



March 3, 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 State and Whitaker located at 117 Whitaker 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 Stewart Putman at (912) 660-0033 or Stu.Putman@earthlink.net 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
Stewart Putman	State and Whitaker 117 Whitaker St	Class C <i>On-premises consumption</i>	March 26, 2026

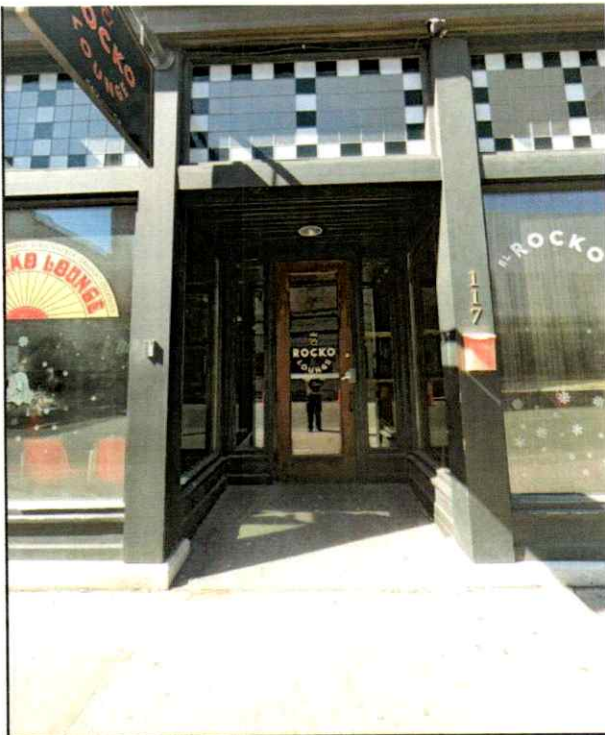
If the neighborhood association has any concerns, you may contact our office at (912) 651-3662.

Kind Regards,
Katrina Myers, MPA
Neighborhood Services Liaison

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: NEW APPLICATION ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Agenda Date:	2/18/26
Notification Date from Revenue:	2/13/26
Business Name:	STATE AND WHITAKER
Business Address:	117 WHITAKER STREET
Compliant:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Code Violations:	None
Code Case #	26-001297
Re-Inspection Date:	N/A

Comments: No violations



Officer's Name:
_____Judy Stewart_

Date: 2/13/26



MEMO

To: Judee Jones, Revenue Director
From: Aislee Jackson, Zoning Use Coordinator
CC: Jerry Bartley, Revenue Manager
Date: March 11, 2026
Re: Zoning Review of Alcoholic Beverage License Request 26-001273-ABL

In reference to the application of **Weston & Stewart Putman, T/A State & Whitaker** requesting an alcoholic beverage license at **117 Whitaker St** (PIN 20004 43002), I have determined that the **Proposed Use, Bar/tavern with Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)** within the current D-CBD (Downtown Central Business District) zoning district:

- Is Permitted by Right:
- Is Not Permitted
- Requires a Special Use Permit from The Mayor and Aldermen
- Is Permitted as a Limited Use with Standards:** The principal use classification **Bar/tavern**, as defined in Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance, is allowed as a limited use in the zoning district. This use is pre-existing; the standards are met. **Retail consumption dealer (on-premises consumption of alcohol)** is permitted as limited use to on-premises consumption only. However, the parcel is in the open container zone. The parcel is not within the boundaries of an Alcohol Density Overlay District.
- Is Permitted as a Non-conforming Use

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

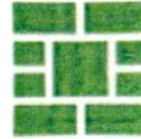
- The parking requirement is met/exempt.**
- The proposed use(s) are deficient in the parking standards

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
- Obtained a new Business Location Approval dated February 4, 2026 for a Bar/Tavern principal use classification under File No. 26-000278-BA.**



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lenny Gunther, Chief of Police
THRU: DeVonn Adams, Assistant Chief of Police
Max Nowinsky, Major of Field Operations
William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant
FROM: Dwayne McGruder, Revenue Investigator
DATE: March 3, 2026
SUBJECT: State & Whitaker / 117 Whitaker Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a recommendation for an Alcoholic Beverage License effective **March 26, 2026**. The following information concerns the Alcoholic Beverage License application for **Weston Putman**. 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 Spirit, Malt Beverage and Wine By The Drink with No Sunday Sales at 117 Whitaker Street, State & Whitaker, Inc. (State & Whitaker)**.

The fingerprints for the ABL Applicant, **Weston Putman**, 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, **Weston Putman**, 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.

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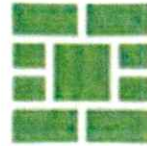
Alcohol Beverage License Notification Slip 2026

Applicant Name Weston Putman

Date printed 2/24/2026

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Savannah Police Department
201 Habersham Street
Savannah, GA 31401



MEMORANDUM

TO: Judee Jones, Revenue Director

THRU: Max Nowinsky, Major of Field Operations

William Barnett, Administrative Sergeant

FROM: Dwayne McGruder, Revenue Investigator

DATE: March 4, 2026

SUBJECT: State & Whitaker / 117 Whitaker Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to submit recommendations effective **03/26/2026**. The following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning a new Alcoholic Beverage License for **Weston Putman**. 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 **Weston Putman** requesting a Class **C123 License with Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage, and Wine By The Drink with No Sunday Sales** at **117 Whitaker Street, State & Whitaker, Inc. (State & Whitaker)**. I submit the following:

Weston Putman'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

Weston Putman for State & Whitaker Inc t/a **State & Whitaker** is requesting a **Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink)** Alcohol License at **117 Whitaker Street**. The establishment is located between West Broughton Street and West State Street in Aldermanic District 2. The applicant plans to operate a bar/lounge. (***New Applicant/ New Business***).

The applicants will be heard at the meeting of the City Council at 2:00 p.m., **Thursday, March 26, 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: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 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, MARCH 9, 2026.