1	ORDINANCE NO. 2024-517
2 3 4 5 6 7	An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida; revising Chapter 4, Article II, Sections 4-23, 4-37, 4-39 and 4-40 of the Code of Ordinances addressing bottle clubs regarding prohibited acts and licensing provisions; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.
8 9	WHEREAS, on September 14, 2023, the City Commission gave direction to the City
10	Attorney to revise the Code of Ordinances; and
11	WHEREAS, at least ten (10) days' notice has been given once by publication in a
12	newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of public
13	hearings; and
14	WHEREAS, the public hearings were held pursuant to the notice described above at which
15	hearings the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard.
16	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
17	CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:
18	Section 1. Chapter 4, Article II, Sections 4-23, 4-37, 4-39 and 4-40 of the Code of
19	Ordinances are amended to read as follows. Except as amended herein, the remainder of Section
20	16 shall remain in full force and effect.
21	Chapter 4–ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
22	ARTICLE II. – BOTTLE CLUBS
23	DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY
24	Sec. 4-23. Prohibited acts.
25	As relates to a bottle club, the following are prohibited:
26 27	(1) Possession on the premises of the bottle club of untaxed beverages as defined in F.S. § 562.01;

- 28 (2) Storage on the premises of the bottle club of alcoholic beverages as defined in F.S. §
  29 561.01 during the hours when the premises are closed of alcoholic beverages as
  30 defined in F.S. § 561.01;
  - (3) The entry and presence of persons under nineteen (19) twenty-one (21) years of age during the hours when alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises of the bottle club;
  - (4) Employment of any person under eighteen (18) years of age, excepting those persons described in F.S. § 562.13(2);
  - (5) A bottle club also operating as a teen center must close for four (4) hours after operating as a teen center and before doing business as a bottle club. Operating or being licensed as a dance hall, as defined in Sec. 14.5-101 of this code; or a smoking lounge, defined as an establishment which is licensed as a retail tobacco products dealer by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco, which is dedicated, in whole or in part, for on-site smoking of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or other smoked or vaporized substances. The term includes establishments such as cigar lounges, which primarily sells, serves, or dispenses cigars to customers from an inventory of at least 5,000 cigars; hookah lounges where customers inhale smoked or vaporized tobacco or a similar smoking product from one or more hookahs placed throughout the establishment; and vapor bars or lounges. The term does not include:
    - a. A place owned and operated by the federal, state, or local government;
    - b. A place owned and operated on a non-commercial basis by a bona fide religious organization, created, organized, existing and recognized as such pursuant to all applicable laws.
  - (6) Allowing any non-employee on or in the premises between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
  - (7) Exceeding the posted occupancy limits;
  - (8) Allowing the assembly or congregation of individuals in crowds on the premises in such numbers as to block the use of any sidewalk or parking area under ownership and control of the business as to prevent access to the premise by emergency or law enforcement vehicles or personnel;
  - (9) Allowing the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages outside of the premises building on property owned and controlled by the business.

## **DIVISION 2. – LICENSE**

## Sec. 4-37. Application.

 In obtaining a bottle club license the owner or operator shall submit to the eity tax and license division Department of Financial Services an application containing the following:

- (1) The name and address of the operator and also the name and address of the owner of the premises in or upon which the bottle club will be operated, if the operator is not the owner;
  - (2) The street address of the premises to be licensed;

- (3) A certificate in writing from the city manager certifying that the premises to be licensed carries a land use zoning classification that will permit the operation of a bottle club from such premises. This certificate must be attached to the application before the application will be received for filing;. All bottle clubs legally existing on May 21, 1984, and which were in existence prior to the moratorium of October 24, 1983, may continue as valid existing uses;
- (4) A certificate of the state department of health and rehabilitative services or the county health department that the place of business wherein the bottle club business is to be conducted meets all of the sanitary requirements of the state;
- (5) <u>Proof of the issuance of a State of Florida Bottle Club License (14BC) issued to the business for the premise;</u>
- (5)(6) A statement in writing from the city manager or his/her designee that both the owner and operator:
  - a. Is not less than nineteen (19) years of age;
  - b. Has not been convicted within the last past five (5) years of any offense against the beverage laws of this state, the United States, or any other state;
  - c. Has not been convicted within the last past five (5) years in this state, or any other state or the United States of soliciting for prostitution, pandering, letting premises for prostitution, keeping a disorderly place or illegally dealing in narcotics;
  - d. Has not been convicted in the last past five (5) years of any felony in this state, and has not been convicted in any other state or the United States, of any offense designated as a felony by such state or the United States;
  - e. If the owner and/or operator is a firm, corporation, partnership, joint venture or other group enterprise, then the provisions set forth in subsections (5)a. through d. above shall be applicable to:
    - 1. Each officer or shareholder of the corporation holding more than a ten (10) percent ownership interest thereof; and
    - 2. Each member of the other group enterprises listed who have an ownership interest therein of more than ten (10) percent.
  - f. As used herein, the term "conviction" shall include an adjudication of guilt of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or the forfeiture of a bond when charged with a crime.
  - (7) Written confirmation from the Department of Sustainable Development, Building Division that the licensed premises meets the applicable building, fire, and life safety codes for the intended occupancy.

## Sec. 4-39. Renewal.

- (a) A licensee under this division <u>must</u> shall be entitled to a renewal of his/her annual license from year to year on or before October first of each year as a matter of course by providing proof that the licensee continues to meet all of the requirements set forth in sec. 4-37 for issuance of a permit and by paying the annual license fee established by the city.
- (b) A license may be renewed subsequent to expiration each year only upon making to the tax and license division a delinquent application for approval, including providing proof of continuing to meet the requirements set forth in sec. 4-37, accompanied by an affidavit stating that no bottle club activities were conducted subsequent to the expiration of the license and upon payment of a penalty of five dollars (\$5.00) for each month or fraction of a month of delinquency or upon payment of a penalty of five (5) percent of the license fee, whichever amount is the greater. Any license not renewed within sixty (60) days of expiration will be cancelled by the tax and license division unless such permit is involved in litigation.

## Sec. 4-40. Revocation.

- (a) The city manager is hereby authorized to revoke any bottle club license issued pursuant to this division whenever it is determined that the owner of the licensed property or the operator of the bottle club, their agents or employees, have committed, or have been convicted of, or have allowed or caused or permitted to exist any one (1) or more of the following:
  - (1) An indictment, information, or a conviction regarding an act amounting to a felony under the laws of the state, or the United States of America;
    - (2) The maintaining of a nuisance or the allowing of unsanitary conditions to exist on the property upon which a bottle club is being conducted;
    - (3) Engaging in or permitting disorderly conduct on the property upon which a bottle club is being conducted;
    - (4) Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the fire prevention code after having received reasonable notice to eliminate or correct any condition existing on the property upon which a bottle club is being conducted;
    - (5) Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the health and sanitation ordinances of the city or laws of the state, after having received reasonable notice to eliminate or correct any condition existing on the property upon which a bottle club is being conducted;
    - (6) Conviction for giving, selling or permitting to be served alcoholic beverages to persons under nineteen (19) twenty-one (21) years of age or permitting a person under 19 21 years of age to possess or consume alcoholic beverages on the property upon which a bottle club is being conducted;
    - (7) Conviction for conducting an act prohibited by section 4-23.
- 146 (8) Failure to maintain a current State of Florida Bottle Club License (14BC).

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154	<b>Section 2.</b> It is the intention of	f the City Commission that the provisions of Section 1			
155	of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Charter and the Code of Ordinances of				
156	the City of Gainesville, Florida, and that the sections and paragraphs of this Ordinance may be				
157	renumbered or relettered in order to accomplish such intentions.				
158	Section 3. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance				
159	or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such				
160	finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given				
161	effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the				
162	provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.				
163	Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of				
164	such conflict hereby repealed.				
165	Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.				
166	PASSED AND ADOPTED TH	HIS, 2024.			
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172	ATTEST:	Approved as to form and legality			
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177	KRISTEN J. BRYANT	DANIEL M. NEE	
178	CITY CLERK	CITY ATTORNEY	
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181	This ordinance passed on first read	ling this day of	, 2024.
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