



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: July 22, 2026
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 26-003758-ABL

In reference to the application of **Susan Schulte / 65915 SS Management, LLC d/b/a The DeSoto** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **15 E Liberty St (PIN 20015 34001)**, I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Hotel/Motel with Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol) and Ancillary retail dealer (off-premises consumption of alcohol)**, within the current **D-CBD (Downtown Central Business District)** zoning district:

- ☒ **Is Permitted by right:** The principal use classification, *Hotel/Motel*, as defined in Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance, is permitted by right in the zoning district.
The accessory use classification, *Ancillary retail dealer (off-premises consumption of alcohol)*, as defined in Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance, is allowed by right in the zoning district. The property is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District.
- ☐ Is Not Permitted
- ☐ Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen
- ☒ **Is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standards:** The accessory use classification, *Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)*, as defined in Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance, is permitted as a Limited Use with Standards. Use is limited to on-premises consumption only. The property is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District. However, the property is located in the Open Container Zone.
- ☐ Is Permitted as a Non-conforming Use

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

- ☒ **The parking is exempt / met (Downtown Parking Exempt).**
- ☐ 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 Business Location Approval for *Hotel* principal use classification was obtained by Applicant under File No. 26-000773-BA.



July 14, 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 Desoto at 15 E Liberty 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 Susan Schulte (470) 762-6514 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
Susan Schulte	The Desoto 15 E Liberty 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 13, 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



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police

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

FROM: Latoria McMiller, Revenue Investigator

DATE: July 22, 2026

SUBJECT: 65915 SS Management, LLC DBA The Desoto/ 15 E. Liberty Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **August 13, 2026**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Susan Schulte**. 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 an **Class A123 License Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage, and Wine by the Drink with Sunday Sales. Class C123 License Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage, and Wine by the Drink with Sunday Sales. Class E License Malt Beverage and Wine by the Package at 15 E. Liberty Street 65915 SS Management, LLC DBA The Desoto.**

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant, **Susan Schulte** 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, **Mitchell Linder's** 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.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Agenda Date:	8/13/2026
Notification Date from Revenue:	6/24/26
Business Name:	Desoto Hilton
Business Address:	15 E. Liberty Street
Compliant:	YES ☒ NO ☐
Code Violations:	N/A
Code Case #	26-006664
Re-Inspection Date:	N/A

Comments:



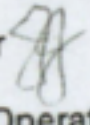
Officer's Name:

____Judy Stewart____

Date:6/29/2026



MEMORANDUM

TO: Judee Jones, Revenue Director 
THRU: Max Nowinsky, Major of Field Operations 
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant
FROM: Latoria McMiller, Revenue Investigator
DATE: July 09, 2026
SUBJECT: 65915 SS Management, LLC DBA The Desoto/ 15 E Liberty Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **August 13, 2026**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Susan Schulte**. 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 **Susan Schulte** requesting a **Class A123 License Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage and Wine By The Drink with Sunday Sales, Class C123 License Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage, and Wine By The Drink with Sunday Sales, Class E License Malt Beverage and Wine By The Package at 15 E Liberty Street, 65915 SS Management, LLC DBA The Desoto**. I submit the following:

Susan Schulte'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**

Susan Mary Ellan Schulte for 65915 SS Management LLC t/a **The DeSoto** is requesting a **Class A (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (Cater), Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink), Class E (Beer and Wine) (Ancillary Retail)** Alcohol License with Sunday Sales at **15 East Liberty Street**. The establishment is located between Bull Street and Drayton Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate a Hotel. (***New Applicant / Existing Business***).

The applicants will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2026, in the:

Council Chambers, 2nd 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

SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

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MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026.