



August 4, 2025

Via Hand Delivery and Regular Mail

Mr. Derrick Law-Staton d/b/a/ Henry St. Bistro
1308 Montgomery Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

RE: Alcohol License Compliance – Show Cause Hearing

You are hereby notified that you are required to appear before the **Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., or at the conclusion of the regularly scheduled 2:00pm City Council meeting, whichever is later, at City Hall, 2 W. Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia**, to show cause why your alcohol license should not be revoked.

This hearing follows a meeting held on June 30, 2025, during which concerns were raised regarding your non-compliance with the Council-approved Public Safety Plan. Specifically, deficiencies were noted in the following areas:

- Hours of operation;
- Identification and placement of security cameras;
- Presence and identification of security personnel.

A follow-up meeting was held on July 3, 2025, to allow your establishment to submit a fully updated and compliant public safety plan. However, to date, only a summary of updates has been provided. The full and official updated plan, as agreed upon during the meeting, has not been submitted.

Accordingly, you are expected to appear and provide an explanation for the failure to submit the required documentation. Mr. Law-Staton should be prepared to respond directly as to why the requested plan has not been received. For your reference, our ordinance reads as follows:

Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance - Per Sec. 6-1206

All alcohol license applicants and licensees are required to submit a Public Safety Plan subject to the approval of the Savannah Police Department. The plan must include, but is not limited to:

- Days and hours of operation;
- Crowd management procedures (interior and exterior);
- Parking area controls;
- Access control measures;

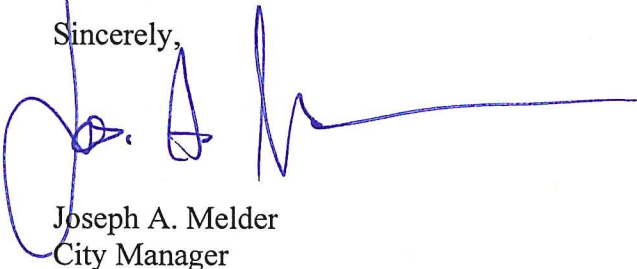
- Security staffing levels;
- Measures against underage consumption;
- Fire risk mitigation and emergency procedures;
- Visual identification of underage patrons (where applicable).

Noncompliance with an approved public safety plan is a violation of City Code and may result in penalties, including potential suspension or revocation of the alcohol license, under Section 6-1221.

Legal counsel may represent you at the hearing.

For any questions or to submit updated materials before the hearing, please contact the City of Savannah Revenue Department at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph A. Melder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph A. Melder
City Manager