



Greetings Nancy Maia,

I would like to inform you about a proposed establishment in your neighborhood, **The Bellwether House (211 Gaston Street)** has applied for an Alcohol Beverage License. The City of Savannah understands the importance of a positive working relationship between businesses and the community they serve. For that reason, we encourage new business owners to meet with neighborhood leaders and residents to discuss expectations and the business's plan. As **Victorian Neighborhoods President**, you are free to contact the business owner, **Victoria Hill: 678-336-7243** to facilitate that discussion.

**If you do not need to meet with the applicant, please respond to this email indicating no meeting is required.**

The following will go before the Savannah City Council tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2024.

Company Name	Location
The Bellwether House	211 Gaston Street

If there are any concerns, please contact the City of Savannah at (912) 651-6520

Best,

*Ty McClendon*

Neighborhood Services Liaison  
Office of the City Manager  
Office: (912) 651-3662 ext. 1826  
Cell: (912) 210-8801



**Good Neighborhood Agreement  
The Bellwether House  
and Its Neighbors**

The Good Neighborhood Agreement is entered into effect as of July 29, 2021, between The Bellwether House and its neighbors.

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that The Bellwether House meets the expectations of the communities and is operated in a lawful manner that does not unreasonably impact the neighborhood in a negative way.

In addition, this agreement ensures that all parties will work together to make sure listed concerns are addressed on a regular basis and that City of Savannah regulations, requirements, and laws are met and maintained.

1. General:
  - a. Per the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance, The Bellwether House is a non-conforming inn because it has 16 rooms. In all other respects it is an inn as described by the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance.
  - b. This Good Neighborhood Agreement works in conjunction with the City of Savannah Alcohol Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance. It is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing requirements of those ordinances. However, where this Agreement and the Ordinances conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.
2. Responsibilities of The Bellwether House:
  - a. Follow the partnership commitments set forth in the Good Neighborhood Agreement (GNA);
  - b. Agree to meet at least six months after signing the neighborhood agreement to ensure goals are being met.
  - c. Participate in follow-up meetings (as needed and/or when requested);
  - d. Follow up promptly on any valid neighborhood concerns related to the business with the neighbors;
  - e. Notify the neighbors if the business changes owners;
  - f. Provide 24-hour, 7 days a week onsite staff who are available to receive neighbor concerns by phone and email;
  - g. Provide the relevant content of the GNA to all staff of the inn and incorporate it into the business plan and training material of the Bellwether House;
  - h. Revise and maintain all marketing of the inn (to include the website) so that it is consistent with the GNA;

- i. Shall not run a commercial catering kitchen that provides catering for off-site events.
- j. Serve alcohol only to the occupants of the inn and its invited guests except during an “event” as outlined below;
- k. Serve food only to the occupants of the inn and its invited guests except during an “event” as outlined below;
- l. Re: events:
  - i. shall have no more than six events per calendar year. For purposes of this agreement, events are defined as “meetings, parties, or events,” regardless of the number of people, and are further defined as follows:
    - 1. And/or any time the total number of occupants of the inn and/or their guests exceeds 40 people, excluding staff;
    - 2. And/or where music is played outside over 50 dB;
    - 3. And/or where dancing occurs outside in groups;
  - ii. Shall notify the neighbors of scheduled events at least one month prior to the event; and
  - iii. Shall limit the number of occupants of the inn and/or their guests during an event to a maximum of 50 people, not including staff. The Bellwether House may exceed 50 guests during an event without exceeding fire marshal occupancy limits with approval from the neighbors.
- m. Re: Trash:
  - i. Provide adequate size and number of trash containers for the proper functioning of the inn to include during an event;
    - 1. Trash to be screened per the city of Savannah’s Zoning Ordinance, Historic District Requirements; and
    - 2. Trash to be picked up at intervals adequate to prevent any accumulation of debris in the lane.
- n. Re: Parking:
  - i. Shall maintain in perpetuity a minimum of 20 parking spaces, dedicated solely for the use of the inn and their guests;
    - 1. Any changes to the parking shall meet The City of Savannah’s Zoning Ordinance requirements for number of spaces and distance from the Bellwether House.
    - 2. Spaces to be properly maintained, marked, etc.; and
  - ii. Notify the neighbors if there is any change in the status of the remote parking at least 30 days prior to the change.

### 3. Responsibilities of the Neighbors/residents:

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

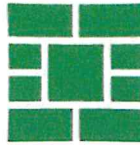
Agenda Date:	4-25-2024
Notification Date from Revenue:	3-12-2024
Business Name:	The Bellwether House
Business Address:	211 E. Gaston St.
Compliant:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Code Violations:	None
Code Case #	24-002041
Re-Inspection Date:	

Comments: No violations



Officer's Name:  
Senior Code Compliance Specialist Lorie Odom\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 3-18-2024



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Administrator  
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator  
Date: April 26, 2024  
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 24-002511-ABL

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In reference to the application of **Victoria Hill / TPG Bellwether Beverage, LLC** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **211 E. Gaston St (PIN [20032 51004](#))** I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Inn and Retail consumption dealer (on premise consumption of alcohol)** within the current **D-R (Downtown Residential) zoning district:**

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

- Is Permitted by Right:** The principal use classification *Catering establishment* is allowed by right in the zoning district; however, such establishment provides meals and/or beverages for off-site consumption and does not include any banquet or reception hall associated with such an establishment or any type of restaurant use. The property does not have a valid license for the *Hall, banquet or reception, or Bar/Tavern* principal use classification and does not have non-conforming status for this use classification. No more than six (6) events per year may be held on the Property.
- Is Not Permitted.** The principal use classification Bar/Tavern is not permitted.
- Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen:** The principal use classification *Restaurant*, as defined in Article 13 of the zoning ordinance, requires a Special Use Permit from the Mayor and Aldermen. The applicant petitioned the Chatham County—Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission on May 18, 2021, for the Special Use Permit and the Board voted to deny the request. The petitioner withdrew the request for consideration by the Mayor and Aldermen on June 8, 2021. The principal use classification *Restaurant* is not allowed.
- Is Permitted with the Following Conditions:** The principal use classification *Retail consumption dealer (on premise consumption of alcohol)* is permitted for the sale of beer, wine, or alcoholic beverages served by the drink solely to occupants of a hotel and their guests for consumption only on the premises; provided there is no exterior sign of any type advertising or calling attention to the sale of beer, wine or alcoholic beverages on such premises.
- Is Permitted as a Nonconforming Special Use:** The principal use classification *Retail consumption dealer (on premise consumption of alcohol)* is permitted as Nonconforming Special Use. The business obtained Alcohol Licenses on approximately July 22, 2021, and February 7, 2023, for change of name/owner.
- Is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standard(s):
- Is Permitted as a Non-conforming Use:

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

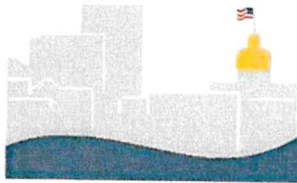
- The parking is met/exempt (Pre-existing use).**
- The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards.

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 # 24-001326-BA recently approved 3/11/2024. Alcohol permit required for alcohol sales. It is recommended that the attached Good Neighbor Agreement be updated.**



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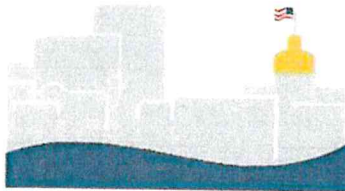
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**TO:** Joseph A. Melder, City Manager  
**THRU:** Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police  
Devonn Adams, Asst. Chief of Police  
Shanita Young, Major *JY*  
**FROM:** Perneacia Banks, Sergeant *PB*  
**DATE:** 4/2/2024  
**Subject:** Bellwether House/ 211 E Gaston St.

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendation effective 4/2/2024. The following information concerns a new Alcoholic Beverage Applicant, Victoria Ann Hill.

The petitioner is requesting a new alcohol business licensing of a Class C123 (bar/lounge) for on premise consumption sale of liquor, beer, and wine with Sunday sales for the Bellwether House located at 211 E Gaston St.

A review of the criminal history of Ms. Hill, 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 *SY*  
**FROM:** Perneacia Banks, ABC Sergeant *PB*  
**DATE:** April 23, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Bellwether House/ 211 E Gaston St.

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The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **4/24/24**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a **new** Alcoholic Beverage License for **Victoria Hill**. 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 **Victoria Hill** requesting a **Class C123SS (Hotel)** for **on premises** consumption sale of **liquor, malt beverages, and wine** at the **Bellwether House** located at **211 E Gaston St**. I submit the following:

**Victoria Hill'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**

Victoria Hill for TPG Bellwether Beverage, LLC t/a Bellwether House requests a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Alcohol License at 211 East Gaston Street. The establishment is between Abercorn Street and Lincoln Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate a bed and breakfast. (New Owner/Existing Business). The applicant will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 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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**SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS  
PUBLIC NOTICE COLUMN**

Please insert the above notice in the PUBLIC NOTICE column of the Savannah Morning News: THURSDAY, April 25, 2024.

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, APRIL 22, 2024.**