

CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 9, 2024

Present: Mayor Willie Edmondson; Council Members Nathan Gaskin, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Leon Childs, Jim Arrington and Quay Boddie.

Also Present: City Manager Meg Kelsey; Assistant City Manager Bill Bulloch; City Attorney Jeff Todd; City Clerk Melissa Robertson; Community Development Director Alton West; City Planner Mark Kostial Communications Director Katie Van Schoor; and Utility Director Patrick Bowie

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edmondson, the invocation was given by Councilmember Leon Childs, and Mayor Edmondson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin, seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 19, 2023

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to annex and rezone seven (7) parcels located on Hamilton Road adjacent to Sam Walker Drive and Vulcan Material Road. No comments were received and the Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO ANNEX TO THE CITY CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY TROUP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND LOCATED HAMILTON ROAD; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on a Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals recommendation to amend our Comprehensive Plan Character Area Map for seven (7) parcels located on Hamilton Road adjacent to Sam Walker Drive and Vulcan Material Road. No comments were received and the Council heard the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY SO AS TO CLASSIFY THE USE OF REAL ESTATE TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED ON HAMILTON ROAD AND OWNED BY TROUP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ms. Kelsey presented copies of the December financial statements and payment of bills over \$2,000 for Council's information. Mayor Edmondson took the opportunity to thank Ms. Kelsey for always bringing the Council a solid budget.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO MODIFY THE REGULATIONS REGARDING BROWN BAGGING ESTABLISHMENTS; TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF A BROWN BAGGING ESTABLISHMENT WITHOUT A LICENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND CONTENTS; TO IMPOSE A REGULATORY FEE; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A BROWN BAGGING ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE; TO LIMIT HOURS OF OPERATION; TO ESTABLISH BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS; TO ESTABLISH DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange, Georgia, by and through the laws of the State of Georgia, are empowered to regulate by license the manufacturing, distributing and sale of alcoholic beverages within its corporate limits;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange have determined that brown bagging establishments, as defined herein, pose similar regulatory challenges, to include inordinate public safety services, to establishments which allow the retail sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages;

THEREFORE, The Mayor and Council do hereby note and recognize the self-evident conditions attendant to the proliferation of brown bagging establishments, and regulate such establishments as a matter of public welfare and governmental interest and concern.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

That the Code of the City of LaGrange is amended by deleting therefrom Section 30-20-17, entitled “Brown bagging prohibited,” in its entirety.

SECTION 2:

That the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by creating within Chapter 30-20 a new Article X, entitled “Brown Bagging Establishments” to read as follows:

“Article X. - Brown bagging establishments.

Sec. 30-20-315. Brown bagging establishments; license required.

For the purposes of this article, a brown bagging establishment is defined as a commercial establishment permitting or condoning the practice of allowing customers or patrons to bring, possess or consume alcoholic beverages of their own on the premises of the establishment. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a brown bagging establishment within the city without a license issued in accordance with this article.

Sec. 30-20-316. License constitutes grant or privilege.

(a) Licenses issued under this article shall constitute a mere grant or privilege to carry on or conduct a business covered by such license during the terms of the license, subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the charter of the city, this article and other applicable ordinances of the city and the constitution, laws and regulations of the State of Georgia and the United States of America applicable thereto.

(b) Licenses issued under this article shall have printed on the face the following words:

‘This license is a mere privilege and is subject to being revoked and annulled by the Mayor and Council of the City of LaGrange and is subject to laws, ordinances and regulations hereafter adopted.’

Sec. 30-20-317. License applications; contents and terms.

(a) All applications for licenses to operate a brown bagging establishment shall be made in person to the assistant city manager (or designee) of the city in writing on forms furnished by the city; the application must be completed and signed and shall contain all information reasonably required by the assistant city manager (or designee) and shall include but is not necessarily limited to the following:

1. The name, date of birth, current home address and the length of residency of an applicant in the City of LaGrange, in Troup County, and in the State of Georgia;

2. The name, location and description of the premises or place of business to be operated under such license;

3. A statement as to whether the applicant or any person having an interest in the application has made, at any previous time, an application for an alcoholic beverage license and if so the disposition of such application;

4. Whether the applicant or any person having an interest in the application has ever been convicted of any crime, including municipal ordinance violations and including traffic violations involving driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or driving under the influence of a Georgia controlled substance, but not otherwise including traffic violations. The term conviction shall include an adjudication of guilt, first offender status, a plea of nolo contendere or the forfeiture of a bond by a person charged with a crime;

5. Whether a previous license issued to the applicant or any person with an interest in the application has been revoked by the federal government, State of Georgia or any subdivision thereof;

6. A statement that the premises for which the license is sought complies with all applicable zoning and building codes and regulations of the City of LaGrange, but the application shall include to the extent necessary plans and specifications for any new construction, additions to or renovations of the premises for which the license is sought;

7. The application will include information sufficient to show the ownership of the building and shall contain a copy of the lease to the building if the applicant is leasing the building;

8. The payment at the time of application of any and all application fees required by the applicable provisions of the City Code;

9. And any and other documentation, information and forms required by other appropriate provisions of this chapter.

(b) The making of any untrue or misleading statements in the application for license shall, among other reasons, be sufficient cause for rejection of the license application by the city manager, and also suspension, revocation or cancellation of a license as the mayor and council may in their discretion deem appropriate.

(c) Upon filing of the application with the assistant city manager (or designee), the applicant shall deposit in cash or by certified funds a processing fee of one hundred

dollars (\$100) to cover the expense of investigation and processing the application, which fee shall not be refundable but shall apply against any license granted hereunder.

(d) Upon approval of the application, the city shall issue the license for the current year or unexpired portion thereof upon the payment of any applicable occupation tax or administrative fee and the payment of a regulatory fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500).

Sec. 20-30-318. Investigations.

Upon filing of an application in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-20-317, the assistant city manager (or designee) shall submit the application to the police department of the city for investigation of the applicant and the compliance by the applicant with the terms and provisions of this chapter, for investigation of the criminal history of the applicant and for a recommendation relating to the application. If the application is for a premises or applicant which has within the last five (5) years allowed brown bagging as defined in this article, the police department shall include within the investigation a history of calls for service associated with said enterprise. The assistant city manager (or designee) shall also submit the application to the department of community development of the city to investigate and to insure compliance with the various ordinances, codes and regulations of the city including but not limited to zoning, restaurant occupancy and fire codes and any distance requirements imposed by state law or the ordinances of the City of LaGrange. The police department and the department of community development will report the results of their respective investigations to the assistant city manager (or designee) within forty-five (45) days of the date of the application and upon receipt thereof, the assistant city manager (or designee) will report the results of such investigation to the city manager with any recommendations thereon.

Sec. 30-20-319. Authority to grant or deny license.

Within the guidelines of due process set forth in Section 3-3-2 of O.C.G.A., the city manager, based upon the facts set forth in the application and revealed by the appropriate investigations shall have the authority to approve the application and to grant the license or to disapprove the application and deny the license. The provisions of Section 3-3-2 of O.C.G.A. relating to due process including but not limited to notification in writing and the right to a hearing shall be complied with by the city.

Sec. 30-20-320. Issuance of license to persons with prior convictions prohibited; exception.

No license for the operation of a brown bagging establishment in the city shall be issued to any person, partnership or corporation where any individual having an interest therein, either as owner, partner, stockholder or having a direct or indirect beneficial or absolute interest, shall have been convicted or shall have taken or entered a plea of nolo contendere within a period of ten (10) years immediately prior to the filing of such application for any felony or misdemeanor of any state, or of the United States, or of any municipal ordinance, including traffic violations involving driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or driving under the influence of a Georgia controlled substance, but otherwise not including traffic violations. The term "conviction" shall include an adjudication of guilt or a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere, first offender status, or the forfeiture of a bond by a person charged with a crime. Where the violation is for a misdemeanor, forfeiture of bond, violation of a municipal ordinance, or where there is a plea

of nolo contendere, the city manager may, after investigation, waive such conviction as a disqualification.

Sec. 30-20-321. Excluding rowdy, intoxicated or disorderly persons.

It shall be the duty of all persons granted a license under this article, and their employees in such place of business, to keep their premises clear of all persons who fail to keep the peace or who do anything which tends to disturb the peace or cause any other disturbance.

Sec. 30-20-322. Hours of operation.

It shall be unlawful within the city for customers or patrons to bring, possess or consume alcoholic beverages of their own on the premises of brown bagging establishments within the city, or for brown bagging establishments to operate within the city, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 12:00 a.m. on Saturday to 6:00 a.m. on Monday.

Sec. 30-20-323. Storage of beverages, inspection.

No alcoholic beverages shall be stored on the premises for which a license is issued and such premises shall be subject to inspection by city personnel at all times.

Sec. 30-20-324. Distance requirements for brown bagging establishments.

No license shall be issued hereunder where the place of business of the applicant is located within three hundred (300) feet of any church or within six hundred (600) feet of any school ground or college campus, the same to be measured by the nearest traveled road, street or highway as provided by law.

Sec. 30-20-325. Display of permit.

The permit issued under this article shall be posted in a conspicuous place in full view of the public.

Sec. 30-20-326. Issued to stated address; approval required for relocation.

The licenses and/or permit issued pursuant to the provisions hereof shall apply to the address stated therein and shall not be moved to or operated at another address without the written approval of the mayor and council of the city.

Sec. 30-20-327. Grounds for suspension or revocation; notice; hearing; refund.

(a) Any license which has been issued or which may hereafter be issued by the city to any licensee may be suspended or revoked for due cause as hereinafter defined, and after a hearing is held by the mayor and council for the purpose of considering any such suspension or revocation. At least five (5) days prior to such hearing written notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing, and a statement of the charge or charges upon which such hearing is to be held shall be given to the holder of such license for which suspension or revocation is to be considered.

(b) Due cause for the suspension or revocation of a license shall consist of a violation of any laws or ordinances applicable to or regulating such business; violation of regulations made pursuant to authority granted for the purpose of regulating such business; or for the violation of any state or federal law or regulation, or for the violation of any city ordinances other than traffic ordinances; or failure of the licensee or his employees to promptly report to the police department any violation of the law or ordinances, any breach of the peace, disturbance or altercation resulting in violence which may occur in or upon the licensed premises.

(c) When a license is suspended or revoked, the city shall not refund any portion of the license tax to the holder of such suspended or revoked license.

Sec. 30-20-328. Nontransferability; issuance to new licensee, resident agent.

(a) The holder of any brown bagging establishment license in the city must be a person of good moral character and a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to be a permanent resident of the United States.

(b) Licenses or permits issued pursuant to this article may not be transferred from one licensee to another. The mayor and council may, upon application, issue a new permit or license to a successor in the same business establishment at the same address upon receipt of proof of a bona fide sale or transfer of such business.

(c) If the holder of the license for a brown bagging establishment in the city is a corporation or other business entity which is not a bona fide resident of Troup County, Georgia, the license must be issued to and held in the name of an individual who is a managing officer or agent of the corporation and who must be a resident of Troup County, Georgia. No license thus granted and issued can be transferred to a successive managing officer or agent without the prior approval of the mayor and council of the city.”

SECTION 3:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4:

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ December 19, 2023

SECOND READING AND ADOPTED _____ January 9, 2024

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ January 9, 2024

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to authorize the introduction of a substitute ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance:

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE A LOCATION HOLDING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES POURING LICENSE UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

That the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of the City of Lagrange be amended by inserting therein a new 30-20-17, recently deleted, to be entitled “Closing for emergencies” as follows:

“Sec. 30-20-17. Closing for emergencies.

“The Chief of Police shall be and is hereby authorized to close any location holding a class B alcoholic beverage pouring license or a brown bagging license for a period not in excess of twelve (12) hours in the event there shall occur on the premises any violation of the law, breach of the peace, disturbances or altercation resulting in violence, or any other occurrence which is contrary to the public health, welfare, safety or morals, when in the judgment of the Chief of Police such action is necessary to protect the public health, welfare, safety or morals.”

SECTION 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

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BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to authorize the introduction of a substitute ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to approve the following ordinance.

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30-20 REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR CERTAIN CLASS B LICENSED PREMISES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

That the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by creating within Chapter 30-20 a new Article XI, to be entitled “Additional Security Requirements” to read as follows:

“Article XI. – Additional Security Requirements.

Sec. 30-20-350. Security Screenings.

Any class B licensee serving alcoholic beverages after midnight shall, if open, provide security screening for patrons entering the premises from 10:00 p.m. until the time of closing on any Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. Minimum screening shall require the use of operable hand-held wand metal detectors.

Sec. 30-20-351. Video monitoring required.

Any class B licensee serving alcoholic beverages after midnight shall install or cause to be installed a video monitoring and recording system with the following specifications:

1. Such video monitoring and recording system shall be capable of recording time and date, and the recording medium used shall a quality capable of being reproduced onto a still frame.
2. Such video monitoring and recording system shall be placed in such a location as to capture all ingress and egress locations for the licensed premises, twenty-four (24) hours, seven (7) days per week.
3. The video monitoring and recording systems shall be retained at least thirty (30) days.
4. During hours the establishment is open, the Licensee shall insure that at all times a staff member is present who can access said recordings.”

SECTION 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

This Ordinance shall become effective ninety (90) days after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor.

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SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND APPROVED _____ January 9, 2024

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk

Mr. Todd read the following ordinance, but it failed due to lack of motion by the Council:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE CODE RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSION OF ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF MARIJUANA; TO MODIFY THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT THEREFORE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

That Section 35-1-40 of the Code of the City of LaGrange be amended by deleting therefrom subsection (c), inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 35-1-40(c) to read as follows:

“(c) For the first offense a civil fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be assessed against any person found to be in violation of this code section. For any subsequent offense within five (5) years of previous arrest and conviction, the civil fine shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for any person found to be in violation of this code section. The finding of a violation under this section shall be a civil infraction, and shall not constitute a criminal infraction or a criminal offense for any purpose.”

SECTION 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

This Ordinance, after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor, shall become effective immediately.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING _____ December 19, 2023

SECOND READING AND DENIED _____ January 9, 2024

SUBMITTED TO MAYOR AND DENIED _____ January 9, 2024

BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted to deny the following ordinance. Messers. Mitchell, and Arrington voted in favor of the ordinance and Messers. Gore, Gaskin, and Boddie, voted against the ordinance. Mr. Childs abstained therefore, the vote failed 3-2.

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY; TO AMEND THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CODE IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CLASS B LICENSEES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO FIX AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN AS

FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

That Section 30-20-24 of the Code of the City be amended by deleting therefrom subsection (b), inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-24(b) to read as follows:

“(b) *Class B license (on-premises consumption).*

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) below, a class B licensee shall not sell, dispense, serve or deliver beer or malt beverages between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday through Saturday, and shall not sell, dispense, serve or deliver beer or malt beverages from 12:00 a.m. on Sunday to 6:00 a.m. on Monday.
- (2) A class B licensee must close its doors to business, must be vacated of all persons except the licensee and any on-duty paid employees or agents, and must cease to do business at or before 1:00 a.m. and remain closed until 6:00 a.m. on each day of the week.
- (3) A class B licensee which derives at least fifty (50) percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or food, or fifty (50) percent of its total annual gross income from the rental of rooms for overnight lodging, may sell, dispense, serve or deliver beer or malt beverages between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on Sunday.”

SECTION 2:

That Section 30-20-176 of the Code of the City be amended by deleting therefrom subsection (b), inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-176(b) to read as follows:

“(b) *Class B (pouring outlet).*

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (e) below, a licensee for the sale of spirituous liquors by the drink for consumption only on the premises shall not sell, dispense, serve or deliver such liquors between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday through Saturday, and shall not sell, dispense, serve or deliver such liquors from 12:00 a.m. on Sunday to 6:00 a.m. on Monday.
- (2) A class B licensee must close its doors to business, must be vacated of all persons except the licensee and any on-duty paid employees or agents, and must cease to do business at or before 1:00 a.m. and remain closed until 6:00 a.m. on each day of the week.
- (c) *Wholesalers.* The business hours of any wholesale liquor dealer licensed hereunder shall be from sunup to sundown, exclusive of Sundays.
- (d) *Holidays.* Except as provided herein, no licensee for the sale of spirituous liquors shall permit his place of business to be open for the sale of alcoholic beverages or to sell alcoholic beverages on Christmas Day or Thanksgiving Day.
- (e) *Sunday sales.* A class B licensee which derives at least fifty (50) percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or food, or fifty (50) percent of its total annual gross income from the rental of rooms for overnight lodging, may sell, dispense, serve or deliver spirituous liquors between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on Sunday.”

SECTION 3:

That Section 30-20-230 of the Code be amended by deleting therefrom subsection (b), inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-20-230(b) to read as follows:

(b) *Class B license (pouring).*

- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) below, a class B licensee shall not sell, dispense, serve or deliver wine between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday

through Saturday, and shall not sell, dispense, serve or deliver wine from 12:00 a.m. on Sunday to 6:00 a.m. on Monday.

- (2) A class B licensee must close its doors to business, must be vacated of all persons except the licensee and any on-duty paid employees or agents, and must cease to do business at or before 1:00 a.m. and remain closed until 6:00 a.m. on each day of the week.
- (3) A class B licensee which derives at least fifty (50) percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or food, or fifty (50) percent of its total annual gross income from the rental of rooms for overnight lodging, may sell, dispense, serve or deliver wine between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on Sunday.”

SECTION 4:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5:

This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective immediately.

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BY: /s/ Willie T. Edmondson, Mayor _____

ATTEST: /s/ Melissa Robertson, City Clerk _____

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to appoint Jim Arrington to a one year term as Mayor Pro-Tem.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to reappoint James Baker to a one year term as Municipal Court Judge.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously not to reappoint Luther Jones to a one year term as Assistant Municipal Court Judge.

On a motion by Mr. Gore seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Warner Bankston to a five year term on the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Childs, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Rashad Little to a five year term on the LaGrange Development Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Jeff Brown and Frank McRae to a four year term on the Development Authority of the City of LaGrange.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Gore, Council voted unanimously to appoint Patrick Bowie, Mark Mitchell, Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, Nathan Gaskin, Jim Arrington, Quay Boddie, and Leon Childs to a one year term on the Lagrange Governmental Finance Corporation.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Childs, Council voted unanimously to appoint Melissa Robertson to a one year term on the LaGrange Troup County Memorial Park Board.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Tom Gore to a one year term on the Records Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Arrington seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Willie Edmondson, Tom Gore, Mark Mitchell, Nathan Gaskin, Jim Arrington, Quay Boddie, and Leon Childs to a one year term on the Solid Waste Management Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Boddie, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Norma Tucker to a six year term on the Troup County Board of Health.

On a motion by Mr. Gaskin seconded by Mr. Arrington, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Willie Bradfield to a one year term on the Troup County FEMA Board.

The Good News isn't necessarily good news – but more good luck and a thank you. Our City Manager Meg Kelsey has honorably served the city for 27 and a half years and her last day is this Friday. She began her career at the City of LaGrange as a Senior Development Specialist in 1996 and worked her way up to the position of City Manager in 2016. She has been instrumental in creating quality-of-life projects among many other accomplishments in her role as city manager and received several awards for her vision for LaGrange. Thank you Meg Kelsey from everyone at the City for your dedicated service.

Mayor Edmondson and each Councilmember took the opportunity to relay to Ms. Kelsey how gracious they were for her 27 years of hard work and dedication to the City of LaGrange.

There being no other business, Mayor Edmondson adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk