



July 21, 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 Olympia Café at 5 E River 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, Vasil Varlagas at (912) 713-1991 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
Vasil Varlagas	Olympia Cafe 5 E River St.	Class C Restaurant/ Bar/ Lounge <i>On-premises consumption</i>	August 28, 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

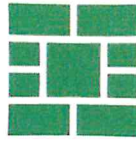
Agenda Date:	8/28/2025
Notification Date from Revenue:	7/11/2025
Business Name:	Olympia Café
Business Address:	5 E. River St.
Compliant:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Code Violations:	None
Code Case #	25-005104
Re-Inspection Date:	

Comments: No violations



Officer's Name:
Senior Code Compliance Specialist Lorie Odom_____

Date: 7/14/2025



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Administrator
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: July 29, 2025
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 25-003933-ABL

In reference to the application of **Vasilis Varlagas / Galary Café, Inc DBA Olympia** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **5 E River St** (PIN 20004 10008) I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Restaurant and Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)**, within the current **D-W (Downtown Waterfront)** zoning district:

- ☒ **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. 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:

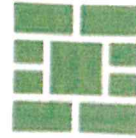
- ☒ **The parking is exempt / met (Downtown & Pre-existing use).**
- ☐ The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

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
- ☒ **A new Business Location Approval for the Restaurant principal use classification has not been applied for new ownership as of July 29, 2025.**



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police

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

FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator

DATE: August 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Olympia Cafe / 5 East River Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **8/28/2025**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Vasilis Varlagas**. 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.

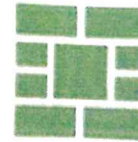
Georgia Crime Information Center Disposition

No disqualifying information found.

The petitioner is requesting a **Class C (distilled spirit, malt beverage, and wine) (by the drink) with Sunday Sales at 5 East River Street, Galary Café INC (DBA Olympia Café)**.

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant and ABL Responsible Applicant, **Vasilis Varlagas**, 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: August 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Olympia Cafe / 5 East River Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **8/28/2025**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Vasilis Varlagas**. 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 **Vasilis Varlagas** requesting a Class **C (distilled spirit, malt beverage, and wine) (by the drink) with Sunday Sales at 5 East River Street, Galary Café INC (DBA Olympia Café)**. I submit the following:

Vasilis Varlagas'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.

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING

Maronda Pierce for Kimberly's Kids LLC t/a **Kim's Café Midtown** is requesting a **Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)** Alcohol License **with Sunday Sales** at **714 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.** The establishment is located between W. Gwinnett St. and W. Hall St in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a Restaurant (New request/ Existing Business).

Vasilis Varlagas for Galaxy Café Inc. t/a **Olympia Cafe** is requesting a **Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)** Alcohol License **with Sunday Sales** at **5 E. River Street.** The establishment is located between Drayton Ramp and Abercorn Ramp in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a Restaurant (New Owner/Existing Business).

The applicant (s) will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE COLUMN

Please insert the above notice in the PUBLIC NOTICE column of the Savannah Morning News: **AUGUST 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, AUGUST 14, 2025.