing false information on the application.

Sec 15-168. – Permit approval or denial.

(A) The Director shall approve a BYOB permit application if the Director determines that the applicant and the proposed BYOB venue meet the requirements of Sec. 15-166 and 15-167, and are not disqualified by subsections (B) and (C) of this section.

(B) The Director shall deny a BYOB permit application if the Director determines that:

(1) The applicant is under the age of 18 years;

(2) The BYOB venue as proposed would not comply with this Article; or

(3) The applicant had a BYOB permit required by this Article revoked within the preceding 12-month period.

(C) The Director may deny a BYOB permit application if the Director determines if that:

(1) The applicant provided incorrect or incomplete information on the application; or

(2) The person has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities for operating a BYOB venue, and the conviction makes the person unfit to hold a permit.

(D) If the Director does not approve or deny an application within 45 days of the date it is filed, the application is denied.

(E) The Director shall give written notice of a denial of an application to the applicant.

(F) An applicant may appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment a denial of a BYOB permit application in accordance with Sec. 15-175.

Sec. 15-169. – Permit not transferable.

A BYOB permit issued under this Article is not transferable to another person or venue.

Sec. 15-170. – Permit not a right.

A BYOB permit issued under this Article is a grant of a privilege and is not a property right.

Sec. 15-171. – Permit expiration; renewal.

A BYOB permit issued under this Article expires one year after the date it is issued. A BYOB permit holder shall file an application for BYOB permit renewal not sooner than the ninetieth day and not later than the forty-fifth day before the BYOB permit expires. An application that is not filed within the described time period is a new application.

Sec. 15-172. – Requirement to supplement information.

While a BYOB permit application is pending or a BYOB permit is in effect, an applicant or permit holder shall immediately supplement the information provided to the Director in the BYOB permit application if the information is or becomes inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading.

Sec. 15-173.– Permit suspension.

(A) The Director may suspend a BYOB permit issued under this Article without prior notice or hearing if the Director determines that:

(1) The BYOB permit holder, the manager, or an employee of the BYOB venue has violated a requirement of this Article;

(2) The BYOB venue does not comply with this Article; or

(3) The BYOB permit holder does not qualify for a permit under this Article.

(B) If the Director suspends a BYOB permit:

(1) The Director shall give written notice to the BYOB permit holder that:

(a) The BYOB permit is immediately suspended on receipt of the notice; and

(b) The BYOB permit holder may file a written request for a hearing not later than the tenth day after the date of receipt of notice of suspension; and

(2) The BYOB permit holder shall immediately close the BYOB venue.

(3) Any BYOB permit which has been suspended under this Article shall be surrendered upon demand to the Director. At the end of the period of suspension, in the absence of further violations, the surrendered BYOB permit shall be returned to the BYOB permit holder and shall be valid under the provisions of this code. If the period of suspension extends beyond the normal expiration date of the BYOB permit, the BYOB permit holder shall pay all BYOB permit fees without proration in order to receive a valid BYOB permit.

(C) Suspension of a BYOB permit is effective on receipt of notice.

(D) A BYOB permit holder may file with the Director a written request for a hearing on a BYOB permit suspension. The request must be filed not later than the tenth day after the date of receipt of notice of suspension.

(E) If a BYOB permit holder timely files a hearing request:

(1) The Director shall hold a hearing on the permit suspension not later than the fourteenth day after the date the hearing request is filed. At such hearing, the BYOB permit holder may

present information to the Director addressing the Director's suspension of a BYOB permit and reasons, if any, that the BYOB permit holder believes the suspension is not warranted; and

(2) A suspension is stayed pending the outcome of the hearing.

(F) If a hearing request is not timely filed, a suspension continues in effect.

(G) After hearing, the Director shall give written notice to the BYOB permit holder as to whether suspension is continued in effect after a hearing under subsection (E).

(H) The Director may reinstate a permit if the reason for suspension no longer exists.

Sec. 15-174. – Permit revocation.

(A) The Director may revoke a BYOB permit issued under this Article if the Director determines that:

(1) The permit holder, the manager, or an employee of the BYOB venue has engaged in serious or repeated violations of this Article;

(2) The BYOB venue does not comply with this Article; or

(3) The permit holder does not qualify for a permit under this Article.

(B) Before revoking a BYOB permit, the Director shall provide the BYOB permit holder with written notice of the pending permit revocation. The written notice shall include:

(1) The reason the BYOB permit is subject to revocation;

(2) The date on which the BYOB permit is scheduled to be revoked; and

(3) A statement that the BYOB permit will be revoked on the scheduled date unless the BYOB permit holder files a written request for a hearing with the Director not later than the tenth day after the date the notice is received.

(C) A BYOB permit revocation becomes effective on expiration of the time period prescribed by the notice if the BYOB permit holder does not file a written request for hearing with the Director not later than the tenth day after the notice is received.

(D) If a BYOB permit holder timely files a hearing request:

(1) The Director shall hold a hearing on the BYOB permit revocation not later than the fourteenth day after the date the hearing request is filed. At such hearing, the BYOB permit holder may present information to the Director addressing the Director's intent to revoke the BYOB permit and reasons, if any, that the BYOB permit holder believes the revocation is not warranted; and

(2) A revocation is stayed pending the outcome of the hearing.

(E) The Director shall give written notice to the BYOB permit holder of a decision regarding the revocation of the BYOB permit or a revocation that becomes effective under subsection (C).

Sec. 15-175. – Appeal.

(A) An applicant or a permit holder may appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment a permit application denial, a permit suspension, or a permit revocation. To stay a suspension or revocation under this Article, appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment must be made within ten days after the applicant/BYOB permit holder receives written notice of the decision that it is appealing.

(B) If the permit holder timely files a notice of appeal pursuant to subsection (A), a suspension, or revocation is stayed.

Sec. 15-176. – Public place.

A BYOB venue is a public place.

Sec. 15-177. – Permit posting required.

A BYOB permit holder shall post the BYOB permit required by this Article in a prominent public location at the BYOB venue.

Sec. 15-178. – Manager required on premises.

A BYOB permit holder shall ensure that a qualified manager is continuously on the BYOB venue premises during the hours of operation. A BYOB permit holder may serve as the manager.

Sec. 15-179. – Security plan implementation.

(A) A person may not operate a BYOB venue without an approved security plan.

(B) A BYOB permit holder and a BYOB venue manager shall provide security for the BYOB venue in accordance with the security plan.

Sec. 15-180. – Minimum age for admittance and alcohol consumption.

(A) A BYOB permit holder, a manager, or an employee of a BYOB venue may not allow a person under the age of 18 years on the premises.

(B) A BYOB permit holder, a manager, or an employee of a BYOB venue may not allow a person under the age of 21 years to consume alcohol on the premises.

Sec. 15-181. – Doors to remain unlocked.

During the hours of operation, a person may not lock or obstruct:

(A) An exterior entrance door that is designated or available for use by patrons; or

(B) An interior door that provides access to a portion of the premises that is designated or available for use by patrons.

Sec. 15-182. – Consent to inspection; immediate access required.

(A) By accepting a BYOB permit under this Article, the permit holder consents that the Director, the Director's representative, law enforcement personnel, code enforcement personnel, and other on-duty governmental personnel may enter the premises during the hours of operation to conduct an investigation or inspect the premises to determine compliance with this Article.

(B) A BYOB permit holder, a manager, and an employee of a BYOB venue shall provide the Director, the Director's representative, law enforcement personnel, code enforcement personnel, and other on-duty governmental personnel with immediate access to all portions of the premises.

Sec. 15-183. – Hours of operation.

(A) A BYOB permit holder, a manager, or an employee of a BYOB venue shall close a BYOB venue between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. each day except Sunday, and between 2:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday. A patron who is on the premises at 2:00 a.m. may remain until not later than 2:15 a.m.

(B) A person may not consume an alcoholic beverage on the premises of a BYOB venue between 2:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. each day except Sunday, or between 2:15 a.m. and noon on Sunday.

(C) A BYOB permit holder, a manager, or an employee of a BYOB venue may not allow a member of the public on its premises, including a parking area, between 2:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. each day except Sunday, or between 2:30 a.m. and noon on Sunday. This prohibition does not apply to a person who is providing a product or service directly to the BYOB venue.

Sec. 15-184. – Alcoholic beverage consumption areas.

(A) A permit holder shall designate, subject to the approval of the Director, the portions of the premises on which the consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted. A designated area:

- (1) Must be located and designed to minimize adverse effects on adjacent property;
- (2) May include the interior of a building or a deck, patio, or garden; and
- (3) Must exclude parking areas.

(B) A person may not consume, and a permit holder, a manager, or an employee of a BYOB venue may not allow the consumption of an alcoholic beverage outside of a designated area.

(C) The BYOB permit holder shall indicate the portions of the premises on which the consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on the floor plan provided with the BYOB permit application. If the BYOB permit holder desires to change or modify the area where alcoholic beverages may be consumed, it must first provide a revised floor plan to the Director.

Sec. 15-185. – Parking area restrictions.

(A) A BYOB permit holder, a manager, or an employee of a BYOB venue may not allow persons to congregate in a parking area.

(B) A BYOB permit holder, a manager, or an employee of a BYOB venue may not allow a person to consume an alcoholic beverage in a parking area.

(C) A BYOB permit holder shall post signs in each parking area stating that the consumption of an alcoholic beverage is prohibited.

Sec. 15-186. – Sale of Alcoholic beverages prohibited.

A person may not sell an alcoholic beverage at a BYOB venue.

Sec. 15-187. – Restriction on consumption and purchase of alcohol by permit holder and employees.

A BYOB permit holder, manager, or employee of a BYOB venue may not:

- (A) Consume an alcoholic beverage while on duty;
- (B) Purchase or otherwise acquire an alcoholic beverage for a patron; or
- (C) Give an alcoholic beverage to a patron.

Sec. 15-188. – Insurance requirement.

A BYOB permit holder, a manager, or owner shall maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy providing minimum premises/operations coverage of \$500,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate on an occurrence basis. The policy must be provided by an insurer licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, and must be endorsed to name as additional insured, the city. Prior to opening for business, the BYOB permit holder, manager, or owner shall deliver a certificate of insurance and copies of all endorsements for additional insured to the Director, and thereafter at least ten days prior to the expiration of such policies. The permit holder, manager, or owner shall prominently display a sign at the facility stating that the owner or operator has purchased liability insurance to cover activities at the facility.

Sec. 15-189. – Compliance with other laws.

A BYOB permit holder, a manager, and an employee of a BYOB venue shall comply with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code and all applicable criminal, zoning, health, and safety laws relating to the operation of the BYOB venue.

Sec. 15-190. – Crime prevention and reporting.

The BYOB permit holder, the manager, and the employees of a BYOB venue shall:

- (A) Take reasonable measures to prevent criminal activity on the premises; and
- (B) Immediately report to law enforcement personnel all suspected criminal activity on the premises or the surrounding areas that they observe or of which they otherwise become aware.

Sec. 15-191. – Criminal penalty.

(A) A person commits a Class C misdemeanor if the person:

- (1) Operates a BYOB venue without a permit required by this Article; or
- (2) Violates a provision of this Article, other than Sec. 15-186 or Sec. 15-189.

(B) Proof of a culpable mental state is not required to prove an offense under this Article, except for Sec. 15-183.

(C) Each day that a violation occurs or continues is a separate offense.

Sec. 15-192. – Civil remedies.

(A) The City Council has determined that this Article is necessary to protect health, life, and property and to preserve the good government, order, and security of the city and its inhabitants.

(B) A person who continues to violate this Article after being notified of the offense in writing by an authorized city representative is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each day or part of a day the violation occurs.

(C) The city may file suit to enforce this Article to collect a civil penalty.

(D) The city may seek to enjoin violations of this Article.

Sec. 15-193. – Cumulative remedies.

The remedies authorized under this Article are cumulative. If the city files a civil or criminal action, it is not precluded from pursuing any other action or remedy.

Sec. 15-194. – Authority of City Attorney.

The City Attorney may, without further authorization of the City Council, undertake the enforcement of this Article by all legal means appropriate or necessary, including but not limited to: enforcement in municipal court, filing of appropriate criminal or civil actions in courts of appropriate jurisdiction, and to defend the city from suit if suit is taken to appeal any action of the city.

SECTION II. That all ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION III. That should any section or part of any section, paragraph or clause of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, it shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections or part of a section or paragraph of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Killeen, Texas, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION V. That this ordinance shall be effective after its passage and publication according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Killeen, Texas, this 8th day of June, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Government Code, §551.001 *et seq.*

APPROVED

Jose L. Segarra, MAYOR

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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