

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUBLIN

ORDINANCE
26-10

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALCOHOL LICENSING FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Article IX, Section II, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia provides that matters pertaining to municipalities may be dealt with without the necessity of action by the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature passed *The Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965*, codified under O.C.G.A. § 36-35-1, *et seq.*, authorizing municipal governments to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or regulations for which no provision has been made by general law;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are vested with the authority to regulate distance requirements for any person, firm or corporation who sell or offer to sell alcohol distilled spirits, wine or malt beverages from churches, schools, and other regulated facilities;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to reduce certain distance requirements and clarify the distance requirements currently prescribed for alcohol license applicants in relation to nearby churches, school buildings, educational buildings, school properties or college campuses.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 4-24(f), of Article I, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

“(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no church, school building, educational building, school property, college campus, wherever located, shall prevent the licensing and location of a restaurant serving alcohol for consumption on the premises within the otherwise prohibited distance of such church, school building, educational building, school property or college campus if such restaurant location fronts:

1. On the South side of West/East Gaines Street between Church and North/South Washington Streets;

2. On the North side of Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd between Church and North/South Washington Streets;
3. On any of the connecting streets South of West/East Gaines Street and North of Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd in the area described above;
4. On either side of Hillcrest Parkway from Brookhaven Drive to Veterans Boulevard;
5. On either side of Shamrock Drive from Moss Creek Lane to Hillcrest Parkway.”

is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no church, school building, educational building, school property, college campus, wherever located, shall prevent the licensing and location of a restaurant or other business, excluding billiard rooms, nightclubs, lounges, private clubs, or the like, serving alcohol for consumption on the premises within the otherwise prohibited distance of such church, school building, educational building, school property or college campus if such restaurant location fronts:

1. On the South side of West/East Gaines Street between Church and North/South Washington Streets;
2. On the North side of Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd between Church and North/South Washington Streets;
3. On any of the connecting streets South of West/East Gaines Street and North of Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd in the area described above;
4. On either side of Hillcrest Parkway from Jefferson Street to Veterans Boulevard;
5. On either side of Shamrock Drive from Moss Creek Lane to Hillcrest Parkway;
6. On either side of East Jackson Street from Washington Street east to the Dublin City Limits as amended;
7. On either side of North Jefferson Street from Gaines Street to Hillcrest Parkway;
8. On either side of Bellevue Avenue/Veterans Boulevard/ Highway 80 West from Church Street to the Dublin City Limits as amended;
9. On either side of Industrial Boulevard from Veterans Boulevard/Highway 80 West to Telfair Street/Highway 441 South;
10. On either side of Marion Street/Highway 257 from Telfair Street/Highway 441 South to the Dublin City Limits as amended;
11. On either side of Telfair Street/Highway 441 South from Church Street to the Dublin City Limits as amended;
12. On either side of South Jefferson Street/Highway 19 South from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the Dublin City Limits as amended.”

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective at 12:00 noon on the fifth day after its adoption.

REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO ORDAINED this 6th day of August, 2026 by a vote of
(5) FOR and (0) AGAINST.

CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA:

By: *[Signature]*
Mayor

ATTEST:

Dorothy Rozier
City Clerk

