

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10-45, SUBSECTIONS (b) AND (c), OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY PERMITS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport seeks to foster a more transparent, predictable, and business-friendly environment through a modernized Temporary Alcohol Permit process; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is intended to allow business buyers to apply for and receive a temporary alcohol permit prior to the final sale closing, ensuring continuity of operations for existing and ongoing businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance also provides needed flexibility for commercial projects that require proof of licensure before proceeding with costly buildouts or renovations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Section 10-45(b) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

- (b) A temporary alcoholic beverage permit may be approved by the Chief of Police when the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The applicant has submitted a completed application for a permanent alcoholic beverage permit pursuant to this chapter;
  - (2) The applicant provides evidence of legal occupancy of the premises;
  - (3) The persons required to meet the qualifications of section 10-44 shall submit to the background and suitability review process described therein;
  - (4) The applicant has met all applicable zoning, distance, and location requirements for the sale of alcoholic beverages;
  - (5) The applicant is in compliance with all local and state alcoholic beverage laws and regulations required for the issuance of a temporary permit.
- (c) The temporary permit will expire upon the earliest of the following:
  - (1) Approval and issuance of the permanent alcoholic beverage permit;
  - (2) Denial of the permanent alcoholic beverage permit; or
  - (3) Thirty (30) calendar days from the date of issuance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

**THUS DONE AND ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**City Attorney's Office**