

City of Metter Municipal Code

Chapter 5.008.200

(C) Special Event Permits.

A. License required; council approval; suspension of enforcement of certain law.

A special event alcohol beverage permit license is required for all special events that involve the sale and consumption of alcohol. Said license shall not be given without the prior approval of City of Metter. In the event said license is approved, the enforcement of subsection 12.12 shall be suspended in the area designated for the special event during the time of the special event. Provided, however, said suspension shall apply only to the drinking of alcohol beverages sold by the licensee and shall not suspend the enforcement of the remaining provisions of [section 12-12](#).

B. Compliance with state and federal law required.

In addition to all other rules and regulations, each applicant for a special event alcohol beverage permit license and each special event alcohol beverage permit licensee doing business in the city shall comply with all state, federal, and local laws and the violation of any such laws or regulations shall subject the licensee to the immediate revocation of his license and to criminal prosecution otherwise.

C. Place where permit valid; designation of area; patrons outside area; number of permits annually; adjacent property owners or renters of occupied parcels; notification of owners of property.

(1) The special event alcohol beverage permit shall be valid only for the place specified in the permit and the area where alcohol may be served shall be specifically delineated on the application. In no event shall patrons of the licensee go on to property not delineated on the application. Any suspension of the enforcement of any city ordinance contained herein shall not apply on property not delineated on the application.

(2) It shall be unlawful for licensees' employees or patrons of licensee to bring into or take outside the delineated area any alcoholic beverage or to furnish any alcoholic beverage to any person outside the delineated area. Patrons taking alcoholic beverages purchased from the special event alcohol beverage permit licensee outside of the designated area shall be subject to arrest in accordance with the Code of Metter, Georgia and the laws of the State of Georgia.

(1) No more than three (3) such permits may be issued to the applicant in any one (1) calendar year.

(4) All applicants must provide proof that all adjacent property owners and/or renters of adjacent property have been notified of the application at least ten (10) days prior to the event.

(5) The owner of the property where sales are to be made, if not the applicant, shall be notified in writing by the applicant of the application, and proof of said notification shall be attached to the application.

(6) A special event alcohol beverage permit license shall authorize the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption only in the designated area for a period not to exceed three (3) days.

(7) The special event alcoholic beverage permit shall be subject to all laws and ordinances regulating the time for selling such beverages.

(8) Special Event Alcoholic Beverage permits are privileges; and not rights. Applications for special event alcoholic beverage permits may be denied on a finding that the issuance of the applied for permit would jeopardize the health, safety, or general welfare of the citizens of the City of Metter or that conditions of previously issued permits were not adhered to by event sponsors.

D. License fee.

Each application for a special event alcoholic beverage permit shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee in an amount as set by resolution of the council, which amount shall remain in effect until modified or amended by subsequent resolution adopted by the city council.

E. Application for license; time; review.

(1) Special event alcohol beverage permit license applications must be submitted at least 15 days prior to the planned special event.

(2) At least ten (10) days prior to the event, the applicant shall meet with the appropriate staff members of the City of Metter as designated by the city manager in the issuance of a permit for the event, the applicant shall sign a statement of understanding of an agreement to the terms and conditions imposed on the event. Such statements shall become a part of the conditions of the permit for the event.

(3) The applicant shall have the right to appeal the denial of a permit or the imposition of any staff imposed condition on the permit to the city council. A notice of appeal shall be filed with the city clerk within five (5) days after receipt of notice of the denial or conditions. The city council shall act upon the appeal at its next meeting following receipt of the notice of appeal.

F. Posting of license and notice; proof of license; employees of licensee.

- (1) All special event alcohol beverage permit licenses shall be posted at greeting areas or main entrances to the event.
- (2) Every area where alcoholic beverages are consumed shall be conspicuously posted at all times at each point of entrance/exit with signs stating the following: "the possession of alcoholic beverages beyond this point is prohibited". The letters of such sign shall not be less than three (3) inches in height and one-half (½) inch in width and shall be in black letters on a contrasting light background.
- (3) City staff may ask event producers or business owners to show proof of license during the event.
- (4) All employees working for the licensee during the *event* must be of legal age to drink.

G. Patrons identification; containers of alcohol; cleanup of site.

(1) Licensee must provide some type of acceptable identification tag for patrons and said identification tag shall be worn at all times while the patron is consuming alcohol during the special event. Persons consuming alcohol during the special event without such identification shall be subject to arrest in accordance with the Code of Metter, Georgia and the laws of the State of Georgia.

(2) All alcohol sold must be in non-glass containers.

(3) Licensee shall be responsible for all cleanup of the area designated for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

H. Revocation of license for failure to comply with state rules and regulations.

Licenses issued under this division shall be revocable in the event the licensee fails to comply with the rules and regulations of the state with the issuance of licenses for special event alcohol beverage permit and the state requirements pertaining to such issuance are hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

Section 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 4: That this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and execution.

Section 5: This Ordinance is intended to be adopted in accordance with, and only to the extent permitted by, all applicable laws, ordinances, referendums, rules and regulations. To the extent any provision(s) of this Ordinance, or the application thereof, may be rendered inconsistent with any referendum(s) lawfully approved and/or disapproved, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision(s) shall not be affected thereby but rather shall be enforced to the greatest extent provided by law.