

March 5, 2025

David McDonald, President
Downtown Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 9416
Savannah, GA 31412

Dear David McDonald:

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 Joe and Vera at 23 W Broughton 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, Michael Watts at (404)307-2868 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
Michael Watts	Joe and Vera 23 W Broughton St.	Class C Restaurant/ Bar/ Lounge <i>On-premises consumption</i>	March 27, 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

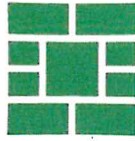
Agenda Date:	3/27/2025
Notification Date from Revenue:	02/07/2025
Business Name:	23 W Broughton St-Liquor
Business Address:	23 W Broughton
Compliant:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Code Violations:	No Code Violations
Code Case #	25-000962
Re-Inspection Date:	N/A

Comments: No violations



Officer's Name:
Supervisor Reggie Gadson_____

Date: 02/13/2025



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Administrator
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: March 14, 2025
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 25-001424-ABL

In reference to the application **Michael Brent Watts / 23 W. Broughton Bar St, LLC / DBA Joe and Vera's**, requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **23 W Broughton St** (PIN 20004 44043), I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Restaurant (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:

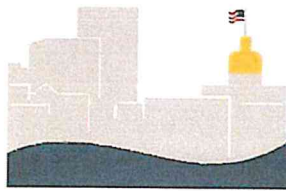
- The parking is exempt / met (Downtown Parking Exempt).**
- The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

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 (BLA) Business Location Approval for the Restaurant principal use classification BLA on 2/27/25 under 25-000103-BA & CO 25-00998-BC.**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police

THRU: DeVonn Adams, Assistant Chief of Police
Michelle Halford, Major of Field Operations *MH*

FROM: William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant

DATE: March 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Joe and Vera's / 23 West Broughton Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **March 27, 2025**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Michael Watts**. 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 record

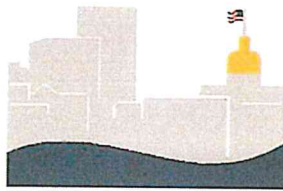
Georgia Crime Information Center Disposition

No record

The petitioner is requesting a **Class C (liquor, malt beverages, and wine) (by the drink) at 23 West Broughton Street, 23 West Broughton Bar LLC (D.B.A. Joe and Vera's)**.

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant and Responsible Applicant, **Michael Watts**, 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.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
THRU: Michelle Halford, Major of Field Operations *MH*
FROM: William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant
DATE: March 12, 2025
SUBJECT: Joe and Vera's / 23 West Broughton Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **March 27, 2025**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Michael Watts**. 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 **Michael Watts** requesting a Class C (liquor, malt beverage, and wine) (by the drink) for **23 West Broughton Bar LLC (D.B.A. Joe and Vera's)**, located at **23 West Broughton Street**. I submit the following:

Michael Watts' 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.

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

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

Michael Watts for 23 W Broughton Bar LLC t/a **Joe and Vera's** is requesting a **Class C (Liquor, Beer and Wine) (By the Drink)** Alcohol License at **23 West Broughton Street**. The establishment is located between Whitaker Street and Bull Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate a restaurant. (New Owner/ New Business).

The applicant(s) will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025, in the:

SCCPSS Board Room, Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Bldg. 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, MARCH 19, 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:

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025.