

ORDINANCE NO. 1139

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 8, CHAPTER II OF THE ATHENS CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE LIMIT ON LOCAL LIQUOR STORE PRIVILEGE LICENSES

WHEREAS, the City Council of Athens, Tennessee recognizes the evolving commercial development and increased demand within the community for retail alcoholic beverage sales; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a modest increase in the number of liquor store licenses from two (2) to three (3) will support local economic opportunity while maintaining regulatory oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

That Athens City Code § 8-52(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:
"The number of local liquor store privilege licenses issued within the city shall be limited to three (3)."

SECTION 2.

That any newly issued license must continue to comply with all applicable zoning, distance, and design requirements under this chapter and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 3.

The remainder of Title 8, Chapter II shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Severability

If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, or provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

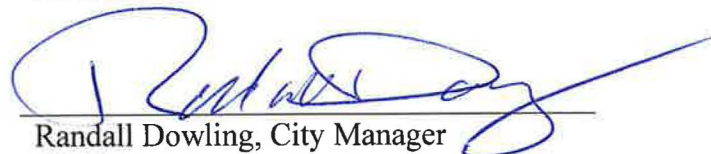
SECTION 3. Effective Date

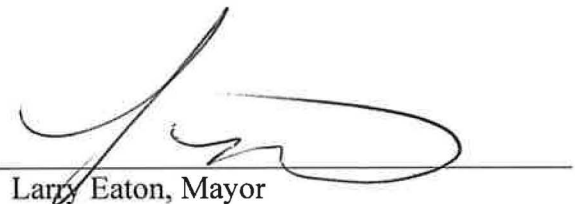
This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed and adopted by Athens City Council this 20th day of May, 2025.

FIRST READING:	April 15, 2025	Passed
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:	April 19, 2025	Published
DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:	May 20, 2025	
SECOND READING:	May 20, 2025	Passed

ATTEST:


Randall Dowling, City Manager


Larry Eaton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Christopher M. Caldwell, City Attorney