

December 30, 2024

Verlinda Slaughter, President
Midtown Savannah Neighbors Association

Dear Verlinda Slaughter:

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 the Ave Bar & Grill, located at 1721 Waters Ave. 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 Midtown Savannah Neighbors Association President, you are free to contact the business owner, Linda Stephens, 912-596-0168 to facilitate that discussion.

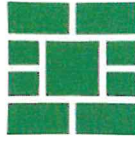
If your neighborhood association does not wish to meet with the applicant, please respond to this email indicating no meeting is required.

Proposed Alcohol Beverage License			
Name of Applicant	Business Name/Address	Alcohol License Request	Scheduled Council Date
Linda Stephens	Ave Bar & Grill	Class C Retail Consumption Dealer (on- premises consumption)	4/10/25

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

Kind Regards,

Frederick Scott-Fields, MPA
Neighborhood Services Liaison



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Administrator
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: March 11, 2025
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 25-001689-ABL

In reference to the application of **Linda Stephens / Ave Bar & Grill**, requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **1721 Waters Ave (PIN 20055 24013)**, I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Restaurant with *Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)*** within the current **TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1)** zoning district:

- ☐ Is Permitted as a Nonconforming Use
- ☒ **Is Permitted by Right: Restaurant is permitting by right.**
- ☐ Is Not Permitted.
- ☒ **Is Permitted as a Non-conforming Special Use:** Per Article 8 Sec. 8.7.24, the accessory use classification *Retail consumption dealer (on premises consumption of alcohol)* requires a Special Use Permit; however, the property has had a valid an Alcoholic Beverage License (ABL) prior to the adoption of the current ordinance. The ABL has not expired over the last 12 months. The parcel is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District. Therefore, the ABL use is permitted as a non-conforming special use.
- ☐ Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen.
- ☐ Is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standard(s)

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

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

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

- ☒ **The use is pre-existing and therefore the parking standards are met/exempt.**
- ☐ The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

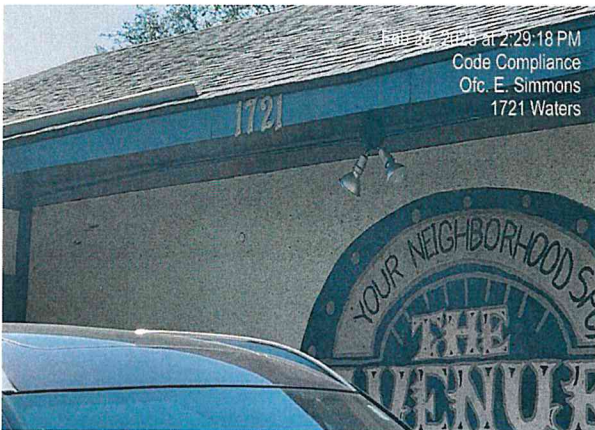
Additionally, I have determined that the **Location:**

- ☐ Zoning Ordinance violations that need to be corrected prior to the issuance of the Alcoholic Beverage License.
- ☒ **Business Location Approval: Obtained a new Business Location Approval for the Restaurant principal use classification on March 11, 2025 (File No. 25-001172-BA).**

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

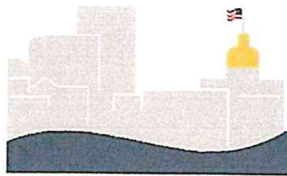
Agenda Date:	April 10, 2025
Notification Date from Revenue:	February 19, 2025
Business Name:	Ave Bar and Grill
Business Address:	1721 Waters Avenue
Compliant:	YES <u> x </u> NO <u> </u>
Code Violations:	N/A
Code Case #	25-001299
Re-Inspection Date:	N/A

Comments: No violations found.



Officer's Name:
Senior Code Compliance Officer Simmons

Date: February 26, 2025



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph A. Melder, City Manager
THRU: Lenny B. Gunther, Chief of Police
Michelle Halford, Major of Field Operations *WH*
FROM: William Barnett, Sergeant
DATE: March 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Ave Bar and Grill, LLC/1721 Waters Avenue

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective 3/21/2025. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Ms. Linda Stephens**.

Pertinent records of the Georgia Crime Information Unit and local agencies have been searched as of this date with the following results:

Savannah Police Disposition

(No record or noted any record found)

Georgia Crime Information Center Disposition

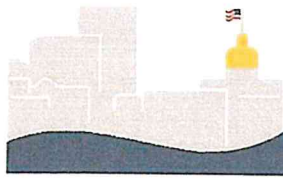
(No record or noted any record found)

The petitioner is requesting new **Class C2,3, Malt Beer, and Wine, by-the-drink** with Sunday Sales at **1721 Waters Avenue, t/a Ave Bar and Grill, LLC**.

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

The fingerprints for the ABL Responsible Applicant, **Linda Stephens**, 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 **Linda Stephens** and ABL Responsible Applicant **Linda Stephens**.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
THRU: Michelle Halford, Major *WH*
FROM: William Barnett, Sergeant
DATE: March 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Ave Bar and Grill LLC/1721 Waters Avenue

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effectively on 3/3/2025. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning an addition to the Alcoholic Beverage License for Ms. Linda Stephens. 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).

Regarding the petition for Ms. Linda Stephens requesting Class C23, New (Restaurant) for the sale of Malt Beer, and Wine, by-the-drink with Sunday sales permit at Ave Bar and Grill LLC, 1721 Waters Avenue.

I submit the following:

Ms. Linda Stephens security plan has been reviewed. It should be noted that 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 the denial of this security plan.

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

Ashok Lakhani for River Street Cigars LLC. t/a Exotic Cigars is requesting a Class E (Beer and Wine) Alcohol License at 507 East River Street. The establishment is located between East Broad Ramp Street and Lincoln Ramp in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate as a Convenience Store (Existing Business).

Linda Stephens for Ave Bar and Grill LLC t/a Ave Bar and Grill is requesting a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales at 1721 Waters Avenue. The establishment is located between East 33rd Street and East 34th Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate as a Restaurant (New Owner/New Business).

Dhaval Desai for National Hotel Investment Group t/a Element Hotel is requesting a Class C (Beer and Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales at 26 West Fairmont Avenue. The establishment is located between White Bluff Road and Abercorn Extension in Aldermanic District 5. The applicant plans to operate as a Hotel. (New Owner/New Business)

The applicant(s) will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2025, in the:

SCCPSS Board Room, Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building "G".
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:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 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:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025.