



May 13, 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 the Lester's located at 18 E Oglethorpe Ave. 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 Marvin Godley at (843) 324-8189 or [Dgodley@frankies.com](mailto:Dgodley@frankies.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
Marvin Godley	Lester's 18 E Oglethorpe Ave	CLASS E ANCILLARY RETAIL PACKAGE	May 28, 2026

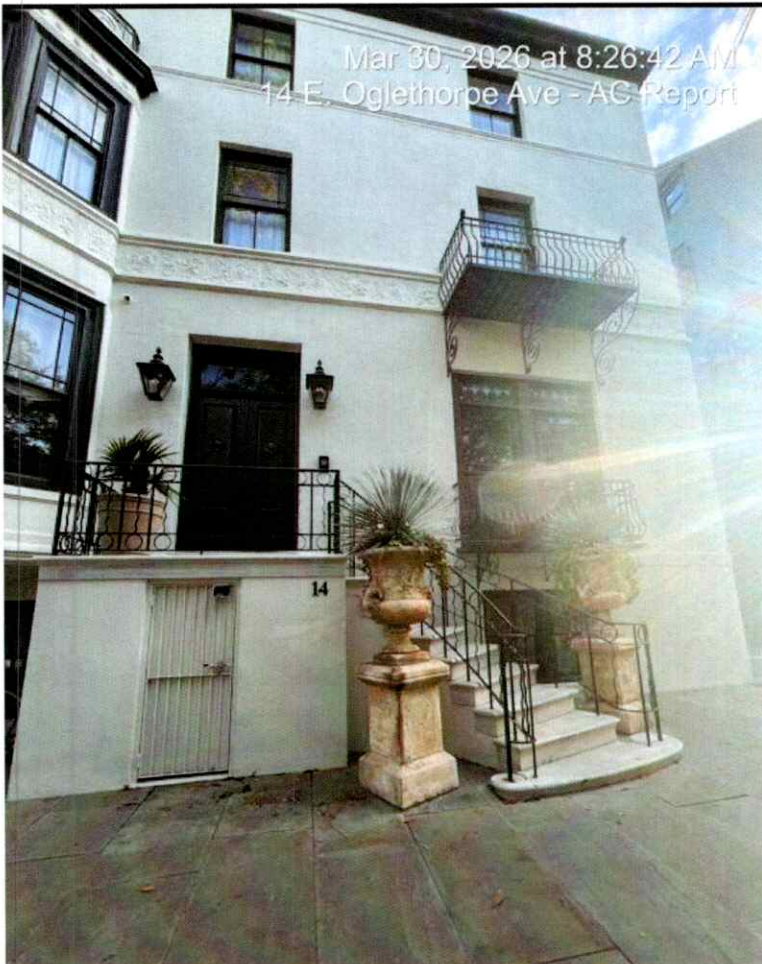
If the neighborhood association has any concerns, you may contact our office at (912) 651-3662.

Kind Regards,  
*Katrina Myers, MPA*  
Neighborhood Services Liaison

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE**

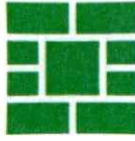
Agenda Date:	5/28/2026
Notification Date from Revenue:	3/24/2026
Business Name:	The Douglas Inn DBA Lester's
Business Address:	14 & 18 E Oglethorpe
Compliant:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Code Violations:	N/A
Code Case #	26-002692
Re-Inspection Date:	N/A

Comments: No violations



Officer's Name:  
Judy Stewart

Date: 3/30/2026



# MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Director  
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator  
Date: May 4, 2026  
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 26-002346-ABL

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In reference to the application of **Marvin. D. Godley, The Douglas Inn DBA T/A Lester's**, requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **14 E Oglethorpe Avenue (PIN 20015 08013)**, I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Hotel/motel, 16-74 rooms, and Restaurant with Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)**, within the current **D-N (Downtown Neighborhood) zoning district**:

- Permitted by Right:** The principal use classification, *Hotel/motel, 16-74 rooms*, as defined in Article 13 of the zoning ordinance, is permitted by right in the zoning district. The principal use classification, ***Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol) and Accessory Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant*** is permitted by right per Article 8 Sec. 8.7.24.in said zoning district. The parcel is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Overlay District. However, parcel is in the open container zone.
- Permitted as a Limited Use with Standard(s):** The principal/secondary use classification, *Restaurant*, as defined in Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance, is permitted as a Limited Use with Standards. Hours of operation shall be limited to between 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
- Is Not Permitted.
- Obtained a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen
- Is Permitted as a Nonconforming Use.

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

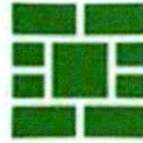
- Is an Existing use/occupancy, but new ownership, management or request.**
- Is a new use/occupancy.

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

- The parking is exempt / met (Pre-existing use).**


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

- Zoning Ordinance violations that need to be corrected prior to the issuance of the Alcoholic Beverage License.
- Has a recent Business Location Approval application pending CO submitted March 31,2026 per File No. 26-001670-BA.**



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police

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

**FROM:** Dwayne McGruder, Revenue Investigator

**DATE:** May 05, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Douglas Inn (Lester's) / 18 East Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA

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The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **May 28, 2026**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Marvin D. Godley**. 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 record or noted any record found)

**Georgia Crime Information Center Disposition**

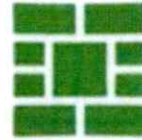
(No record or noted any record found)

The petitioner is requesting an **Class C123 License, Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage and Wine By The Drink with Sunday Sales at 18 East Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA, Douglas Inn (Lester's)**.




The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant, **Marvin D. Godley**, are on file with the Alcohol Beverage Compliance Unit. No disqualifying criminal records are outlined in the City of Savannah Code of Ordinances.

The fingerprints of the ABL Responsible Applicant, **Marvin D. Godley**, 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:** Max Nowinsky, Major of Field Operations   
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant   
**FROM:** Dwayne McGruder, Revenue Investigator  
**DATE:** May 5, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Douglas Inn (Lester's) / 18 East Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA

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The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **05/05/2026**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Marvin Godley**. 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 **Marvin Godley** requesting a **Class C123, Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage, and Wine By The Drink with Sunday Sales at 18 East Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA, Douglas Inn (Lester's)**. I submit the following:

**Marvin Godley'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**

Marvin D. Godley for The Douglas Inn, LLC t/a **Lester's** is requesting a **Class C (Liquor, Beer and Wine)** Alcohol License **with Sunday Sales at 18 E. Oglethorpe Ave.** The establishment is located between Drayton Street and Abercorn Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate a Restaurant. **(Existing Owner/New Business)**

**The applicants will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 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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**SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE COLUMN**

Please insert the above notice in the **PUBLIC NOTICE** column of the Savannah Morning News: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 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:**

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026.**