ORDINANCE NO. 2005-03

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE TOWN OF CEDAR BLUFF,
ALABAMA; ESTABLISHING LICENSE FEES AND TAXES;
PROVIDING LICENSE PROCEDURES; ESTABLISHING PUNISHMENT
FOR VIOLATIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, enacted Ordinance No. 2005-03 regulating the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the Town, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to make certain changes in the regulation of the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, that Ordinance No. 2005-01 is hereby repealed in its entirety, and it is further ordained as follows:

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Cedar Bluff Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

This ordinance is enacted for the purposes, among others, of promoting the general health, safety, and welfare of the Town, of establishing reasonable standards for the regulation and control of the sale, delivery, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, and of protecting and preserving certain areas, through reasonable consideration, among others, to the character of the areas and their peculiar suitability for particular uses, to the congestion in the roads and streets, all with the general view of promoting desirable living conditions and sustaining stability of neighborhoods and property values, and to the prevention of undesirable persons from engaging in or having any interest in alcoholic beverages. This ordinance shall be construed as an exercise by the Town of the
police power of the state delegated to the Town for the regulation of traffic in alcoholic beverages within the Town as provided by the applicable provisions of the Alabama Code (1975).

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply within the police jurisdiction of the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, and shall only be in force and effect within the corporate limits of the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama ("Town").

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS.

The following terms shall have the following meanings for the purposes of this ordinance:

(1) Abandonment: The closing of a licensed business for a period of time greater than twelve (12) months, regardless of the purpose, reason, or circumstances.

(2) Alcoholic Beverages: Any alcoholic, spirituous, vinous, fermented or other alcoholic beverage, or combination of liquors and mixed liquor, a part of which is spirituous, vinous, fermented or otherwise alcoholic, and all drinks or drinkable liquids, preparations or mixtures intended for beverage purposes, which contain one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, and shall include liquor, beer, and wine, both fortified and table wine.

(3) Association: A partnership, limited partnership, or any other form of unincorporated enterprise.

(4) Beer, or Malt or Brewed Beverages: Any beer, lager beer, ale, porter, malt, or brewed beverage, or similar fermented malt liquor, containing one-half of one percent of alcohol or more by volume and not in excess of five percent alcohol by weight and six percent by volume, by whatever name the same may be called.

(5) Bartender/server/waiter/waitress: An employee of a retail alcoholic beverage license who is directly involved with the opening, mixing, dispensing, serving, or final sale of alcoholic beverages to a customer of the licensed establishment.

(6) Board: The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the State of Alabama.

(7) Carton: The package or container or containers in which alcoholic beverages are originally packaged for the market by the manufacturer or importer and from which the alcoholic beverage is consumed by or dispensed to the public.
(8) **Child Care Facility:** Any state or locally licensed child care or development facility, program, or club that provides or promotes child care and/or educational services.

(9) **Church:** Church shall mean an entire house or structure set apart primarily for use for purposes of public worship, and which is tax exempt under the laws of this state, and in which religious services are held and with which a clergyman is associated, and the entire structure is kept for that use and not put to any other use inconsistent therewith.

(10) **Club:**

(a) Class I. A corporation or association organized or formed in good faith by authority of law and which must have at least 150 paid-up members. It must be the owner, lessee, or occupant of an establishment operated solely for the objects of a national, social, patriotic, political, or athletic nature or the like, but not for pecuniary gain, and the property as well as the advantages of which belong to all the members and which maintains an establishment provided with special space and accommodations where, in consideration of payment, food with or without lodging is habitually served. The club shall hold regular meetings continue its business through officers regularly elected, admit members by written application, investigation and ballot and charge and collect dues from elected members.

(b) Class II. A corporation or association organized or formed in good faith by authority of law and which must have at least 100 paid-up members. It must be the owner, lessee, or occupant of an establishment operated solely for the objects of a national, social, patriotic, political, or athletic nature or the like. The club shall hold regular meetings continue its business through officers regularly elected, admit members by written application, investigation and ballot and charge and collect dues from elected members.

(11) **Container:** The single bottle, can, keg or other receptacle in which alcoholic beverages are originally packaged for the market by the manufacturer or importer, and from which the alcoholic beverage is consumed by or dispensed to the public.

(12) **Corporation:** A corporation or joint stock association organized under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory or foreign country, or dependency.
(13) **Distributor:** Any person or association who directly sells alcoholic beverages to retailers and business owners who are involved in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages.

(14) **Engaged in Business:** A person shall be deemed to be engaged in business within the Town corporate limits if that person has a fixed place of business offering for sale or consumption any alcoholic beverages within the corporate limits, or if pursuant to an agreement of sale, expressed or implied, that person delivers any alcoholic beverage within the corporate limits.

(15) **Fixed Place of Business:** Any place where any alcoholic beverage is kept or stored for sale or delivery.

(16) **Fortified Wine or Vinous Liquor:** Any wine containing more than 14.9 percent alcohol by volume but not more than 24 percent. Fortified wine is vinous liquor.

(17) **Grocery Store:** A retail establishment whose primary function is the sale of packaged or unprepared food and grocery items for consumption off the premises and whose annual gross sales of alcoholic beverages do not exceed ten percent (10%) of its total gross sales and whose floor space is at least ten thousand (10,000) square feet.

(18) **Importer:** Any person, association or corporation engaged in importing alcoholic beverages, liquor, wine, or beer, manufactured outside of the United States of America into this state or for sale or distribution in this state, or to the board or a licensee of the board.

(19) **License:** Authorization to engage in an activity involving alcoholic beverages as evidenced by a writing issued by the Town or the Board, limited in scope as provided in such writing.

(20) **Licensee:** Any person licensed by the Town or the Board to engage in business involving the sale or delivery of any alcoholic beverage.

(21) **Liquor:** Any alcoholic, spirituous, vinous, fermented, or other alcoholic beverage, or combination of liquors and mixed liquor, a part of which is spirituous, fermented, vinous or otherwise alcoholic, and all drinks or drinkable liquids, preparations or mixtures intended for beverage purposes, which contain one-half of one percent or more by volume, except beer and table wine.

(22) **Liquor Store:** A liquor store operated by the board, where alcoholic beverages other than beer are authorized to be sold in unopened containers.
(23) **Manufacturer:** Any person, association or corporation engaged in the producing, bottling, manufacturing, distilling, rectifying or compounding of alcoholic beverages, liquor, beer or wine in this state or for sale or distribution in this state or to the board or to a licensee of the board.

(24) **Meal:** A diversified selection of food some of which is not capable of being consumed in the absence of at least some articles of tableware and which cannot be conveniently consumed while one is standing or walking about.

(25) **Minor:** Any person under 21 years of age.

(26) **Opened Container:** A container containing alcoholic beverages, which has been opened or unsealed subsequent to filling and sealing by the manufacturer or importer.

(27) **Package Store:** Those lounge retail liquor licensees or club liquor retail licensees who declare to the Board that their primary business shall be the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption and who further declare their compliance with Regulation 20-X-5-.13 of the Board.

(28) **Person:** A natural person, association, or corporation, or other legal entity. Whenever used in a provision prescribing a fine or imprisonment, the term “person” such term as applied to “association” shall mean the partners or members thereof. As applied to corporation, the term “person” shall mean the officers thereof, except as to incorporated clubs, the term “person” shall mean such individual(s) who, under the bylaws of such clubs, shall have jurisdiction over the possession and sale of alcoholic beverages therein.

(29) **Person In Charge (PIC):** Each licensee, except a licensed individual who is on the premises, shall have a designated person who is at least 21 years of age present and in actual charge of the business being conducted under the license at any time the licensed establishment is kept open for business, whether or not the privileges of the license are being exercised. The name of the designated person of every retail licensee shall be posted in an area of the establishment, readily available to ABC Board personnel, in letters not less than one inch in size, during the time he is in charge.

(30) **Privilege License:** A privilege license issued by the Town of Cedar Bluff to a person or persons to conduct routine business.

(31) **Privilege License Fee:** A fee charged by the Town of Cedar Bluff to a person or persons that has been granted approval by the Board the privilege of selling alcoholic beverages with the corporate limits of Cedar Bluff as herein enumerated and defined.
(32) Public Place: Any place or gathering which the public generally attends or is admitted to either by invitation, common consent or right, or by payment of an admission or other charge, and without limiting the foregoing, shall include any streets, alleys, sidewalks, public easements, rights-of-way, or parking lots designed for use by the general public, public buildings, buildings which are open to the public including but not limited to school buildings or grounds, parks, libraries, places where school related and recreational games or contests are held, theaters, auditoriums, skating rinks, dance halls or other place of amusement or any club, provided that such terms shall not mean or include premises which have been duly licensed under the ordinances the Town and the laws of the state for the sale or consumption of such beverages, and provided further that no private gathering is included within the meaning of the term “public place” with respect to the owners or occupants of such premises, or to any persons invited therein.

(33) Restaurant: A reputable place licensed as a restaurant, operated by a responsible person of good reputation, in which a selection of food, refreshments, and alcoholic beverages are offered for sale for consumption within the building or adjacent outdoor seating areas, if such are authorized by the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama. All areas of the restaurant shall comply with applicable building code occupancy requirements. In order to be deemed a restaurant, the following criteria must be met:

(a) The facility shall have a kitchen in which food is prepared for consumption by the public, which is separate and apart from the dining area, in which the food or meals are served. To meet the definition of “Restaurant,” the establishment or facility shall serve at least one meal per day when open for business, which shall be for no less than five days per week, with the exception of holidays, vacations, and periods of repair, maintenance, or improvements.

(b) The facility shall meet the minimum requirements for an Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on-premises license.

(c) The dining area shall have adequate climate control, with the exception of any outdoor seating area(s), if such is authorized by the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Cedar.

(d) The serving of food or meals shall constitute the principal business of such establishment, with the serving of alcoholic beverages being only an incidental part of the business, as defined as follows: During any ninety (90) day period, the gross receipts from the serving of meals and food shall constitute at least fifty percent (50%) of the total gross receipts of the business. The licensee shall maintain
separate cash register receipts, one for food and one for alcoholic beverages. In addition, the licensee shall maintain all invoices for the purchases of food and all types of alcoholic beverages and shall preserve such records for not less than three (3) years. All such records shall be available for inspection and audit at the licensee’s premises within the town during regular business hours as the Town Clerk, or duly authorized representative, may request.

(34) **Restaurant, Class I:** A facility or establishment which meets the criteria of “Restaurant” above, and which meets the following additional requirements:

(a) Total dining area of greater than or equal to one thousand (1,000) square feet.

(b) The dining area shall be equipped with tables and chairs accommodating equal to or greater than fifty (50) people at one time.

(c) At least two (2) meals per day shall be served when open for business, which shall be for no less than five (5) days a week, with the exception of holidays, vacations and periods of repair, maintenance, or improvements.

(35) **Restaurant, Class II:** A facility or establishment which meets the requirements of “Restaurant” above, but which fails to meet the criteria of “Restaurant, Class I” as provided above, with the following exception: An establishment or facility that meets all of the requirements of a “Restaurant, Class II,” and such establishment or facility is associated with a golf course (with no less than nine holes), public or private, such facility shall have no minimum meal per day requirement, and provided further that food sales in any ninety (90) day period shall equal a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of gross revenue of food and beverage operation. Alcoholic beverages may be sold on the golf course.

(36) **Retailer:** Any person licensed by the board to engage in the retail sale of any alcoholic beverages to the consumer.

(37) **Sale or Sell:** Any transfer of alcoholic beverages for consideration, and any gift in connection with, or as part of, a transfer or property other than alcoholic beverages for consideration.

(38) **School:** A public or private elementary, intermediate, middle, junior high or senior high school.
(39) **Table Wine:** Any wine containing not more than 14.9 percent alcohol by volume. Table wine is not liquor, spirituous or vinous.

(40) **Unopened Container:** A container containing alcoholic beverages, which has not been opened or unsealed subsequent to filling and sealing by the manufacturer or importer.

(41) **Wholesaler:** Any person licensed by the board to engage in the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within this state, at wholesale only, to be sold by export or to retail licensees or other wholesale licensees or other within this state lawfully authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for the purpose of resale only.

(42) **Wine:** All beverages made from the fermentation of fruits, berries, or grapes, with or without added spirits, and produced in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States, containing not more than 24 percent alcohol by volume, and shall include all sparkling wines, carbonated wines, special natural wines, rectified wines, vermouths, vinous beverages, vinous liquors, and like products, including restored or unrestored pure condensed juice.

**ARTICLE II. CONTROL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**SECTION 1. LOCATION OF PREMISES NEAR CHURCH, SCHOOL, OR CHILD CARE FACILITY**

(1) Subject to the exceptions contained in this section, no facility or establishment shall be authorized to be engaged in business involving alcoholic beverages, pursuant to any category of license, where the building in which the facility or establishment is located is less than 200 (two hundred) feet from any building in which there is located a church, school, or child care facility. This distance restriction shall not apply in the following cases:

(a) The licensed premises is located within any Neighborhood Business or Highway Commercial zoning district set forth by the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Cedar Bluff, Alabama.

(b) Where the church, school, or child care facility was established after the licensed premises became licensed to be engaged in business involving alcohol and said operation has not been abandoned or discontinued for any reason for a period of twelve (12) months or longer.
(c) Where the licensed premises is a grocery store as defined herein.

(2) When measuring from a church, school, or day care facility, the closest point on the exterior wall of the closest building of the church, school, or day care facility to the license applicant shall constitute the beginning point for measurement. When measuring from the license applicant, the closest point on the exterior wall of the building occupied by the applicant shall be used for measurement purposes if the building is occupied solely by the applicant; otherwise, such measurement shall be made from the closest point of the applicant's occupancy within the building in question. The method of measurement is a straight line between these defined points.

SECTION 2. MAINTENANCE OF ORDER, REPORT OF VIOLATION.

It shall be the duty of each licensee and of each person-in-charge at any time charged with the management and supervision of any licensed premises, while the same is open to the public, to maintain order upon the premises and to exclude from the premises any person who is drunk and disorderly or who commits any breach of the peace, or who uses or engages in offensive, disorderly, threatening, abusive or insulting language, conduct or behavior with the intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or whereby a breach of the peace might be occasioned. It shall be the duty of each person-in-charge of any licensed premises within the Town to immediately to make a verbal report to the Town Police Department of each incident involving physical harm to a person occurring on the licensed premises while open for business. It shall further be the duty of each licensee to make a written report of each such incident to the Police Department of the Town and to the local field office of the Board within thirty-six (36) hours thereof.

SECTION 3. OFFENSES IN PUBLIC.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to drink, sell, serve, dispense, give away, or attempt to drink, sell, serve or give away, any alcoholic beverages while upon any street, alley, sidewalk, public easement, rights-of-way, or parking lots designed for use by the general public or in any public building or upon any public property, or while in any other public place in the Town, except on property or premises described in and in association with a Special Events Retail license issued by the Town pursuant to this Ordinance.

(2) It shall be unlawful for a business licensed by the Town of Cedar Bluff (whether or not the business is licensed to sell or furnish alcohol) to allow patrons, customers, invitees, or guests to bring alcoholic beverages onto the license premises.
(3) It shall be unlawful for patrons, customers, invitees, or guests to bring alcoholic beverages onto premises licensed to do business by the Town of Cedar Bluff, whether or not the business is licensed to sell or furnish alcohol.

CROSS REFERENCE: See Section 12, Alcoholic Beverages in Open Containers.

SECTION 4. MINORS – OFFENSES BY SELLER OR AGENT.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person or for any employee, servant, or agent of any person to sell, or offer for sale, any alcoholic beverage to any person visibly intoxicated, or to any minor person.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to serve to a minor or allow a minor to be served any alcoholic beverage in any place where such beverages are sold.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person who operates any business licensed to be engaged in the business of alcoholic beverages to allow any such beverages to be sold to any minor person, or to be consumed by any minor person, on the premises where such alcoholic beverages are sold.

SECTION 5. MINORS – OFFENSES GENERALLY.

It shall be unlawful to do or perform any of the acts designated as follows:

(1) For any minor person, directly or indirectly, to purchase any alcoholic beverage, or to attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage.

(2) For any minor person to possess or to consume any alcoholic beverage, or to attempt to possess or consume any alcoholic beverage.

(3) For any person to sell, furnish, give to, or purchase for any minor person any alcoholic beverage, or to attempt to sell, furnish, give to, or purchase any alcoholic beverage for any minor person.

(4) For any person to hire, employ or permit any minor person to serve or dispense alcoholic beverages of any kind. However, this prohibition does not apply when the only license held by the licensee is an off-premises beer license or an off-premises table wine license or combination thereof, and provided there is a person over the age of twenty-one (21) in attendance at all times. Provided further that persons who are nineteen (19) years of age or older working as a waiter, waitress, or server at a restaurant which holds a restaurant retail license may serve alcoholic beverages, provided that the licensee has been annually certified as a responsible vendor under the Alabama Responsible Vendor Act as provided in Alabama Code §§ 28-10-1 et seq. (1975).
Penalties for violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be as provided by Alabama Code § 28-1-5 (1975).

(5) For any minor person, directly or indirectly, to falsely represent that he or she is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, by means of which false representation such person buys, receives or otherwise obtains, or attempts to buy, receive, or otherwise obtain any alcoholic beverage.

(6) For any person, directly or indirectly, to falsely represent that a person is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, by means of which false representation such person aids or abets or attempts to aid or abet such minor person to buy, receive, or otherwise obtain any alcoholic beverage.

SECTION 6. FALSE REPRESENTATION.

It shall be considered a false representation that a minor person is twenty-one (21) years of age or older if the purchaser fails to disclose that the person making the purchase, obtaining, or securing such alcoholic beverage through the purchase has not reached the age of twenty-one (21) years.

SECTION 7. AUTHORIZED HOURS.

It shall be unlawful for any person, whether an alcoholic beverage licensee or not, to sell, offer for sale, or to serve dispense or offer for reward, or to offer to serve or dispense for reward any alcoholic beverage for on-premises consumption between the hours of 12:00 AM and 7:00 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of any week; or between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM on any Saturday; or, between the hours of 2:00 AM on Sunday of any week and 7:00 AM of the following Monday.

SECTION 8. REGULATION OF CONDUCT.

It shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons, or an officer, member, agent, servant, employee, or person-in-charge thereof at any licensed premises to permit, allow, conduct, or condone any of the following:

(1) Topless or bottomless waitresses, waiters, dancers, servers, performers, or cashiers, or any lewd or indecent conduct.

(2) Acts, or simulated acts, of sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation or any sexual acts which are prohibited by law.
(3) Acts, or simulated acts, of caressing or fondling of the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals.

(4) Acts involving the displaying of the anus, vulva or genitals.

(5) Permitting any patron, customer or member to touch, caress or fondle the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals, or any part of the body or clothing of a performer or entertainer.

(6) Permitting the showing of films, still pictures, electronic reproductions or other visual reproductions depicting:

(a) Acts or simulated acts of sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation or any sexual acts which are prohibited by law.

(b) Any person being touched, caressed or fondled on the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals.

(c) Scenes wherein a person displays the vulva or the anus or the genitals.

(d) Scenes wherein artificial devices or inanimate objects are employed to depict, or drawings are employed to portray, any of the prohibited activities described above in this section.

(7) Any employee including, but not limited to, waiter, waitress, dancer, entertainer, performer, or model employed upon the licensed premises to sit at tables with customers, members, or guests while so employed and while open for business.

(8) Any person at the time employed or engaged on the licensed premises as an entertainer or performer to also serve as a waiter or waitress while so employed.

(9) The showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the darkened area surrounding the nipple, or the depiction of covered male genitals in a lewd or indecent manner by any waiter, waitress, dancer, entertainer, employee, model, or customer.

SECTION 9. RECORDS; REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of each person subject to the license tax imposed by this ordinance to keep full and complete records of all purchases, sales, and deliveries of
alcoholic beverages, from which records can be readily obtained information as to the correct amount of license tax due the Town. As a part of such records, each wholesaler shall keep an individual ledger or card account for each of his customers, and said ledger or card account shall show the correct name and address of each person to whom any alcoholic beverages are delivered, together with the dates thereof and the number of cases sold or delivered, and each wholesaler shall also keep, as evidence of the foregoing, a receipted delivery ticket signed by each purchaser or his authorized agent. Each retailer shall keep an individual ledger or card record showing the correct name and address of each person from whom he purchased alcoholic beverages, a delivery ticket evidencing each such purchase, the date thereof and the number of cases purchased. The aforesaid records shall be kept posted currently and shall be preserved for not less than three (3) years following each calendar year. All such records shall be available for inspection and audit at the licensed premises within the Town during regular business hours by the Town Clerk, or duly authorized representative, as requested. Failure to keep any of the records required by this section, or elsewhere in this ordinance, or refusal to make any records available to the Town Clerk, or duly authorized representative, shall constitute grounds for revocation of any license issued under this ordinance. Further, an annual report, under oath, shall be filed with the Town Clerk, or duly authorized representative, in January of each year, showing the purchases of the entire previous calendar year.

SECTION 10. PACKAGING OF BEVERAGES.

Retail licensees for off-premise sale of individual or packages of six (6) or less alcoholic beverages must place each container thereof in a bag, box, or other similar opaque covering prior to the customer's leaving the license building used for alcoholic beverage sales.

SECTION 11. DELIVERY VEHICLES.

A manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler, servant, agent, or employee of the same, shall deliver all alcoholic beverages in vehicles bearing the required information on each side of the vehicle as required by the Board.

SECTION 12. OPEN CONTAINERS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(a) Possess or consume any open container containing alcoholic beverages while upon or along any public place, street, road or highway in the Town or while in any automobile or other motor vehicle on or along any public street, road or highway in the Town, or while in any other public place in the Town, except on property or
premises described in and in association with a Special Events Retail license issued by the Town pursuant to this Ordinance.

(b) Possess or consume any alcoholic beverages at any public park, municipal playground, municipal recreation facility, school playground, school, stadium, or school recreational facility, except on property or premises described in and in association with a Special Events Retail license issued by the Town pursuant to this Ordinance.

(c) Possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in an open glass, bottle, cup, can, keg, bag or other receptacle not its original container while upon or along any public street, road, or highway in the Town or while on any automobile or other motor vehicle on or along any public street, road or highway in the Town, or while in any other public place in the Town, except on property or premises described in and in association with a Special Events Retail license issued by the Town pursuant to this Ordinance.

(d) The above provisions notwithstanding, this section shall not apply to any person that has in his or her possession an alcoholic beverage in an open container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle of any kind as contemplated and defined by Alabama Code § 32-5A-330 (1975). State law shall govern in such situations.

ARTICLE III. LICENSES

SECTION 1. REQUIRED; TRANSFER; SUSPENSION; DISPLAY.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in such person’s possession any alcoholic beverage with the Town for the purpose of sale, storage, or delivery without having first procured from the Town a privilege license and from the Board a license entitling the applicant to engage in the alcoholic beverage transactions authorized thereby. Licenses issued under this ordinance may not be assigned or transferred. The Town is hereby authorized to allow the address for the privileged licensed premises to be changed from one place to another within the Town, as the Town may determine appropriate, but shall not allow the transaction of business at a place for which the license could not originally have been issued lawfully.
(2) In the event of a change of ownership of a licensed establishment, the current licensee shall be required to file a written statement of intent with the Town Clerk prior to either completing the sale of the licensed business, or relinquishing management or financial control of the business operation, whichever occurs first; and additionally, the party to whom the licensed establishment is to be sold must file with the Town a completed application for a Town license within twenty (20) days of notification to the Town of the intent to sell, transfer, or assign the establishment. Upon request of the Town Clerk, or designated representative, any applicant may be requested to produce records of the business or the transaction surrounding the sale of the business. These records include, but are not limited to, lease agreements, land sale agreements, bank statements, stock transfers, minutes of corporate board meetings, bills of sale, and/or purchase invoices. Any failure to produce the requested records, or a determination by the Town that the transaction is not in compliance with the requirements specified herein, shall result in immediate forfeiture of the Town license upon notification of this determination and an opportunity for a public hearing by the Town Council as provided in Section 5 of this Article.

(3) Licenses issued by the Town shall be deemed to terminate, by operation of law, when there is a change in ownership in a licensed establishment, or when a licensed establishment is leased, rented, or abandoned, or when possession is otherwise surrendered to another party or parties. Provided, however, that an applicant for a new license at a currently licensed establishment may be allowed to operate the establishment for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days if said applicant is in compliance with subparagraph (2) of this section. In such case, the original licensee shall continue to be responsible for the conduct, operation, and Town tax liabilities of the establishment until such time as a license is issued by the Town in the new licensee’s name.

(4) Upon the temporary closing of the licensed establishment for a period in excess of thirty (30) days the Town license to sell alcoholic beverages shall be immediately returned to the Town Clerk, or designated representative, to be held pending the reopening of the business. In the event the temporary closing is due to any renovation, remodeling, or repair to the licensed premises, the licensee shall provide written evidence of compliance with applicable building, fire, and health codes to the Town Clerk, or designated representative, prior to the release of the license. In the event that the establishment remains closed for twelve (12) months or greater, for any purpose, the license shall be deemed terminated by operation of law.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the sale or transfer of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of a corporation’s stock or interest in the business shall constitute a change in ownership of the licensed establishment.

(6) The Town shall have the right to revoke any privilege license issued by the Town for any violation of this chapter or the regulations of the Board, after notice and
opportunity for a hearing before the Town Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of this Article.

(7) Every privilege license issued by the Town to conduct normal and routine business and every license issued by the Board shall be conspicuously and constantly exposed under a transparent substance in an area visible to the general public on the licensed premises.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; PAYMENT.

Each applicant seeking the issuance of any license provided in Section 8 of this Article shall make application to the Town Council as required in this ordinance and as provided by any policies or procedures adopted by the Town or any of its departments as authorized by this ordinance. Said application shall be upon an appropriate form supplied by the Town Clerk, or duly authorized representative, and shall be signed and verified by oath or affirmation by the licensee, if a natural person, or in the case of an association by a partner or managing member thereof, or in the case of a corporation, by an executive officer thereof. The applicant shall make payment to the Town Clerk the application fee as required by Section 6 of this Article below and the publication costs to be incurred pursuant to Section 4 of this Article below.

In its sole discretion, in the event that an application is made for more than one type of alcoholic beverage license, the Town may permit an applicant to make only one application when applying for multiple licenses; provided, however, that all fees associated with the application for and issuance of said licenses shall be due and payable as otherwise required herein, with the sole exception that only one application fee shall be due. This provision shall only be applicable in cases where all applicant names and the licensed premises are the same, as well as all other application information except the type of license for which application is made.

Application for a license shall be made in accordance with any policies and/or procedures which may be adopted to aid in the administration of the provisions of this ordinance, although they shall not in any event conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.

(1) The application shall be submitted to the Town Clerk, or designated representative.

(2) The Town Clerk, or designated representative, shall be responsible for ensuring that applicable written approvals from Town departments are included as a part
of the application indicating compliance, or lack thereof, with the applicable requirements of each respective department.

(3) Subsequent to the Town Council approval and the applicant's compliance with subsection (2) of this section, the Town Clerk, or designated representative, is hereby authorized to indicate, and communicate in writing, the Town's approval for the issuance of a license for the applicant to the Board. The method for the communication of this approval by the Town shall be determined based on the most current mechanism indicated as acceptable by the Board field office supervisor responsible for Cherokee County.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC NOTICE.

(1) Upon receipt of an application, together with the results of the investigation and recommendations made thereon, the Town Clerk shall cause notice to be posted at the Town Hall and no less than three (3) public places in the Town, stating that the application will be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Town Council, and stating the time and place that the application is to be considered and that at such time and place all interested persons may appear and be heard for or against the application. Such publication shall be at the applicant's expense. In the event that publication cannot be effected seven (7) days or more prior to the first scheduled Town Council meeting following submission of the application, the application shall be considered at the second scheduled Town Council meeting following submission of the application.

(2) All applicants seeking issuance of a Town license shall certify to the Town that notice of submission of the application, stating the day and time it is to be heard and considered by the Town Council, has been circulated to residents, real property owners, and businesses within 200 (two hundred) feet of the property sought to be licensed by leaving a copy of said notice with some person of suitable age at the home of such resident or at each business at least seven days before the Town Council meeting at which the application is expected to be heard and considered.

SECTION 5. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION; REVOCATION

(a) In rendering a decision on each application for a license under this chapter, the Town Council may consider, among others, the following factors:

(1) The character and reputation of the applicant.

(2) The criminal records or background of the applicant.
(3) The location of the premises for which a license is sought and the number of establishments presently holding licenses within 200 (two hundred) feet of the property for which the license is sought.

(4) Compliance by the applicant with the laws of the state and ordinances of the Town.

(5) Any other information deemed by the Town Council to be relevant to the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town of Cedar Bluff.

(b) In its sole discretion, the Town may reconsider the issuance of any license, provided that seven (7) days notice is given to the licensee and a public hearing is conducted by the Town Council. At such hearing, the Town Council may consider any of the factors provided in paragraph (a) of this section, regardless of whether such information arose before or after the issuance of the license. The Town may revoke any license, in its discretion, if it finds that continued authority for the licensee to conduct business in alcoholic beverages is not in the interests of the Town health, safety, or welfare.

(c) Any determination by the Board to suspend or revoke a license issued by the Board shall be recognized and given full force and effect by the Town such that any license granted by the Town permitting the licensee to engage in the same conduct or business shall thereby be suspended or revoked, as the case may be, effective simultaneously with the Board's decision.

SECTION 6. FILING FEE.

The applicant shall pay to the Town Clerk a filing fee, to cover the costs of processing and investigating each application filed with the Town for a Town license of any class, the sum of $100.00 (One hundred Dollars and No Cents). The applicant shall further pay to the Town Clerk an amount equal to any further costs incurred, or to be incurred by the Town in conducting criminal background checks. The applicant shall further be responsible for any costs of complying with the provisions of notification set forth in Section 4 of this Article.

All application fees and costs shall be non-refundable, and the Town shall retain these moneys, whether or not said application results in approval or denial. The Town Clerk, or duly authorized representative, shall not accept any application for any such license not accompanied by said fees required herein.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as relieving any person or entity from the responsibility of paying any fees or costs associated with the issuance of a business privilege license as provided by Ordinance No. 92 of the Town, or sales tax, or any other
taxes, fees, or costs as provided by Ordinance or law. All fees, taxes, and/or costs provided for herein shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other fees, taxes, and/or costs provided by law, unless specifically so provided by such law.

SECTION 7. LICENSE FEES AND TAXES.

(1) Each person licensed by the Board who engages in transactions involving alcoholic beverage within the Town limits, prior to engaging in such business shall pay to the Town, for the privilege of so engaging in business, privilege license fees and further license taxes as provided below:

(a) Manufacturer License. Each person who has obtained a manufacturer license from the Board pursuant to Alabama Code § 28-3A-6 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $500.00 (Five hundred Dollars and No Cents).

(b) Importer License. Each person who has obtained an importer license from the Board pursuant to Alabama Code § 28-3A-7 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $500.00 (Five hundred Dollars and No Cents).

(c) Liquor Wholesale License. Each person who has obtained a liquor wholesale license from the Board pursuant to Alabama Code § 28-3A-8 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $500.00 (Five hundred Dollars and No Cents).

(d) Beer Wholesale License. Each person licensed as a beer wholesaler pursuant to Alabama Code Section 28-3A-9 shall pay to the Town an annual license fee of fifty percent (50%) of the amount charged for state beer license by the State of Alabama. In addition, each licensee will remit to the Town Clerk, on forms provided by such Clerk, each month, the privilege or excise tax levied on the sales of beer by the "Alabama Beer Tax Act", Alabama Code §§28-3-190, et. seq. Wholesale beer dealers and distributors will not sell to any retail outlet that does not have a current Town license.

(e) Wine Wholesale License. Each person licensed by the Board as a wine wholesaler pursuant to Alabama Code Section 28-3A-9 shall pay to the Town an annual license fee of fifty percent (50%) of the amount charged for state wine license by the State of Alabama. In addition, each licensee will remit to the Town Clerk, on forms provided by such Clerk, each month, the privilege or excise tax levied on the sales of table wine by the "Alabama Table Wine Act", 
Alabama Code §§ 28-7-1. et. seq. Wholesale wine dealers will not sell to any retail outlet that is not properly licensed by the Town.

(f) **Wholesale License for Beer and Wine.** Each person licensed by the Board as a beer and wine wholesaler pursuant to Alabama Code § 28-3A-9 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of fifty percent (50%) of the amount charged for a wholesale license for beer or table wine license by the Board. In addition, each such licensee shall remit to the Town Clerk each month, forms provided by such Clerk, the privilege or excise tax levied on the sales of beer by the "Alabama Beer Tax Act," Alabama Code §§ 28-3-190, et seq. (1975). In addition, each licensee will remit to the Town Clerk each month, forms provided by the Clerk, the privilege or excise tax levied on the sales of table wine by the "Alabama Table Wine Act," Alabama Code §§ 28-7-1, et seq. (1975). Wholesale beer and wine dealers shall not sell to any retailer, business, or person that is not properly licensed by the Town.

(g) **Warehouse License.** Each person licensed by the Board as a warehouse for alcoholic beverages pursuant to Alabama Code § 28-3A-10 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $200.00 (Two hundred Dollars and No Cents).

(h) **Lounge Retail Liquor License.** Each person licensed by the Board to operate a retail lounge pursuant to Alabama Code § 28-3A-11 (1975), and from which at least 50% (Fifty percent) or more of its gross receipts are derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages, the business shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $5,000.00 (Five thousand Dollars and No Cents). In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional tax of 25% (Twenty-five percent) of gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

Each person licensed by the Board to operate a retail lounge pursuant to Alabama Code § 28-3A-11 (1975), and from which less than 50% (Fifty percent) of its gross receipts are derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages, the business shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $5,000.00 (Five thousand Dollars and No Cents). In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall
(I) **Retail Table Wine License for Off-premises Consumption.** Each person licensed by the Board to sell table wine for off-premises consumption pursuant to *Alabama Code* § 28-3A-15 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $250.00 (Two hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents). In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional license tax of 10% (Ten percent) of the gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

(m) **Retail Beer License for On-premises and Off-premises Consumption.** Each person licensed by the Board to sell beer for on-premises and off-premises consumption pursuant to *Alabama Code* § 28-3A-16 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $250.00 (Two hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents). In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional license tax of 10% (Ten percent) of the gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

(n) **Retail Beer License for Off-premises Consumption.** Each person licensed by the Board to sell beer at retail for off-premises consumption pursuant to *Alabama Code* § 28-3A-17 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $250.00 (Two hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents). In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional license tax of 10% (Ten percent) of the gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

(o) **Special Retail License.** Each person who has obtained a special retail license from the Board pursuant to *Alabama Code* § 28-3A-19 (1975) shall pay to the Town a privilege license fee of $250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents) when the period of use is thirty (30) days or less. Such person shall pay to the Town a privilege license fee of $350.00 (Three hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents) when the period of use is more than thirty (30) days,
but in no event shall the duration of the license exceed one year. Further, the terms of such license shall not exceed or conflict with the license issued by the Board. These privilege license fees shall be due for every license issued under this subsection, not on an annual basis. In addition to such license fees, each such person shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional license tax of 10% (Ten percent) of the gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

(p) Special Events Retail License. Each person who has obtained a special events retail license from the Board pursuant to Alabama Code § 28-3A-20 (1975) shall pay to the Town a license fee of $250.00 (Two hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents). No such license shall be issued for a period in excess of seven (7) days, and the terms of such license shall not exceed or conflict with the terms of the license issued by the Board. All applications for special events retail licenses shall be filed with the Town Clerk at least 25 days in advance of the event for which a license is sought. This privilege license fee shall be due for every license issued under this subsection, not on an annual basis. In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month following the special event, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional license tax of 10% (Ten percent) of the gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

(q) Package Store. Each person who declares to the Board that its primary business shall be that of a package store for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, and who declares its compliance as a package store with Regulation 20-X-5-.13 of the Board, and who has duly obtained the necessary licensure from the Board to conduct its business as a package store, shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $250.00 (Two hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents). In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional tax of 10% (Ten percent) of gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.
pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional tax of 15% (Fifteen percent) of gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

(i) **Club Retail Liquor License.** Each person licensed by the Board to operate a Club, Class I or II, pursuant to *Alabama Code* § 28-3A-12 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $1,500.00 (One thousand and Five hundred Dollars and No Cents) if a Class I Club, and $2,000.00 (Two thousand Dollars and No Cents) for a Class II Club. In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional license tax of 15% (Fifteen percent) of gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

(j) **Restaurant Retail Liquor License.** Each person licensed by the Board to sell alcoholic beverages in connection with the operation of a restaurant pursuant to *Alabama Code* § 28-3A-13 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $250.00 (Two hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents). In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional license tax of 10% (Ten percent) of the gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.

(k) **Retail Table Wine License for On-premises and Off-premises Consumption.** Each person licensed by the Board to sell table wine at retail for on-premises and off-premises consumption pursuant to *Alabama Code* § 28-3A-14 (1975) shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license fee of $250.00 (Two hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents). In addition to such license fee, each such licensee shall pay to the Town, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional license tax of 10% (Ten percent) of the gross receipts derived from the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except beer and table wine, received during the previous calendar month.
(2) The term "gross receipts" as used in Subsection (1) of this Section shall not include any taxes, but shall include only those amounts derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages as provided above.

(3) The privilege license fees levied under Subsection (1) of this Section, with the exception of Paragraphs (o) and (p) above, shall be due and payable in conjunction with the schedule for license renewal required by the Board for renewal of licenses granted by the Board as set forth in Alabama Code §28-3A-5. Pursuant to said section, privilege licenses granted by the Town shall be valid from October 1 of each year until September 30 of the following calendar year. Licenses shall become due and payable on or before September 30 of each year, or on the date established by the Board for the ensuing year, and shall be delinquent if not secured each year by October twentieth or the twentieth day of the first month of the license year established by the Board. If the license is not secured by October twentieth or by the twentieth day of the first month of the license year established by the Board, such person or firm failing or refusing to file application and obtain said license, as provided in this chapter, while continuing to enjoy the privilege allowed under said license, shall be subject to a penalty of 50 percent of the Town’s license fees and taxes, which penalty shall be collected at the time of issuance of another license. If said license is not renewed as provided herein, or if any fees or taxes due the Town are not paid as required by this Ordinance, the licensee shall be deemed delinquent and the Town shall be entitled to take any action set forth in Section 5 of this Article.

(4) All license taxes levied under Subsection (1) of this Section shall be delinquent if not reported and paid by the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month provided above. If reports are not filed within the time herein provided and/or the taxes not paid by the dates herein provided, such person shall pay to the Town the full amount of tax together with interest at the rate of 10% (Ten percent), compounded monthly, prorated from the date such tax payment became delinquent, a penalty of 10% (Ten percent) of the amount of the tax, and a citation fee of $150.00 (One hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents).

SECTION 8. REPORTS OF BUSINESS DONE AND TAX DUE.

Each licensee shall file with the Town Clerk a report in such form as the Town Clerk may prescribe on or before the final date on which the tax may be paid without a penalty evidencing the amount of business done and the amount of license tax or other tax due thereon, together with full payment for any tax liability. Any failure to comply with this Section shall be considered a violation of this ordinance, and penalties, interest, and fees shall be due and payable as provided in Section 7 of this Article.
SECTION 9. ALABAMA RESPONSIBLE VENDOR ACT.

Sections 28-10-1 through 28-10-8 of the Alabama Code (1975) are hereby adopted by reference, and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein.

(1) Each licensee of the Town shall obtain Certification through the Alabama Responsible Vendor Program within thirty (30) days of license approval by the Board.

(2) Upon losing certification through the Alabama Responsible Vendor Program, the Town privilege license shall be suspended until such time as the licensee achieves re-certification or the license expires or is terminated as otherwise provided herein, whichever shall occur first.

ARTICLE IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. VIOLATIONS DECLARED MISDEMEANOR.

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, unless otherwise provided herein, upon conviction or adjudication of guilt shall be sentenced to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) and incarceration for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any part or provision hereof is declared unconstitutional, void, or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other parts and provisions hereof shall not be affected by such declaration and shall remain in full force and effect as though the unconstitutional, void or invalid provision had not been included in the ordinance as originally adopted.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTS WITH STATE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

This ordinance shall be deemed cumulative with and supplemental to any and all statutes and regulations of any administrative body of the State of Alabama regarding the subject matter hereof and to be subordinate to same and in no manner intended to supersede any such statutes or regulations of the State of Alabama. Any provision hereof in conflict with any provision of any state statute or regulation shall be construed so as to be in harmony with the same where possible, and otherwise to be superseded by the provisions of such state statute.
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption, approval and publication according to law.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 20th day of MAY 2005.

Donald J. Sinclair
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Shaver
Town Clerk

Brian Buckhatter
Council Member

Martha Baker
Council Member

Ethel J. Squires
Council Member

Beatha Harp
Council Member
CERTIFICATE


MARY SHANER, TOWN CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2005-03 PERTAINING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN CEDAR BLUFF, ALABAMA.

MARY SHANER, TOWN CLERK

Mary Shaffer, Town Clerk