

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF ASHLAND)

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-08-21-01

**AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ASHLAND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04-04-01**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Ashland City Council as follows:

1. It is the intent of the Ashland City Council to maintain the current uniform system of control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages in the City of Ashland and to ensure that the City’s ordinances are lawful and in accordance with the wants of its citizens. The following amendment to the City’s Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance is to be read in conformity with this intent. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is determined by a court or other authority of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, that provision shall be stricken, and the remaining provisions shall be construed in accordance with the intent of the City of Ashland and the laws of the State of Alabama.

2. Section J(f) of Article II of the City of Ashland Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance is amended to lower the additional license tax taxed on gross purchases made by the licensee (other than on purchases of beer and table wine) from 10% to 5%. Specifically, Section J(f) of Article II is amended to read as follows:

“f. Lounge retail liquor license (Class 2): Each person licensed by the board to operate a retail lounge under the Code of Alabama shall pay to the City an annual license fee of 50 percent of the amount charged for state lounge retail liquor license (Class 2) by the state (currently one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)). In addition to said stated license fee, each person shall pay to the city on or before the 15th day of the calendar month next succeeding each month each separate calendar month, for the privilege of having engaged in such business, an additional tax of ~~ten percent (10%)~~ FIVE PERCENT (5%) of gross purchases made by the licensee from the board during such next preceding calendar month, other than purchases of beer and table wine.

3. This amendment shall become effective in the City of Ashland, Alabama, upon its adoption and publication according to law.

ADOPTED AND AMENDED this the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Larry J. Fetner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chelsey Wynn, City Clerk/Administrator