

Minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting held on May 13, 2008.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Judy Hammons at 1 pm. Present were committee member Gina Guizar and City Clerk Bill Bowers.

Liquor License Requirements

The doors at taverns were discussed. Current code requires that doors at taverns remain closed at all times except for ingress and egress. Bowers was directed to prepare an ordinance that would allow the doors at taverns to remain open unless there is excess noise or music.

Minors in taverns were discussed. Current code states that it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age to enter, remain in, or frequent business establishments holding a retail liquor or beer permit unless over fifty (50) percent of the dollar volume of the business establishment comes from the sale and serving of prepared foods. Bowers was directed to prepare an ordinance that would state minors under the age of 21 are not allowed in taverns unless accompanied by their parent or guardian and minors must leave the tavern at 10 pm.

Outside service areas were discussed. Bowers was directed to prepare an ordinance that would allow for outside service areas and state that the rules for each service area would be adopted by Resolution. Violation of the resolution would be a violation of the municipal code relating to outdoor service. Individual rules for each tavern with outside service areas could then be created and modified easily without requiring a new ordinance.

Motion by Hammons to adjourn at 1:20 pm. Seconded by Guizar and carried unanimously.

William Bowers
City Clerk