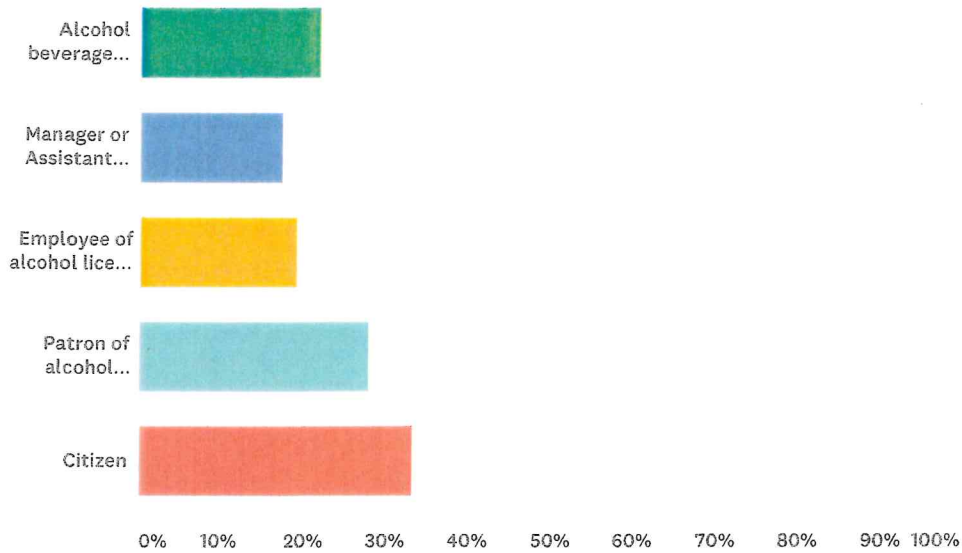


### Q1 Indicate which category best describes you:

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**ANSWER CHOICES**

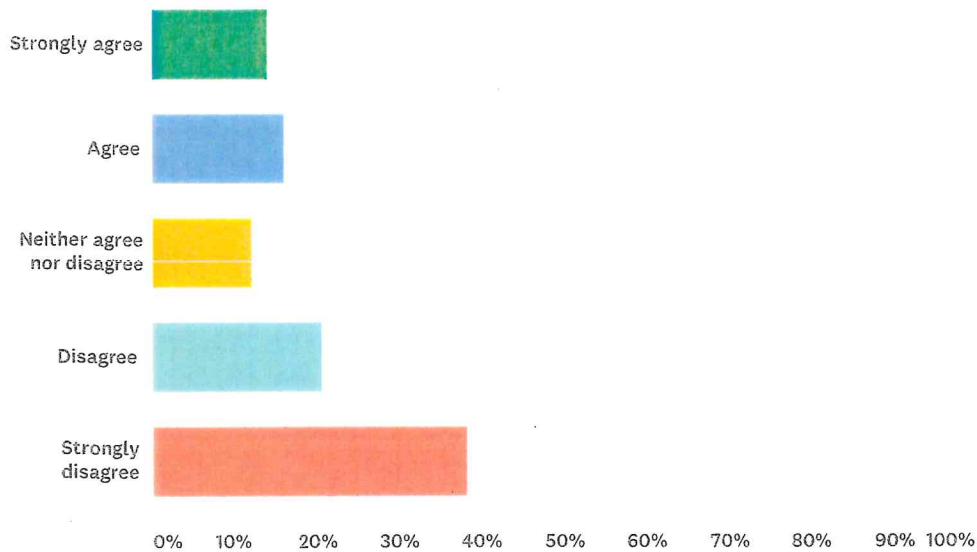
**RESPONSES**

Alcohol beverage license holder	22.00%	33
Manager or Assistant Manager of an alcohol beverage license establishment	17.33%	26
Employee of alcohol license establishment other than a manager or assistant manager (bartender, waiter or waitress, doorman, bar back)	19.33%	29
Patron of alcohol beverage license establishments	28.00%	42
Citizen	33.33%	50

Total Respondents: 150

**Q2 No revisions should be made to Sec. 6-1215 of the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance which requires: -Managers, servers, bartenders, doorpersons, or any other employee, agent or subcontractor with the responsibility for handling, serving, mixing or dispensing alcoholic beverages to have a bar card.-Bar card applicants to have a criminal background check conducted by the Police Department. Persons convicted of a violation of any law, ordinance or regulation governing the sale of alcoholic beverages, a violent crime or possession of illegal drugs in the last 36 months are not eligible for a bar card.**

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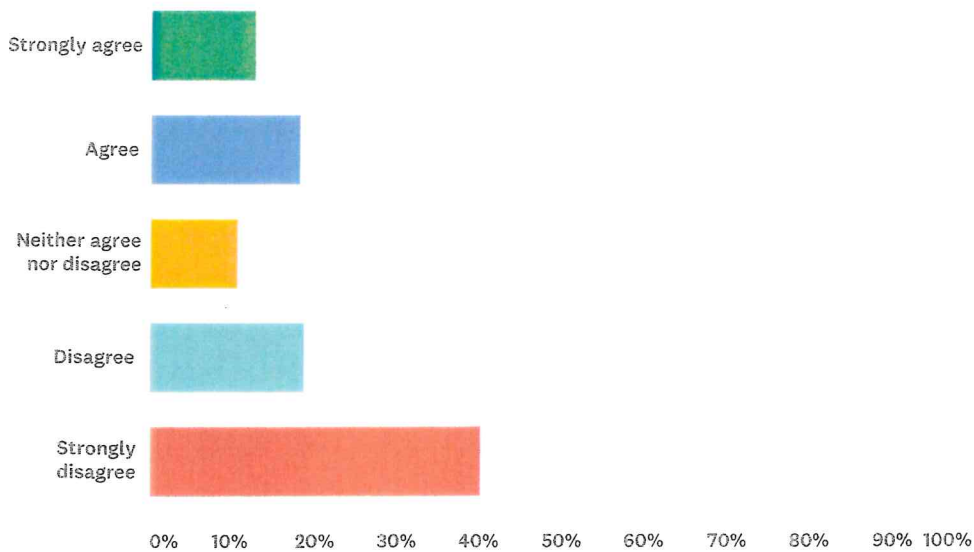
**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

Strongly agree	14.09%	21
Agree	16.11%	24
Neither agree nor disagree	12.08%	18
Disagree	20.81%	31
Strongly disagree	38.26%	57
Total Respondents: 149		

**Q3 The following revisions should be made to the Sec. 6-1215 of the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance requiring: -Any employee with the responsibility of serving, mixing or dispensing alcoholic beverages for the purpose of on premise consumption must have a bar card. -Bar card applicants must have a criminal background check conducted by the Police Department. Persons convicted of a violation of any law, ordinance or regulation governing the sale of alcoholic beverages, a violent crime or possession of illegal drugs in the last 24 months will not be eligible for a bar card.**

Answered: 149 Skipped: 1



**ANSWER CHOICES**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

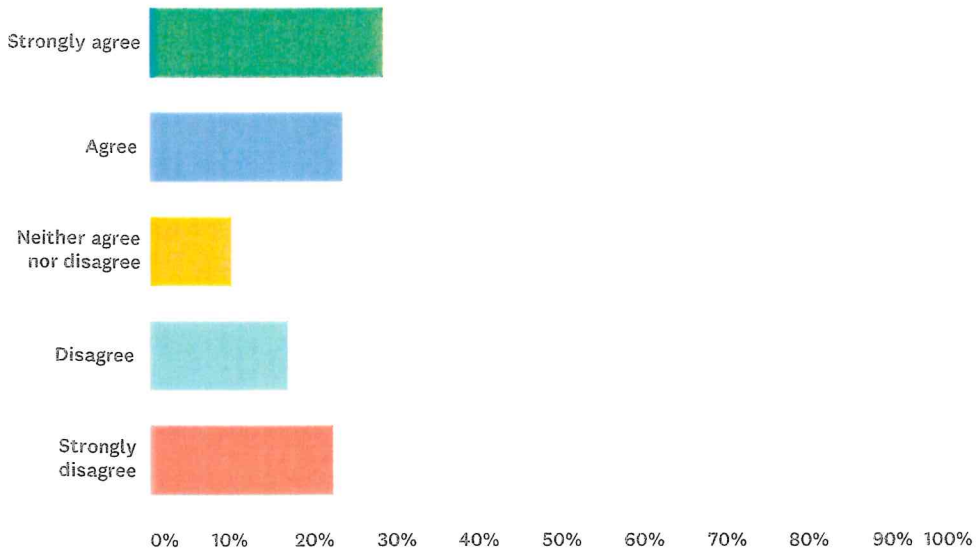
**RESPONSES**

Strongly agree	12.75%	19
Agree	18.12%	27
Neither agree nor disagree	10.74%	16
Disagree	18.79%	28
Strongly disagree	40.27%	60

Total Respondents: 149

**Q4 Eliminate bar cards and approve new language for Sec. 6-1215 where alcohol beverage license holders must require: -Any employee with the responsibility of serving, mixing or dispensing alcoholic beverages for the purpose of on premise consumption to have a background check by the Police Department.-Responsible server training for their employees who are serving, mixing or dispensing alcoholic beverages for the purpose of on premise consumption**

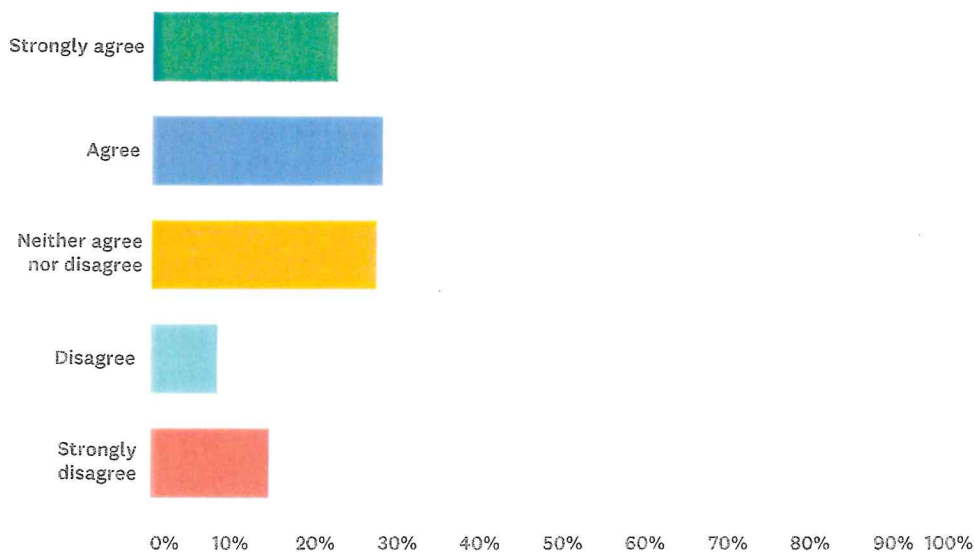
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	28.38%	42
Agree	23.65%	35
Neither agree nor disagree	10.14%	15
Disagree	16.89%	25
Strongly disagree	22.30%	33
Total Respondents: 148		

**Q5 An event venue is defined as a location only open to the public for artistic presentations, live or recorded musical presentations, theatrical performances, films or other similar expressive events of a limited duration. It is not open on a daily basis for events, does not have a permanent bar and is only authorized to sell alcoholic beverages beginning one hour before the scheduled event and no later than one hour after the conclusion of the event. Event venues may not sell, serve or dispense alcohol on Sunday between 2:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. Should event venues whose dominant business activity and related gross sales receipts are from the rental of facilities and catering of food for banquets, receptions, and events, have no distance requirements for businesses within the Historic District when the premises are zoned to allow such use and such businesses are otherwise determined eligible for a beverage alcohol license for consumption on premises?**

Answered: 146 Skipped: 4



**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

Strongly agree	22.60%	33
Agree	28.08%	41
Neither agree nor disagree	27.40%	40
Disagree	8.22%	12
Strongly disagree	14.38%	21

Total Respondents: 146

## Q6 Please provide any other feedback to the City of Savannah as we consider making revisions to the Alcohol Beverages Ordinance.

Answered: 59 Skipped: 91

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If your gonna require bar cards make them good for three years. Or let the businesses take care of providing the training. And not require bar cards. The rules keep changing and it makes it frustrating when trying to plan for big events. Having safe alcohol classes for my staff. Then there was no bar card. I also think that it is a waste of money to do a back ground check on someone that is working in the food and beverage industry. We already monitor felony convictions and drug related convictions when hiring.	5/12/2018 7:35 PM
2	Bar Cards - not just the classroom training associated with them - but also the threat of their loss through misconduct - is the single greatest tool that licensees and managers have to impress upon employees the importance of (and liability associated with) the responsible service of alcohol. We know the process of their issue is fraught with headaches. And we know that the ordinance, without much teeth in the courts, may be more bark than bite. But bar cards help make our community safer. They give young people reason to do the right thing - to make the right choices - often in the face of peer pressure. And they give business owners and our community a leg up in the face of liability. Bar Cards aren't the easy thing to do, they are the right thing to do. Truthfully, our discussion should be towards their expansion - to package stores and other off-premise retailers.	5/4/2018 3:15 PM
3	Simply put, any person who is handling or serving alcohol should have a bar card. They need to understand how to properly pour and serve alcohol and how to know when a person has had too much. Not only to protect themselves but the patrons too.	4/30/2018 10:40 AM
4	I believe that bartenders should not be required to have bar cards but be of legal age to drink, to serve alcohol.	4/28/2018 7:31 PM
5	Still don't believe restaurants should start requiring employees to have barcards	4/25/2018 4:07 PM
6	Any facility should be able to host events as long as they are following the proper alcohol serving guidelines. They should not be told that they can't be open at other times. If the city plans to add the zoning restrictions that are required by other retailers or manufacturers, that venue should be able to operate without the current restrictions noted by the definition given.	4/25/2018 1:10 PM
7	I have managed business' in multiple states and this is the first city I have ever encountered bar cards and background checks. I feel these things can completely inhibit someone from maintaining a job because of one simple mistake they made. The fee's and process attached to these not only hurt the employee but the employer as well. I would have over 30 people that needed bar cards to work within the historic district and currently the costs associated with that would be astronomical for a simple server/bartender position.	4/24/2018 9:11 AM
8	Sunday sales should extend to bars that are not restaurants.	4/23/2018 5:50 PM
9	With all the new parking cost in the city the hospitality employees and business are suffering more and more cost every day. There is no point in maintaining a mandatory bar card law active if there is not enough employees to enforce this new law. Several co workers paid for a bar card and never even received one before the city canceled the ordinance due to lack of employees to process all the applications. No point in making people pay more money they lost already for something they can't enforce. Waste of time and money. WhAts worse than that?	4/19/2018 9:02 PM
10	As someone who has had to get a bar card multiple times having more than one person running the whole program would probably be beneficial. The half assed way the program has been run the past few years seems like a slap in the face to one of our cities biggest industries (food and bev) and a blatantly obvious grab for money	4/19/2018 3:31 PM
11	I didn't even receive my bar card from the last time they tried to do this. They sure took my money for it though.	4/19/2018 1:16 PM

- 12 A server, doorman, or bartenders background shouldn't cost them there job. It's already hard enough for people who have made mistakes to correct their lives. Now you want to take away more opportunities from people trying to get back on track. Do you really think that some one who got in a drunken bar fight 6 months ago shouldn't be able to drop a beer off at your table? 4/19/2018 1:06 PM
- 13 Last year many of the employees of the restaurants and bars in downtown took the time and money to follow the process of obtaining a bar card, but never actually received one. We were told the offices responsible for processing them were "backed up". Many of us paid for something we never received. Now that parking rates have gone up as well, this is one more expense being added to the hospitality workers downtown who are working to fuel tourism. It should be up to the discretion of the employer to handle educating employees on responsible alcohol service. 4/19/2018 12:11 AM
- 14 A large amount of servers went through the hassle of trying to obtain their bar cards the last time this was proposed, but the city couldn't keep up and those servers never completed the process because of the incompetence of those in charge. And why do the servers need background checks when those doing the background checks are not forced to get them as well? Stop screwing over your food and beverage employees. We already have to pay a ridiculous amount for parking. 4/18/2018 9:14 PM
- 15 That all alcohol servers at all on-premise sites are required server training. That managers also receive management training. 4/17/2018 7:34 PM
- 16 I would like to understand what selling alcohol responsibly to patrons and having a background check have in common. I feel as if this ordinance is punishing people who have already reached what the law to be determined as appropriate justice. In a town where hospitality is a driving economic factor I believe this ordinance has no place. Tips certification I understand. Mandatory background checks seems like an economic punishment for people trying to earn an honest living. 4/12/2018 1:44 PM
- 17 I strongly think it should be up to the employer to judge who they hire not up to the city of savannah. I ve work at a restaurant for 11 yrs and I would have to change fields because under the guide line I wouldn't be able to get a bar card. 4/12/2018 12:20 PM
- 18 It is ridiculous that they are trying to pass an ordinance requiring everyone who touches alcohol to pay to have a bar card. It's money that most servers starting off don't have, and it will severely cut down on the available hires. Let the restaurants handle training their own employees to handle alcohol the correct way. 4/12/2018 12:00 PM
- 19 The city of Savannah is incredibly money hungry. Bar cards have always been a waste of money and time for workers as there is no proof or studies that have shown that they eliminate the selling of alcohol the minors. There is ALREADY a law in place that requires food and beverage workers to check an ID if a guests looks under a certain age. Does the city not trust its own citizens to distribute alcohol properly? Or do they just want another \$100+ dollars out of our pockets? 4/12/2018 11:22 AM
- 20 I've been TIPS certified for years and that's something I did of my own volition. For myself a bar card was nothing other than further paperwork and money to be paid, without any benefits. To then have it not be enforced and to find out it ended up really just being me throwing money at the city; was very much a slap in the face. As far as background checks go, I believe minimum ages are all that are really necessary. Drug related crimes in Savannah are predominately black convictions, so unless you leave it to the discretion of the business manager; I believe it's racist policy. 4/12/2018 10:27 AM
- 21 Please, do NOT require bar cards (please). I work as a server in fine dining as my full time job (40+hr per week). If I am required to have a bar card- I will be unemployed until the card has been officially issued to me and will not have enough money to pay my bills, rent, utilities, and food for that month(s). Unless the city of Savannah plans to pay me for unemployment/food stamps until I am issued my card, do not require my current employer to fire me over something so ridiculous. If I am old enough to legally drink and purchase alcohol without a bar card/background check- then I should legally be allowed to serve alcohol. If I am serving a younger guest -then I simply ask to see their birth date on their drivers license. Most under-aged drinkers go to drugstores,liqueur stores,gas stations (not fine dining)- and so far this ordinance does not include bar cards for the clerks at those locations. If there is concern about underage drinking, then issue a law that requires you to show your license to your bartender/server/gas-station attendant before you can purchase your drinks. Please don't punish the workers for this- think about this through our perspective. Requiring this card will make a lot of people unemployed in Savannah and a lot of restaurants will be short-staffed. Please please don't do this. Feel free to follow-up with me if you wish, I only wish that you consider my perspective. Thank you for your time. 4/12/2018 4:25 AM

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22	Requiring bar cards will cause so many people in the service industry to lose their jobs. The people who work for savannah do not have to have a background check. In the service industry we are responsible enough to know who we can serve and who we can't. NO BAR CARDS!!	4/12/2018 4:14 AM
23	Ban consumption of Alcoholic beverages on the city streets. No more "To Go" cups. All alcohol must be consumed inside where it is purchased.	4/11/2018 3:52 AM
24	The labor market is so hard in Savannah. The owner of the license should be responsible for who he allows to serve liquor do documentations of training should be available for review at all times. Criminal background checks are usually done by companies hiring in individual. Additional criminal background checks would just be more expensive to the individual getting a bar card or the company that is requiring it for the bartender server to distribute adult beverages	4/11/2018 1:05 AM
25	No requirement for background checks nor bar cards. Should be left up to the business	4/10/2018 10:18 PM
26	With current taxes and impending fire taxes the city is draining funds from citizens. We don't need more regulation	4/10/2018 6:03 AM
27	They're serving alcohol, not selling guns. All liquor licenses do is make it more complicated for employees and employers. The rate of turnover at such establishments should also be a consideration.	4/10/2018 5:36 AM
28	All bars and clubs should be 18+ and just put an X on hands of under 21	4/9/2018 9:49 PM
29	I do not think anyone serving alcohol should have a criminal check by the Savannah Police department. I feel the business should have yearly training in place for all employees serving alcohol and the records should be on file for review by the local ABC unit and that a bar cards should not be required.	4/5/2018 12:50 PM
30	We've lost our collective perspective on this topic. You can try for perfection if you want, but that's unrealistic. Life has it that alcohol WILL be sold to underage drinkers whether we like it or not. Train all you want, mistakes will happen. YOur've made this much too hard for the public and it's overly burdensome for business owners! I can't even get a glass of wine at a local theater production. Lighten up.	4/3/2018 11:32 AM
31	We should be more supportive of a vibrant music scene here in Savannah and be working to reduce the obstacles for businesses in our city. The attitude of our city council should be more concern for promoting business growth and less concern about regulating it.	4/2/2018 2:25 PM
32	I feel if the City of Savannah wants to make bar cards mandatory for all employees with the responsibility of serving, mixing or dispensing alcoholic beverages they should manage the program. As an employer I would request a bar card from all new hires who deal with alcoholic beverages just like a social security card or ID.. It is in the employees name and can be taken wherever they work. We would not be notified if that employee had an open court case or was in violation. It should not fall to employer to enforce a city mandate bar card or background check that can be easily forged and then be held responsible.	4/2/2018 11:11 AM
33	I do not believe that having a criminal past should prevent someone from the ability to earn a living in the food & beverage industry. I am against the criminal background check requirement of the alcohol ordinance. If you do enact the background check, the city will need to have a downtown precinct accessible to go for a background check. Also need to have staff to process the background checks expeditiously.	3/30/2018 3:24 PM
34	Bar cards and any background checks should be eliminated from the ordinance	3/30/2018 1:26 PM
35	Responsibility of ensuring staff is responsible and appropriately trained for alcohol service should fall to the holder of the license. This will incentivize more frequent training and oversight by license holder and result in overall better adherence to rules and regulations regarding the sale of alcohol.	3/28/2018 3:10 PM
36	Owners of bars/restaurants should decide if they want a background check done. Its a waste of government time and money. Adding these regulations is intrusive and unnecessary. It isn't the government's business if bars want to hire someone with a history. If they are willing to do the work why would you try to stop them? A lot of people will be out of jobs if you try to make this a requirement. There isn't any good that can come of that except people not being able to make a living.	3/28/2018 10:42 AM
37	I think requiring a criminal background check to serve a drink is way over the top. The employment market is very severe for business hiring at this time and any further restriction in eligible workers to fill positions will only make things worst. Any new laws have to be enforced which the city or the police department does not seem to have the manpower to provide. The previous attempt at bar cards was a disaster, please consider that.	3/27/2018 5:27 PM



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38	I don't think that there should be any Sunday restrictions for the selling of alcohol. Waiting until 12:30p----what is the significance of that time?? Make it earlier if you must have one, like 10:30a.	3/27/2018 4:13 PM
39	By requiring employees to have a background check, you are preventing people from trying to move forward and on from any past mistakes that may have been made. The service industry is one of the few that people with prior arrests/convictions can succeed in. Any requirements for background checks should be the responsibility of the restaurant/bar. Denying bar cards because of a background check prevents a person from trying to get their lives back on track following mistakes that may have been made. If a restaurant wishes to hire someone regardless of what a background check uncovers, it should be their decision to do so. I agree with training employees on responsible serving techniques, as this can prevent overserving/underage serving/breaking potential laws. Background checks are unnecessary and will devastatingly impact people who have been in the service industries for most of/all of their careers, with no way to get back into an industry they may love and thrive in.	3/27/2018 4:01 PM
40	I think providing staff and management with extensive training is key to controlling the appropriate serving of alcohol. But I wonder if restaurant management should be responsible for hiring practices, ones that check backgrounds, etc.	3/27/2018 11:12 AM
41	Please permit Sunday sales at bars and let us buy alcohol earlier on Sunday. 10am would be much better	3/27/2018 11:05 AM
42	Cease all activities which promote excessive alcohol consumption. Stop "slow ride" alcohol consumption: this activity is loud and obnoxious and diminishes the quality of life for residents. They are worse than buses and trolleys. Eliminate them.	3/27/2018 10:10 AM
43	I feel strongly that the City should limit the allowed drinking on the streets to north of Oglethorpe. The noise, excessive trash and aesthetic of the City is severely compromised by allowing most of the historic district to be an outdoor party venue and it has a very negative impact on the quality of life of the residents.	3/27/2018 9:53 AM
44	No matter the training or ordinance underage drinking will persist and nothing will change.	3/27/2018 9:02 AM
45	Bed and breakfast who serve wine to their guests whether self serve or not should not be required for one staff member to have to have a bar card.	3/27/2018 8:22 AM
46	Along with strict enforcement of the above, there should be better enforcement of the 'to go' cup ordinance and it's boundaries and no 'to go' cups and open containers in vehicles.	3/27/2018 7:54 AM
47	Discourage heavy drinking and focus on moderation which is usually 2 drinks per person max. Anything over 2 drinks leads to intoxication.	3/27/2018 12:31 AM
48	Get rid of bar cards and allow anyone over the age to sell or serve alcohol or mixed drinks. The bar cards and training amounts to discrimination.	3/26/2018 10:01 PM
49	Some form of training/certification makes sense. Background checks and prohibiting someone from gainful employment for an indiscretion is draconian. Employers should have the ultimate say so in who they wish to employ.	3/26/2018 8:09 PM
50	Bar cards are an unnecessary tax on employees, and make it more difficult for Savannah restaurants to hire quality staff when competing against fast growing markets like Pooler. Anyone will tell you that staffing is currently the biggest issue facing Savannah's food and beverage industry. The increased bookkeeping and record keeping requirements of the bar card ordinance represents a burden on employers whose time is best spent elsewhere. Bar cards are an unnecessary burden on employees, with no benefit shown to the public thus far. There have been ZERO instances of revocations of bar cards in Savannah. The requirement is ineffective and a waste of time, money and resources. for both employers and employees.	3/26/2018 7:42 PM
51	I do not believe that bar card training should be required. I do not believe that people with recent alcohol related infractions should be denied work. I do believe that well managed establishments will independently require their employees to seek appropriate training.	3/26/2018 6:14 PM
52	Allowing event venues to have a bar setup at all times to make it easier on the venue owners? (Not a stocked bar, but having the structure ready to go)	3/26/2018 5:03 PM
53	more event venues.	3/26/2018 4:50 PM
54	Please bring back the hybrid restaurant	3/26/2018 4:14 PM

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| 55 | The issue of who serves alcoholic beverages should be at the determination of the establishment under their alcohol license. Bar cards is just another revenue source for any number of outfits and at the end of the day serves no purpose other than to "tax" those individuals who seek to be employed in this industry. With the current employment situation for the hospitality industry and the constant movement of employees (ie: quitting with little or no notice) having a bar card to work in Savannah is nothing but an onerous measure placed on businesses. If you are incapable of hiring for the purpose of serving under your alcohol license you should not be in business. Furthermore background checks should be at the pleasure of the business, not something they should be forced into. | 3/26/2018 4:06 PM |
| 56 | No one should have to have a background check for any job or to serve liquor!!! The revision to the law should state that no one has to have a background check in to a persons background to have a job. Every person needs a job. These companies should be paying people a living wage as well.   | 3/26/2018 4:05 PM |
| 57 | End Sunday sales restrictions. They are an embarrassing, out-moded and ludicrously biased restrictions.  | 3/26/2018 4:02 PM |
| 58 | Sunday at restaurants should be able to serve as other days.   | 3/26/2018 4:02 PM |
| 59 | Please eliminate proximity to a church as a reason to deny an alcohol beverage license. Unfair to let a non tax paying religious entity control use of adjacent properties they do not own   | 3/26/2018 2:50 PM |

Q6 Please provide any other feedback to the City of Savannah as we consider making revisions to the Alcohol Beverages Ordinance.

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