

2026 Lowndes County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LOWNDES COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATING THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND FEES RELATING TO SUCH; PROMOTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF LOWNDES COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LOWNDES COUNTY HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Commissioners by law and Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as follows:

ARTICLE I. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the “2026 Lowndes County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.”

ARTICLE II. SALE OR DISTRIBUTION IN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF COUNTY; LICENSE A PRIVILEGE; STATE LICENSE REQUIRED.

Section 2-1. License Required.

No malt beverage, wine, distilled spirits, or any other alcoholic beverage(s) shall be sold or distributed at wholesale or at retail for consumption either on or off the premises where sold in the unincorporated area of the County except under an appropriate license granted by the Board of Commissioners upon the terms and conditions provided in this Ordinance and then only for the particular alcoholic beverage and manner of distribution and/or sale specified in such license and only at the establishment specified in such license. Except to the extent expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to either supersede or minimize the State law provisions on the same subject as may be presently or in the future enacted and in force.

Section 2-2. License a Privilege; License Nontransferable.

All licenses, event permits, and letters of authorization issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be a mere grant of a privilege to carry on the licensed, permitted, or authorized, as the case may be, activity during the term of the license, event permit or letter of authorization and are each subject to all terms and conditions imposed by this and other applicable County ordinances or resolutions (including without limitation compliance by the establishment at which the licensed, permitted, or authorized activity is carried out at all times with the County’s Noise Ordinance) and by State law, rules and regulations. No license, event permit, or letter of authorization issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be transferable to any other person; any such other person desiring a license, event permit, or letter of authorization under this Ordinance for the same or different activity or establishment shall be required to make separate application therefor under the provisions of the Ordinance. Provided, however, that in the case of the death of any natural person holding a license pursuant to this Ordinance such license may be transferred to the deceased licensee’s