

**Judee Jones**

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**From:** Rebecca Elias  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** president@savannahdna.org  
**Cc:** Kathleen Brenneman; Judee Jones; Margaret Williams04  
**Subject:** Local Alcohol Application

Good Morning Ms. Allen,

I would like to inform you of a proposed establishment in your neighborhood. **Savannah Spirits Distilling Ltd. Company (doing business as: Savannah Spirits Distilling Co.)** has applied for an Alcohol License. The City of Savannah understands the importance of a positive working relationship between businesses and the community they serve, for that reason we encourage new business owners to meet with neighborhood leaders and residents to discuss expectations and the business's plan. As the Downtown Neighborhood Association President you are free to contact the business owner, **Louis J. Valoze at 912.665.8449 or by email at [ljalvoze@gmail.com](mailto:ljalvoze@gmail.com)** to facilitate that discussion.

**The following establishment will be going before the City Council tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2018.**

| <b>Company Name</b>                    | <b>Location</b>            |
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| <b>Savannah Spirits Distilling Co.</b> | <b>112 Whitaker street</b> |

If there are any concerns, please contact City of Savannah at (912) 651-3685.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Elias*

Community Outreach Coordinator  
Office: 912.651.6520 ext.6488  
Cell: 912.658.5714

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**SAVANNAH**  
Human Services Department





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ashley Simpson, Revenue Director  
**FROM:** Tiras Winn Petrea, Principal Zoning Inspector  
**Cc:** Judee Jones, Revenue Administrator; Lieutenant Shinita Young, SPD's Alcohol Beverage Compliance Unit  
**DATE:** September 14, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request

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In reference to the application of **Louis J. Valoze, T/A Savannah Spirits Distilling Co.**, requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **112 Whitaker Street**, I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Craft distillery**, within the current **B-C-1 Zoning District**:

- Is Not Permitted.
- Requires Special Use Approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).
- Is Permitted as a Nonconforming Use.
- Is Permitted with the Following Condition(s):** *a. No offensive odors shall be emitted beyond the walls of the building occupied by such use; b. Except for the residence of the owner or a caretaker's quarters, the use shall not be established within 150 feet of a conforming residential dwelling unit.* On September 24, 2015, the ZBA approved an 87-foot separation variance under File #15-004697. The project has been active since December 2015 when Permit #15-11490-BC was submitted.
- Is Permitted by Right.

Additionally, I have determined that the **Proposed Use**:

- Is an Existing use/occupancy, but new ownership, management or request.
- Is a New use/occupancy that was issued a Certificate of Completion (CofC) on July 18, 2018 under Permit #18-04210-BC.**

Additionally, I have determined that the **Location**:

- Has Zoning Ordinance violations that need to be corrected prior to the issuance of the Alcoholic Beverage License.

*Tiras Winn Petrea*

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Tiras Winn Petrea  
Principal Zoning Inspector

SAVANNAH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

DECISION OF THE BOARD

PETITIONER: HAROLD B. YELLIN AGENT FOR  
JML HOLDINGS I, LLC

FILE NO: 15-004697-ZBA

ADDRESS: 28 W. STATE STREET

DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Nature of Request

The petitioner Harold Yellin, Agent for JML Holdings, LLC, is requesting approval of an 87-foot variance from the 150-foot separation requirement for the use, #93 (Craft Distillery), §8-3025(b).

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the requested 87-foot separation variance to permit the operation of a Craft Distillery from the subject property.

Decision of the Board

Upon a motion made by LaShaun V. Lovett and seconded by Thomas Branch, the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals adopts the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals does hereby approve the petition as recommended by staff.

Note: No decision of the board of appeals permitting the use of a building or land shall be valid for a period longer than 12 months; provided, that wherever such use is dependent upon the erection or operation of a building, the board may extend the time for good cause thereon. (§8-3165(e))

VOTING FOR  
DECISION

Brian Reese  
LaShaun Lovett  
Tonia Miller  
Thomas Branch

VOTING AGAINST  
DECISION

None

\*ABSENT OR  
FAILING TO VOTE

\* Timothy Mackey

  
Secretary

JB/cm

  
Chairman





**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

This certificate certifies that at the time of completion, the work performed under this permit number was in compliance with the ordinances and codes of the City of Savannah regulating building construction. This certificate does not authorize occupancy of any building. The building's original Certificate of Occupancy still stands. Its sole purpose is to allow a contractor to show that they have satisfactorily completed permitted work.

7/18/2018


**PIN:** 2-0004 -44-005

**Building Address:** 112 Whitaker St Savannah  
Spirits Distilling Co.

**Permit Number:** 18-04210-BC

**Description of Work:** The interior renovation of an existing 12000 SF structure approved under 16-10663-BC has been split into 2 interior permits for the 2 proposed distinct businesses and units. This permit is for the distillery in unit 112 Whitaker St.  
16-10663-BC: 116 Whitaker St (Exterior renovation (facade and roof) and interior renovation of any common areas);  
18-04210-BC: 112 Whitaker St (Distillery);  
18-04211-BC: 120 Whitaker St (Restaurant, kitchen, and storage).  
See also:  
15-11490-BC: Interior demolition to include for non structural demolition of interior non load bearing walls and exterior stucco facade  
16-03629-BC: Emergency structural repairs to building to include masonry and steel work

**Contractor:** JAMES THOMAS SMITHJTVS BUILDERS INC  
**Contractor Address:** 150 Cardinal Rd  
Savannah, GA 31406

  
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**Building Official**

7/19/18  
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**Date**



# SAVANNAH POLICE

To Serve, Protect, and to Build Trust



SavannahPD.org

**TO:** Ashley Simpson, Director

**THRU:** David Owens, Captain

**FROM:** Shinita Young, ABC Unit Lieutenant

**DATE:** September 19, 2018

**SUBJECT:** 112 Whitaker Street / Savannah Spirits Distilling Co.

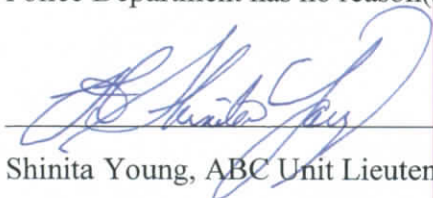
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The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective 9/19/18. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Louis Valoze**. A security plan has been submitted by the applicant and reviewed by the Savannah Police Department.

The security plan was examined to ensure it properly addressed all mentioned concerns in the City of Savannah's 2017 Alcohol Beverage Ordinance, Section 6-1206, Subsection D, Paragraph 4, Items A-I (as applicable).

In reference to the petition for **Louis Valoze** requesting **Class B (Manufacturer, Distilled Spirits)** permit at 112 Whitaker Street, T/A "Savannah Spirits Distilling Co.", I submit the following:

**Louis Valoze's** security plan has been reviewed. It should be noted the security plan addresses all applicable concerns set forth by the governing sections of the City of Savannah's 2017 Alcohol Ordinance. The Savannah Police Department has no reason(s) for recommending denial of this security plan.



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Shinita Young, ABC Unit Lieutenant

Savannah Police Department



# SAVANNAH POLICE

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**TO:** Rob Hernandez, City Manager  
**FROM:** Mark Renew, Chief of Police  
**DATE:** September 20, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** 112 Whitaker Street / Savannah Spirits Distilling Co.

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The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective 09/20/2018. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning the transfer of the Alcohol Beverage License application to Mr. Louis J. Valoze pertinent records of the Georgia Crime Information Center and local agencies have been searched as of this date with the following results: (Only that information which would bear upon this application is recorded.)

**SAVANNAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No Record

**GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER**

No Record

In reference to the petition for **Mr. Louis J. Valoze** requesting **Class B (Manufacturer Brewer=B2: Distilled Spirits)** at 112 Whitaker Street, T/A "Savannah Spirits Distilling Co.", I submit the following:

**Mr. Louis J. Valoze's** fingerprints are on file. It should be noted there are no disqualifying criminal records. Applicable criminal records or incidents concerning this location under the listed name and/or business are not on file. Savannah Police Department has no reason(s) for recommending denial of this petition.

*Asst. Chief [Signature] for Mark Renew*

Mark Renew, Chief of Police  
Savannah Police Department

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