

October 6, 2025

Paul Cobet, President
Downtown Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 9416
Savannah, GA 31412

Dear Paul Cobet:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a proposed establishment in your neighborhood. The business has applied for an Alcohol Beverage License for Circa 1875 located at 48 Whitaker St. The City of Savannah values the importance of fostering positive relationships between businesses and the communities they serve. As such, we encourage new business owners to meet with neighborhood leaders and residents to discuss expectations and the business's plans. As Downtown Neighborhood Association President, you are free to contact the business owner William Hall at (912) 414-0187 to facilitate that discussion.

If your neighborhood association does not wish to meet with the applicant, please respond to this email indicating no meeting is required.

Proposed Alcohol Beverage License			
Name of Applicant	Business Name/Address	Alcohol License Request	Scheduled Council Date
William Hall	Circa 1875 48 Whitaker St	Class C Restaurant/ Bar/ Lounge <i>On-premises consumption</i>	November 13, 2025

If the neighborhood association has any concerns, you may contact our office at (912) 651-3662.

Kind Regards,
Katrina Myers, MPA
Neighborhood Services Liaison

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

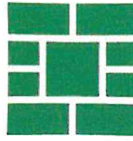
Agenda Date:	9-11-2025
Notification Date from Revenue:	8-12-2025
Business Name:	Circa 1875
Business Address:	48 WHITAKER STREET
Compliant:	YES <u> X </u> NO <u> </u>
Code Violations:	None
Code Case #	25-006159
Re-Inspection Date:	

Comments: No violations



Officer's Name:
Senior Code Compliance Specialist Lorie Odom _____

Date: 8/15/2025



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: October 13, 2025
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 25-004920-ABL

In reference to the application **William Hall /Savannah 1875 Pub LLC DBA Circa 1875**, requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **48 Whitaker St** (PIN 20004 37012), I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Restaurant with Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)**, within the current **D-CBD (Downtown Central Business District)** zoning district:

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

- ☒ **Restaurant is permitted by right.**
- ☐ Is Not Permitted
- ☐ Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen
- ☒ **Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol) is permitted as a Limited Use with Standards.** Use is limited to on-premises consumption only. The property is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District. However, the property is located in the Open Container Zone.
- ☐ Is Permitted as a Non-conforming Use

Further, I have determined that **Parking** at the property:

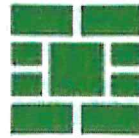
- ☒ **The parking is exempt / met (Downtown Parking Exempt).**
- ☐ The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

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
- ☒ **Obtained a recent (BLA) Business Location Approval for the Restaurant principal use classification BLA on 8/28/25 under 25-004309-BA.**



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police

THRU: DeVonn Adams, Assistant Chief of Police
Michelle Halford, Major of Field Operations *MH*
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant *WB*

FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator

DATE: September 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Circa 1875 / 48 Whitaker Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **11/13/2025**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **William Hall**. Pertinent records of the Georgia Crime Information Unit and local agencies have been searched as of this date with the following results:

Savannah Police Department Disposition

No disqualifying information found.

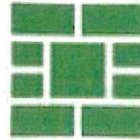
Georgia Crime Information Center Disposition

No disqualifying information found.

The petitioner is requesting a **Class C distilled spirits, malt beverages, and wine by the drink with Sunday sales at 40 Whitaker Street, Savannah 1875 Pub LLC, DBA Circa 1875**.

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant and ABL Responsible Applicant, **William Hall**, are on file with the Alcohol Beverage Compliance Unit. No disqualifying criminal records are outlined in the City of Savannah Code of Ordinances.

The Savannah Police Department's recommendation for **approval** for the ABL Applicant and ABL Responsible Applicant.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Judee Jones, Revenue Director

THRU: Michelle Halford, Major of Field Operations *MH*
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant *WB*

FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator

DATE: October 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Circa 1875 / 48 Whitaker Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **11/13/2025**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **William Hall**. A safety plan has been submitted by the applicant and reviewed by the Savannah Police Department.

The safety 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 **William Hall** requesting a **Class C distilled spirits, malt beverages, and wine by the drink with Sunday sales at 48 Whitaker Street, Savannah 1875 Pub LLC, DBA Circa 1875**, I submit the following:

William Hall's safety plan has been reviewed. It should be noted, the safety 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 safety plan.

Safety Plan Form

Name: William Hall

Establishment: Circa 1875

Address: 48 Whitaker Street Savannah, GA 31401

Date: 10/15/2025

1. Identification of days and hours of operation.

- Monday through Sunday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

2. Specific measures and procedures to address crowd management, both within and outside the premises.

- A manager or floor supervisor is always present during operating hours.
- All staff trained in crowd management, de-escalation, and evacuation procedures.
- Host monitors entry and ensures occupancy limits are not exceeded.
- Reservation system used to regulate guest flow during peak times.
- Maintain clear walkways and exits; no obstruction of sidewalks or doorways.
- Signage directs guests to restrooms, exits, and waiting areas.
- Regular coordination with local Fire and Police as needed.

3. Identification of any parking areas either owned or controlled by the licensee.

N/A

4. Means of controlling access to the premises and parking areas.

- Adhere to Fire Marshal-approved occupancy limits.
- Only primary entrance used for guest access; other doors locked from outside but open from inside.
- Security cameras monitor all entry and exit points.
- After hours, all doors secured with locks and alarm system activated.
- Exterior lighting and camera surveillance remain active overnight.

5. Security Staffing.

- Security personnel hired only during high-traffic holidays (St. Patrick's Day, Fourth of July, New Year's Eve).
- On regular nights, management and host staff handle guest monitoring.

9. *Where applicable, discussion of measures the licensee will undertake to visibly distinguish between patrons under and over the age of 21.*
- All patrons ordering alcohol must present ID.
 - Patrons under 21 are not served alcohol under any circumstances.
 - Managers and floor staff monitor for compliance.

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

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

William Hall for Savannah 1875 Pub LLC t/a **Circa 1875** is requesting a **Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink)** Alcohol License at **48 Whitaker Street**. The establishment is located between West Broughton Street and West Congress Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a restaurant. (New Owner/ New Request).

The applicant(s) will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 13, 2025, in the:

Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 2 East Bay Street.

Anyone objecting to the issuance of these licenses may appear at that time and be heard.

City of Savannah

Mark Massey

Clerk of Council

SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS

PUBLIC NOTICE COLUMN

Please insert the above notice in the PUBLIC NOTICE column of the Savannah Morning News: **NOVEMBER 5, 2025.**

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:

MONDAY, October 27, 2025.