

**A Resolution**  
**Adopting 2026 Lowndes County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County (the "Board") previously adopted the Lowndes County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance on December 11, 2012 (the "2012 Ordinance");

WHEREAS, Section 4-3(b) of the 2012 Ordinance includes provisions requiring certain distances between establishments involving the distribution, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages and church buildings and certain distances between establishments involving the distribution, sale, consumption of alcoholic beverages and any school building, educational building, school grounds, or college campus;

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the interests of citizens attending churches and schools located in the unincorporated area of Lowndes County in the vicinity of establishments involving the distribution, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages regarding the distance provisions of Section 4-3(b) of the 2012 Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the geography and density of development of the unincorporated area of Lowndes County inform the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lowndes County regarding the distance provisions of Section 4-3(b) of the 2012 Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that increasing the distances in Section 4-3(b) of the 2012 Ordinance regarding the sale of distilled spirits is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lowndes County;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the distance provisions in Section 4-3(b) of the 2026 Lowndes County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance presented herewith are in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lowndes County;

WHEREAS, the Board has also determined that the distance provisions in Section 4-3(b) of the 2026 Lowndes County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance presented herewith should not apply to licensees to which licenses have been granted or renewed pursuant to the 2012 Ordinance or to transferees of establishments from such licensees or subsequent transferees therefrom; rather, the distance provisions of Section 4-3(b) of the 2012 Ordinance should apply to such licensees and transferees;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by law, that the 2026 Lowndes County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance presented herewith is adopted.

Any Ordinance or Resolution of Lowndes County, or any portion thereof, in conflict with this Resolution is hereby repealed.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED, this 23rd day of June 2026.

Board of Commissioners  
of Lowndes County, Georgia

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Slaughter, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Belinda C. Lovern, Clerk