



December 31, 2025

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 J Christopher located at 122 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 Stacy Ritchie at (912) 224-0964 or stacyilene@hotmail.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
Stacy Ritchie	J. Christopher 122 E Liberty St.	Class C Restaurant/ Bar/ Lounge On-premises consumption	January 22, 2026

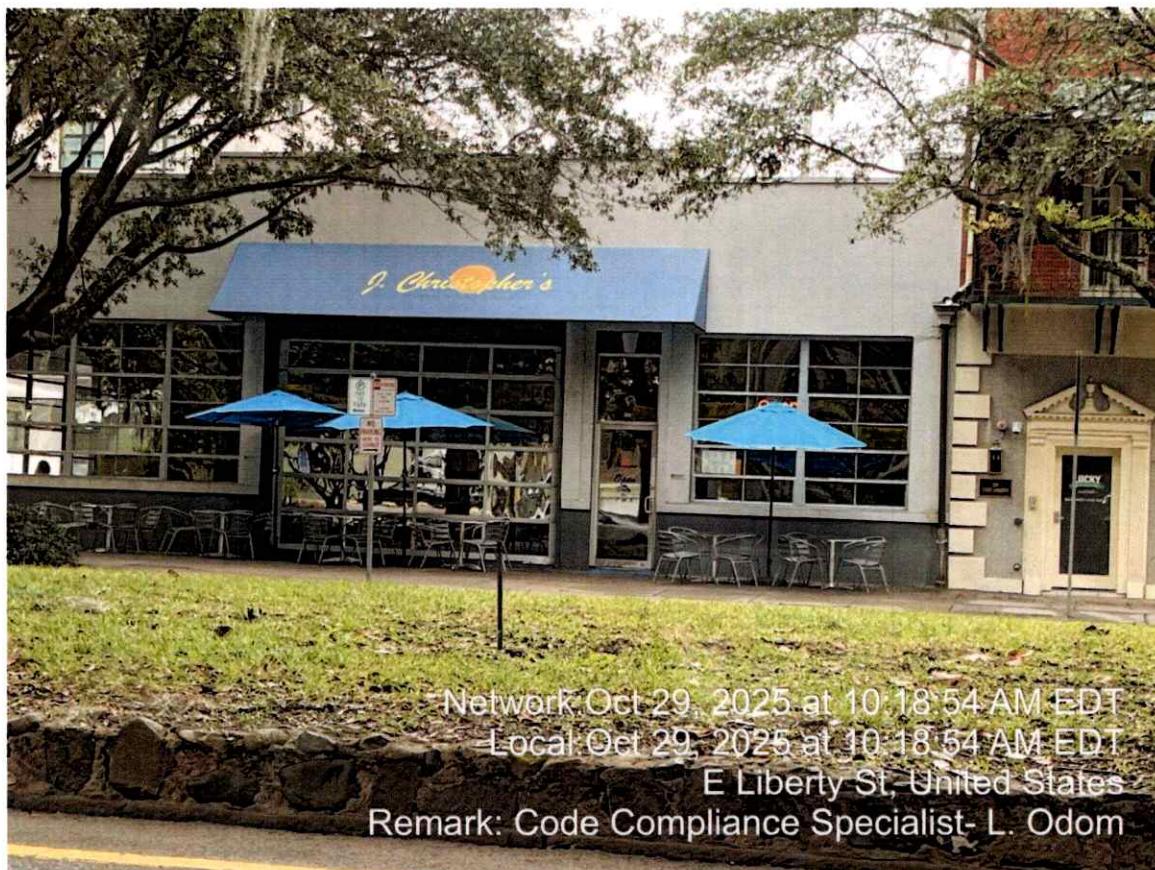
If the neighborhood association has any concerns, you may contact our office at (912) 651-3662.

Kind Regards,
Katrina Myers, MPA
Neighborhood Services Liaison

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Agenda Date:	12/17/2025
Notification Date from Revenue:	11/6/2025
Business Name:	J Christopher's
Business Address:	122 E. Liberty St.
Compliant:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO _____
Code Violations:	None
Code Case #	25-008855
Re-Inspection Date:	

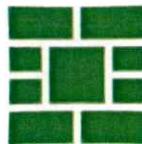
Comments: No violations



Officer's Name:

Senior Code Compliance Specialist Lorie Odom _____

Date: 11/7/2025



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
Date: December 10, 2025
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 25-006205-ABL

In reference to the application of **Stacy Richie, LLC/ J. Christopher's** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **122 E Liberty St (PIN 20015 30009)**, I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Restaurant with Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)** within the current **D-N (Downtown Neighborhood) zoning district**:

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

Restaurant is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standard(s): The principal use classification *Restaurant*, as defined in Article 13 of the zoning ordinance, is permitted as a Limited Use with Standards. Use is limited to hours of operation between 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Accessory alcohol sales by the drink in association with a restaurant is permitted by right. The parcel is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District. However, the property is in the Open Container Zone.

Is Not Permitted

Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen

Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol) is permitted in Association with a Restaurant.

Is Permitted as a Non-conforming Use

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

The parking is exempt / met (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

Has a recent Business Location Approval application completed on December 10, 2025, for a Restaurant principal use classification under BLA plan No. 25-005019-BA.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police
THRU: DeVonn Adams, Assistant Chief of Police
Michelle Halford, Major of Field Operations *WMA*
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant
FROM: Dwayne McGruder, Revenue Investigator
DATE: December 26, 2025
SUBJECT: J. Christopher's / 122 East Liberty Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **01/22/2026**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Stacy Ritchie**. Pertinent records of the Georgia Crime Information Unit and local agencies have been searched as of this date with the following results:

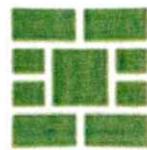
Savannah Police Department Disposition
No Disqualifying Information

Georgia Crime Information Center Disposition
No Disqualifying Information

The petitioner is requesting an **Class C License with Distilled Spirit, Malt Beverage, and Wine with Sunday Sales at 122 East Liberty Street, J. Christopher's**.

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant and ABL Responsible Applicant, **Stacy Ritchie**, 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: Judgee Jones, Revenue Director

THRU: Michelle Halford, Major of Field Operations *WMA*

William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant

FROM: Dwayne McGruder, Revenue Investigator

DATE: December 22, 2025

SUBJECT: J. Christopher's / 122 E Liberty Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **12/22/2025**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Stacy Ritchie**. 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 **Stacy Ritchie** requesting a **Class C (Distilled Spirit, Malt Beverage, and Wine) (By The Drink)** with **Sunday Sales at 122 E Liberty Street, J. Christopher's**. I submit the following:

Stacy Ritchie'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

Stacy Ritchie for Café Restaurants Savannah LLC t/a **J. Christopher's** is requesting a **Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink)** Alcohol License **with Sunday Sales at 122 East Liberty Street**. The establishment is located between Floyd Street and Abercorn Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate a restaurant. **(New Owner/New Request)**.

The applicants will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 22, 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

SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS

PUBLIC NOTICE COLUMN

Please insert the above notice in the **PUBLIC NOTICE** column of the Savannah Morning News: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 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:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026.