



April 15, 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 Debi's Restaurant at 225 E Bay 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 Debi Christiansen at (912) 272-3324 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
Debi Christiansen	Debi's Restaurant 225 E Bay St	Class C Retail Consumption <i>On-premises consumption</i>	May 14, 2026

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

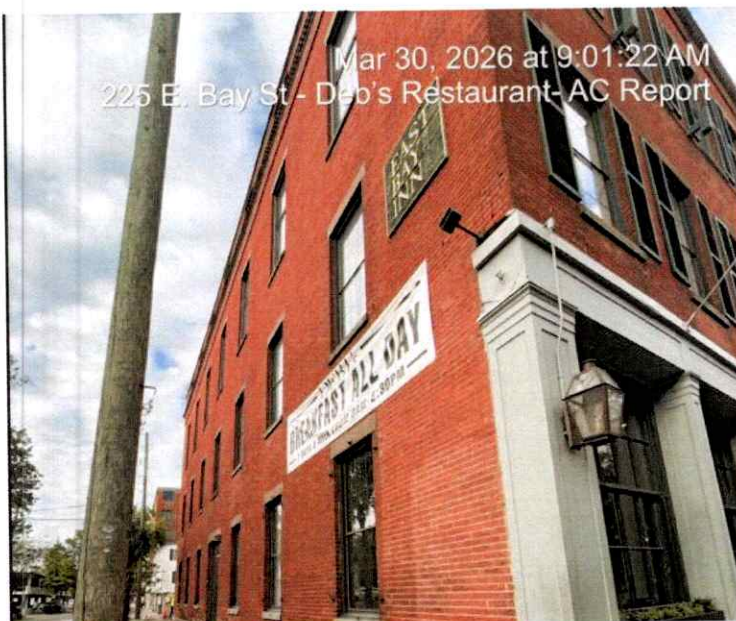
Kind Regards,
Katrina Myers, MPA
Neighborhood Services Liaison

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Agenda Date:	5/14/2026
Notification Date from Revenue:	3/24/2026
Business Name:	Debi's Restaurant
Business Address:	225 E. Bay
Compliant:	YES _____ NO <u> X </u>
Code Violations:	To be Used for Public Purpose Only, Signs Requiring Permit
Code Case #	26-002694
Re-Inspection Date:	4/21/2026

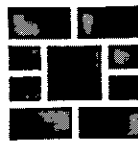
Comments: To be Used for Public Purpose Only, Signs Requiring Permit.

This is the fourth time the business has been cited for signage. The property was cited on 08/03/2020, 06/2028/2021, 01/23/2023, and 03/27/2026 for unpermitted signage. During the Alcohol Review Board Debbie Christiansen was asked if she knew the banner required approval from the MPC. She stated she was aware. I asked if she was responsible and aware the property was cited several times for unpermitted signage. She stated yes.



Officer's Name:
Judy Stewart

Date: 3/30/2026



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: April 1, 2026
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 26-001996-ABL

In reference to the application of **Debi Christiansen / DBA Debi's Restaurant** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **225 East Bay St (PIN 20004 17011)**, I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Restaurant 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)**:

- 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. 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:

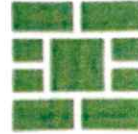
- The parking is met/exempt (Pre-existing use).**
- The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

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:** Most recent BLA #19-003939-BA was obtained on July 17th, 2019 for the Restaurant



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police

THRU: Max Nowinsky, Major of Field Operations 
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant 

FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator

DATE: April 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Debi's Restaurant / 225 East Bay Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **May 14, 2026**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Debi Christiansen**. 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 C13 distilled spirits and wine by the drink with Sunday sales at 225 East Bay Street, Debi's Restaurant**.

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant and ABL Responsible Applicant, **Debi Christiansen**, 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.

City of Savannah

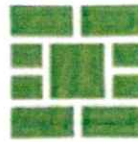
Alcohol Beverage License Notification Slip 2026

Applicant Name Debi Christianen

Date printed 11/7/26



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City of Savannah Police Department
111 Habersham Street
Savannah, GA 31401



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William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant 

FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator

DATE: April 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Debi's Restaurant / 225 East Bay Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **May 14, 2026**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Debi Christiansen**. 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 **Debi Christiansen** requesting a **Class C13 distilled spirits and wine by the drink with Sunday Sales at 225 East Bay Street, Debi's Restaurant**, I submit the following:

Debi Christiansen'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**

Debi Christiansen for Debi's Restaurant t/a Debi's Restaurant is requesting a Class C (*Liquor, Wine*) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales at 225 East Bay Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn Street and Lincoln Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate a Restaurant. (*New Applicant/Existing Business*).

The applicants will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2026, 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: [WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026](#).

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:

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