

**CITY OF RINGOLD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 1111-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6 CAPTIONED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” BY THE ADDITION OF NEW DEFINITIONS FOR “HOTEL OR MOTEL” AND “HOTEL OR MOTEL LICENSEE” TO SECTION 6-1 CAPTIONED “DEFINITIONS”; BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION (F) TO SECTION 6-5 CAPTIONED “PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS”; BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 6-10 CAPTIONED “PACKAGE SALES PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS; EXCEPTIONS” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 6-10 CAPTIONED “PACKAGE SALES PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS; EXCEPTIONS”; BY THE ADDITION OF NEW SUBSECTIONS (12) AND (13) TO SECTION 6-48 CAPTIONED “LICENSE FEES”; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is authorized under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to adopt reasonable ordinances to protect and improve the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the citizens of the City of Ringgold, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6 captioned “Alcoholic Beverages” by the addition of the definition of “Hotel or Motel” to Section 6-1 captioned “Definitions” which shall read as follows:

Hotel or motel means an establishment that contains not less than 30 separate rooms for overnight lodging.

Section 2.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6 captioned “Alcoholic Beverages” by the addition of the definition of “Hotel or Motel Licensee” to Section 6-1 captioned “Definitions” which shall read as follows:

Hotel or motel licensee means a hotel or motel that possesses a current hotel or motel license from the city to sell beer or wine at retail to a registered guest of such hotel or motel. A hotel or motel licensee is not a retail package dealer as defined in this Chapter but shall be subject to all restrictions in this Chapter that apply to retail package dealers. A hotel or motel licensee is prohibited from selling beer or wine to a person who is not a registered guest of its hotel or motel.

Section 3.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6 captioned “Alcoholic Beverages” by amending Section 6-5 captioned “Prohibited transactions” by the addition of a new Subsection (f), which shall read as follows:

(f) No alcoholic beverages may be sold by the drink for consumption on the premises where sold except in restaurants. For the purposes of this Chapter, packaged beer or wine purchased from a hotel or motel licensee by a registered guest of the hotel or motel licensee and consumed in a lodging room of such hotel or motel shall not constitute consumption on the premises.

Section 4.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6 captioned “Alcoholic Beverages” by striking, deleting and repealing Section 6-10 captioned “Package sales prohibited in certain establishments; exceptions” in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 6-10 captioned “Package sales prohibited in certain establishments; exceptions” which shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-10. - Package sales prohibited in certain establishments; exceptions.

The sale of alcoholic beverages by the package to be carried off the premises shall be prohibited in any establishment other than in a properly licensed retail store, grocery store, hotel or motel, except for the removal of partially consumed bottles of wine as permitted by O.C.G.A. § 3-6-4.

Section 5.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6 captioned “Alcoholic Beverages” by amending Section 6-48 captioned “License fees” by the addition of a new Subsections (12) and (13), which shall read as follows:

- (12) Hotel or motel license (malt beverage): \$500.00
- (12) Hotel or motel license (wine): \$500.00

Section 6.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 7.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Ringgold that the section, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance.

Section 8.

The adoption date of this Ordinance shall be November 11, 2019. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be its adoption date.

SO ORDAINED, this 11th day of November, 2019.

CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA

NICK MILLWOOD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK