

**CITY OF PARIS
ORDINANCE 2024-35**

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE CREATION OF AN ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION CENTER LICENSED PREMISE IN THE DOWNTOWN OF PARIS; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY OF PARIS TO APPLY FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION CENTER (EDC) LICENSE FROM THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSEE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE COMMON AREAS OF THE DESTINATION CENTER.

WHEREAS, KRS 243.030(21) authorizes the issuance of an Entertainment Destination Center (“EDC”) License by the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 804 KAR 4:370 the City of Paris is a “wet” city and has determined an entertainment destination center licensed premise would aid in economic growth and tourism in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to create an EDC within its downtown for which it shall obtain a license from the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, the City further seeks to establish the requirements for a licensee to sell alcoholic beverages within the common areas of the EDC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PARIS, KENTUCKY THAT THE FOLLOWING NEWLY ENACTED ARTICLE BE ADDED TO CHAPTER 62 OF THE PARIS CODE OF ORDINANCES AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE III. ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION CENTER

62.200 Boundaries

The geographical boundaries of the Entertainment Destination Center (“EDC”) in the City of Paris lies within and adjacent to the following description:

The Entertainment Destination Center is a geographic area that is located on both sides of Main St. between 8th Street and Bank Row Street. This will encompass the length of Main St. between these areas and the area surrounding Courthouse Square, which will include the lengths of Ardery Place and Bank Row Street from Main St. to High St.

A map is attached to Ordinance 2024-35 and incorporated by reference.

62.201 Licensing

(a) The City of Paris shall apply for an EDC license with the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; the City shall not purchase nor sell alcoholic beverages to provide revenue.

(b) A business that is located within the EDC that sells alcoholic beverages shall hold the necessary alcoholic beverage license or licenses for its premises. A licensee within or adjacent to the EDC may sell alcoholic beverages from one or more non-permanent locations within any common area within the EDC if the licensee holds a supplemental bar license for each non-permanent location and the licensee holds written permission for these sales from the City. All other vendors seeking to sell during special events must hold appropriate licensing with the State to do so.

(c) This ordinance does not exclude outside vendors. Outside vendors are only permitted to set up during civic events when properly registered through the City and the State ABC.

(d) During hours of special events approved by the City for the operation of the EDC, patrons may leave the premises of a properly licensed business that sells alcoholic beverages with alcoholic beverages and consume those drinks in any EDC common area or other participating premises within the EDC if permitted by the business and the City based upon the following:

- (1) Possesses the common area;
- (2) Provides adequate security for the common area;
- (3) Ensures that public streets are controlled in a manner that ensures public safety and pedestrian protection from vehicular traffic; and
- (4) Has granted written permission for the conduct and has a signed agreement with the City to conduct these activities.

(5) Prohibits patrons from taking alcoholic beverages outside the physical boundaries of the EDC.

(6) Requires any drinks that are removed from the licensed premise within the EDC shall be in a clear cup with City approved markings and notating the vendor in which it is from.

(e) All licensed premises shall be required to sign a participation contract with the City and hold the City and its employees harmless for any actions that may occur on said premises. If the participating licensed business is found to be in violation of the participation contract, the City reserves the right to revoke the participation contract. All requirements of 804 KAR 4:370 must be met before the participation contract is approved. The City ABC Administrator has the authority to temporarily suspend the entire EDC if issues arise that dictate such action.

(f) Those premises not selling alcoholic beverages in the EDC and wish to not participate in the acceptance of alcoholic beverages on/in their premises are required to provide the City with written acknowledgement of their non-participation and to post signage on their premises showing same.

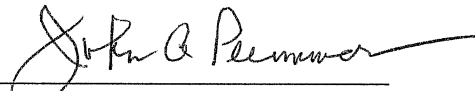
(g) The hours of operation for the EDC is by request for events approved by the Board of Commissioners or the City's ABC Administrator.

(h) It shall be incumbent on all vendors participating in the EDC to ensure all alcohol purchased in their establishment shall be purchased by those of legal drinking age of the State of Kentucky. The City of Paris and its employees shall be held harmless if the vendor has failed to act in accordance with laws and regulations governing the consumption of alcohol. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to authorize noncompliance with any law governing vehicle-related open container restrictions or any other state statute or local ordinance or policy.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption, and publication, as required by law. The EDC shall not be in effect until the license is granted by the State.

The foregoing Ordinance was read for the first time on December 10, 2025, and was read for the second time adopted and approved on January 14, 2025.

CITY OF PARIS, KENTUCKY



John A. Plummer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie Settles, City Clerk