

MEMO

To: Judgee Jones, Revenue Administrator  
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator  
Date: April 12, 2024  
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 24-002190-ABL

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In reference to the application of **Ralph Grayson DBA Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **314 Williamson** (PIN **20003 09007**) I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Bar/Tavern, with Retail consumption dealer (on premise consumption of alcohol)** within the current **D-W (Downtown Waterfront)** zoning district:

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

- Is permitted by right.
- Is Not Permitted
- Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen
- Is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standard(s)**: The Primary use classification *Bar / Lounge* is permitted as a limited use with standards per Article 5 Sec. 5.4 Principal Use Table. The use is permitted by right, because the parcel is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District. Alcohol sales are limited to on-premises consumption only.
- Is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standard(s)**: The accessory use classification *Retail consumption dealer (on premises consumption of alcohol)* is permitted as a limited use with standards per Article 5 Sec. 5.4 Principal Use Table. Per Article 8 Sec. 8.7.24(b)(i), the use is permitted by right, because the parcel is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District. Alcohol sales are limited to on-premises consumption only.
- Is Permitted as a Non-conforming Use

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

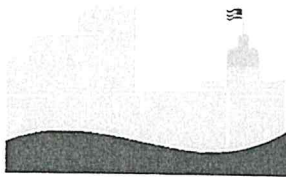
- The parking is exempt / met (Pre-existing use).**
- The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

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
- Obtained a new Business Location Approval for the Bar / Lounge principal use classification on March 4, 2024, per BLA Plan No 24-001165-BA**



# SAVANNAH POLICE

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**TO:** Joseph A. Melder, City Manager

**THRU:** Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police  
Devonn Adams, Asst. Chief of Police  
Shanita Young, Major *JY*

**FROM:** Perneacia Banks, Sergeant *PB*

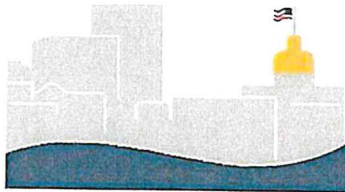
**DATE:** 03/27/2024

**Subject:** Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon / 314 Williamson St. Suite B.

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation effective 3/27/2024. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License Applicant, Ralph Grayson.

The petitioner is requesting a new business licensing of a Class C123 (bar/lounge) for on premise consumption sale of liquor, beer, and wine sales at Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon located at 314 Williamson St. Suite B.



A review of the criminal history of Mr. Grayson, to be found on file with the Alcohol Beverage Compliance Unit, revealed no disqualifying information as outlined in the City of Savannah Code of Ordinances, Section 6-1207, b.6. Based solely on the applicant's criminal history, the Savannah Police Department recommends approval of the above petition.



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**TO:** Judee Jones, Revenue Director  
**THRU:** Shinita Young, Major   
**FROM:** Perneacia Banks, ABC Sergeant   
**DATE:** 4/4/2024  
**SUBJECT:** Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano's Saloon/ 314-b Williamson St.

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The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective 4/4/2024. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for Gregory Lard. 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).

In reference to the petition for Gregory Lard requesting a C123 (Bar/Lounge) for on premises consumption sale of liquor, malt beverages, and wine at Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano's Saloon located at 314-b Williamson St. I submit the following:

Gregory Lard's 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  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Ralph L. Grayson for WGB Savannah, LLC t/a Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon requests a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Alcohol License at 314 Williamson Street. The establishment is between Montgomery Street and Barnard Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a bar. (New Owner/Existing Business). The applicant will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2024, in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 2 E. Bay Street.

Anyone objecting to the issuance of this license may appear at that time and be heard.

City of Savannah  
Mark Massey  
Clerk of Council

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