



# City Council Meeting STAFF REPORT

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## **I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ALCOHOL CODE AMENDMENTS (1ST READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA; TO DELETE, MODIFY AND ADD PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS APPLICABLE TO ART STUDIOS, GALLERIES AND COOKING CLASSES FROM CERTAIN REGULATIONS GOVERNING ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; TO DELETE, MODIFY AND ADD PROVISIONS GOVERNING ANCILLARY WINE TASTING LICENSES; TO DELETE, MODIFY AND ADD PROVISIONS GOVERNING BREWERIES; TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XIX PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF DISTILLERIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

## **II. RECOMMENDATION:**

## **III. REPORT IN BRIEF:**

As a follow up to the Alcohol Ordinance Amendment Workshop we held at the April 17th and April 24th Council Meetings, the attached amendments are proposed as a result of the feedback received from Council at that meeting and subsequent direction given to staff.

The revisions regarding the expansion of the downtown district and alcohol in City parks have both been removed from the current ordinance amendment. We have mailed a notice to all those that would be impacted by the Boundary expansion and will allow for public comment on those changes through May.

Highlights of the proposed amendments include:

- Provide consumption on premises exceptions to art studios, galleries, and cooking classes
- Expansion of wine tastings provisions and allow retailers to charge for tastings and remove restrictions limiting number of tastings allowed.
- Revisions to comply with recent state law regarding breweries and distilleries

## **IV. ALTERNATIVES:**

## **V. ATTACHMENTS:**

Alcohol Ordinance Amendment, Amendment - redlined version