

**Judee Jones**

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**From:** sbm <sbmorton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 2:27 PM  
**To:** Chandler Crawford  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Re: Notice of Alcohol Application - Main Lobby & Johnny Mercer Theater at Savannah Civics Center

Good afternoon Chandler,

As things stand right now with this application, the DNA does not have any concerns about this application.

Please let me or David McDonald (our incoming president) know if anything changes with the application. And FYI I am rotating off the board effective tomorrow.

Cheers,

Stephen Morton

"An army of donkeys led by a lion will defeat an army of lions led by a donkey." - wisdom from the Mongols

On Mon, May 16, 2022 at 8:46 AM Chandler Crawford <[CCrawford@savannahga.gov](mailto:CCrawford@savannahga.gov)> wrote:

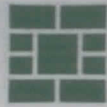
I would like to inform you of a proposed **EVENT VENUE** in your neighborhood. **Main Lobby & Johnny Mercer Theater at Savannah Civics Center @ 301 W Oglethorpe Ave** has applied for an Alcohol License. The City of Savannah understands the importance of a positive working relationship between businesses 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 Neighborhood Association President, you are free to contact the business owner, **Brian Rothenburg (856.234.5596)**, to facilitate that discussion.

**If you do not see the need to meet with the applicant, please respond to this email indicating no meeting is required.**

The establishment will be going before the City Council tentatively scheduled for **May 26th, 2022.**

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

Best regards,



**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE**

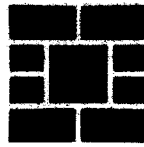
Agenda Date:	5/18/2022
Notification Date from Revenue:	3/18/2022
Business Name:	OVATION FOOD SERVICES
Business Address:	301 W. OGLETHORPE AVE
Compliant:	YES <u>  X  </u> NO <u>      </u>
Code Violations:	NA
Code Case #	NA
Re-Inspection Date:	NA

Comments:



Officer's Name:   Judy Stewart  

Date:   3/26/2022



# MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Administrator  
From: Candra Teshome, Senior Planner  
Date: May 19, 2022  
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 22-002388-ABL

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In reference to the application of **Brian P. Rothenberg, T/A Ovations Food Services, L.P.**, requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **301 W Oglethorpe Ave** (PIN 20031 03001), I have determined that the **Proposed Use(s), Event venue with Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)**, within the current Community Business (B-C) zoning district:

I have determined that the **Proposed Use(s)**:

- Is Permitted by Right:** The principal use classification *Event venue*, as defined in Article 13 of the zoning ordinance, is allowed by right in the zoning district.
- Is Not Permitted
- Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen
- Is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standards:** The accessory use classification, *Retail consumption dealer (on premise consumption of alcohol)* is permitted as a limited use with standards per Article 5 Sec. 5.4. However, per Article 8 Sec. 8.7.24(b)(i), the standards are met, because the parcel is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District.
- Is Permitted as a Nonconforming Use

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

- Is an Existing use/occupancy, but new ownership, management or request.**
- Is a New use/occupancy.

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
- Does not have a recent Business Location Approval (BLA).**



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**TO:** Joseph A. Medler, City Manager

**THRU:** Ben Herron, Major  
Alex Tobar, Captain *AT*  
Robert Larry, Lieutenant *RL*

**FROM:** Brandon Thomas, ABC Sergeant *BT*

**DATE:** March 24, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Main Lobby & Johnny Mercer Theater at Savannah Civic Center / 301 West Oglethorpe Avenue

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective 3/24/2022. The following information concerns the original Alcohol Beverage License application for **Mr. Brian Rothenberg**. Pertinent records of the Georgia Crime Information Center and local agencies have been searched as of this date with the following results:

#### SAVANNAH POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPOSITION

Unavailable

#### GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DISPOSITION

Unavailable

#### Warrants

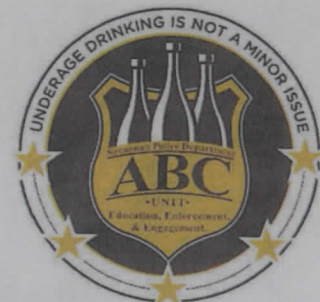
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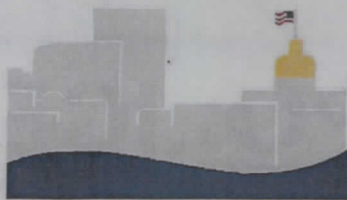
The petitioner is requesting **Class J (Event Venue: Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage and Wine)** with **Sunday sales** at 301 West Oglethorpe Avenue, T/A "Main Lobby & Johnny Mercer Theater at Savannah Civic Center "

**Mr. Brian Rothenberg**, a resident of Moosetown, NJ according to the application, does not have a criminal history on file, therefore The Savannah Police Department does not have a criminal history to base a recommendation for approval or denial on.

Major Ben Herron, Chief of Police Designee


Savannah Police Department





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**TO:** Theresa Harrison, Director  
**THRU:** Alex Tobar, CID Captain  
Robert Larry, ABC Unit Lieutenant  
**FROM:** Samantha Sosbe, Detective  
**DATE:** May 9, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Ovation Food Services (Johnny Mercer Theater & Lobby) / 301 W Oglethorpe Ave

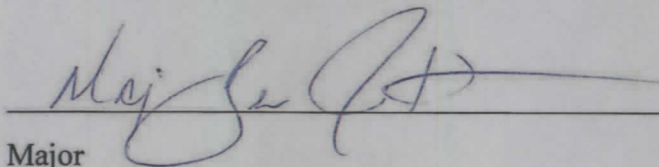
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The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective 05/09/2022. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Mr. Brian Rothenberg (applicant) & Mr. David Sampson (responsible party)**. 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 Alcohol Beverage Ordinance, Section 6-1206, Subsection D, Paragraph 4, Items A-I (as applicable).

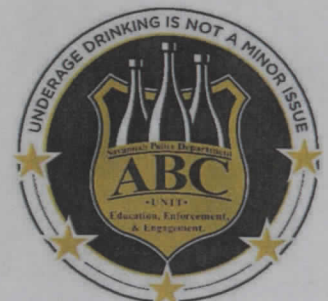
In reference to the petition for **Mr. Brian Rothenberg (applicant) & Mr. David Sampson (responsible party)** requesting a **Class J123 (Event Venue of distilled spirits, malted beverage, and wine) with Sunday Sales**, permit at 301 W Oglethorpe Ave, T/A "Ovation Food Services (Johnny Mercer Theater & Lobby)", I submit the following:

**Mr. Brian Rothenberg (applicant) & Mr. David Sampson (responsible party)**'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 Alcohol Ordinance. The Savannah Police Department has no reason(s) for recommending denial of this security plan.



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Savannah Police Department



**\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\***

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL  
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

David Sampson for Ovations Food Service, L.P. t/a Civic Center Main Lobby & Johnny Mercer Theater is requesting a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Package) with Sunday Sales at 301 West Oglethorpe Ave. The establishment is located between Montgomery St. and Barnard St.in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate an event venue. (New Owner/Existing Business). The applicant will be heard at the meeting of City Council at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2022, in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 2 E. Bay Street.

Anyone objecting to the issuance of this license may appear at that time and be heard.

City of Savannah  
Mark Massey  
Clerk of Council

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**SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS  
SPECIAL NOTICE COLUMN**

Please insert the above notice in the SPECIAL NOTICE column of the Savannah Morning News: Friday, May 13, 2022.

Please let the City's Purchasing Department have two copies of the affidavit of publication.

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Legal notice emailed to Purchasing to be forwarded to Savannah Morning News:  
Thursday, May 12, 2022.