

March 24, 2026

Jacob Jarvis, President
Thomas Square Neighborhood Association
201 E 38th St
Savannah, GA 31401

Dear Jacob Jarvis:

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 First City Brewing located at 1722 Habersham 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 Thomas Square Neighborhood Association President, you are free to contact the business owner, Ernest McLean at (239) 571-1915 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
Ernest McLean	First City Brewing 1722 Habersham St	Class B Manufacturer	April 9, 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

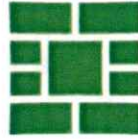
Agenda Date:	4/9/2026
Notification Date from Revenue:	1/23/2026
Business Name:	First City Brewing
Business Address:	1722 Habersham St
Compliant:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Code Violations:	None
Code Case #	26-000686
Re-Inspection Date:	

Comments: No violations



Officer's Name:
Lynn Newman

Date: 01/28/2026



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: March 26, 2026
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 26-001557-ABL

In reference to the application of **Ernest "EJ" McLean / First City Brewing** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **1722 Habersham St (PIN 20064 09015)**, I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Brewery, Micro with Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)** within the current **TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1)** zoning district:

- Is Permitted as a Nonconforming Use
- Is Permitted by Right: for the additional Proposed Use Ancillary Retail Dealer (off-premises consumption of alcohol).
- Is Not Permitted
- Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen.** Special Use Permit has been approved (File No. 25-005686-ZA) on January 29, 2026, for *Microbrewery* under following condition:
 - 1) The Special Use Permit shall be nontransferable.
- Is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standard(s)

Additionally, I have determined that the **Proposed Use**

- Is an Existing use/occupancy, but new ownership, management or request.
- Is a new use.**

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

- The use meets the parking standards (9.3.7.d.).**
- The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

Additionally, I have determined that the **Location**:

- Zoning Ordinance violations that need to be corrected prior to the issuance of the Alcoholic Beverage License.
- Obtained a new Business Location Approval dated March 6, 2026, for a Microbrewery principal use classification under File No. 25-006230-BA.**



SPECIAL USE PERMIT

PIN(S): 20064 09015

SPECIAL USE PERMIT NUMBER: 25-005686-ZA

ADDRESSES: 1722 Habersham Street

OWNER'S NAME: Midtown Savannah Property Investments, LLC

AGENT: Josh Yellin on behalf of EJ McLean with First City Brewing,
LLC

ZONING DISTRICT: TC-1

SPECIAL USE APPROVAL: Microbrewery

SPECIAL USE CONDITIONS:

- The Special Use Permit shall be nontransferable

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL: January 22, 2026

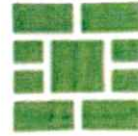
**DIRECTOR,
PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN**

01/29/2026

DATE

**Mark Massey
Clerk of Council**





MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police

THRU: DeVonn Adams, Assistant Chief of Police
Max Nowinsky, Major of Field Operations ^{WB}
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant ^{WB}

FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator

DATE: March 25, 2026

SUBJECT: First City Brewing / 1722 Habersham Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **04/09/2026**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Ernest McLean**. 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 B2 malt beverage manufacturer with Sunday sales located at 1722 Habersham Street, First City Brewing.**

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant and ABL Responsible Applicant, **Ernest McLean**, 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

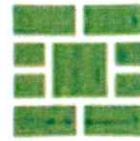
Alcohol Beverage License Notification Slip 2026

Applicant Name Ernest McLean

Date printed 2/17/20



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Savannah Police Department
207 Habersham Street
Savannah, GA 31401



MEMORANDUM

TO: Judee Jones, Revenue Director

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

FROM: Kristofer Singleton, Revenue Investigator

DATE: March 25, 2026

SUBJECT: First City Brewing / 1722 Habersham Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **04/09/2026**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Ernest McLean**. 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 **Ernest McLean** requesting a **Class B2 malt beverage manufacturer with Sunday sales located at 1722 Habersham Street, First City Brewing**, I submit the following:

Ernest Mclean'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**

Ernest McLean for First City Brewing LLC t/a **First City Brewing** is requesting a **Class B (Beer)(Manufacturer)** Alcohol License at **1722 Habersham Street**. The establishment is located between East 34th Street and East 33rd Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate a Manufacturer/Distillery/Brewery. (***New Applicant/ New Business***).

The applicants will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., **Thursday, April 9, 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: **TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 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:

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2026.