



July 28, 2026

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 Recess Hotel and Club Savannah at 7 E Congress 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 Dhruv Khanna (303) 763-0963 email: dhruv@stayrecess.com 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
Dhruv Khanna	Recess Hotel and Club Savannah 7 E Congress St	Class A Caterer <i>On-premises Consumption</i> Class C Retail Consumption <i>On-premises consumption</i> Class E Retail Package <i>Off-Premises Consumption</i>	August 27, 2026

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

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

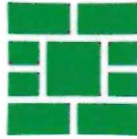
Agenda Date:	TBD
Notification Date from Revenue:	7/7/26
Business Name:	RECESS HOTEL & CLUB
Business Address:	7 E. Congress Street
Compliant:	YES ☒ NO ☐
Code Violations:	N/A
Code Case #	26-007257
Re-Inspection Date:	N/A



Comments:

Officer's Name:
____Judy Stewart_

Date:7/7/26



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: August 04, 2026
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 26-003766-ABL

In reference to the application of **Dhruv Khanna/ Manger Building Property Owner LLC DBA Recess Hotel & Club Savannah** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **7 East Congress St (PIN [20004 38012](#))**, I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Hotel/Motel 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)**:

- ☒ **Hotel 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. Note, the property is located in the open container area and not within an Alcohol Overlay District.
- ☐ Is Permitted as a Non-conforming Use

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

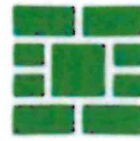
- ☒ **The parking is met/exempt (Pre-existing use).**
- ☐ The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

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
- ☒ **Business Location Approval:** BLA #[26-002509-BA](#) submitted 5/15/2026 is pending CO for the Hotel.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police
THRU: Max Nowinsky, Major of Field Operations
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant *WSB*
FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator
DATE: July 29, 2026
SUBJECT: Recess Hotel and Club Savannah / 7 East Congress Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **8/27/2026**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Dhruv Khanna**. 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 123 SS distilled spirit, malt beverage, and wine with Sunday sales by the drink, a Class A 123 distilled spirit, malt beverage, and wine by the package, and a Class E 23 malt beverage and wine by the package at 7 East Congress Street, Manager Building Property Owner LLC, DBA Recess Hotel and Club Savannah.**

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant ABL Responsible Applicant, **Dhruv Khanna**, 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 Criminal Investigations *LLH*
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant

FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator

DATE: August 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Recess Hotel & Club Savannah / 7 East Congress Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **8/27/2026**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Dhruv Khanna**. 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 **Dhruv Khanna** requesting a **Class C 123 SS distilled spirit, malt beverage, and wine with Sunday sales by the drink, a Class A 123 distilled spirit, malt beverage, and wine by the package, and a Class E 23 malt beverage and wine by the package at 7 East Congress Street, Manager Building Property Owner LLC, DBA Recess Hotel and Club Savannah**, I submit the following:

Dhruv Khanna'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.