

FACT SHEET**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA****TITLE**

An Ordinance to Amend Various Sections of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, relative to Renewal Terms for Alcoholic Beverage Handling Employee Cards and Retail Alcohol Permits, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

5/12/2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Economic Development

COUNCIL DISTRICT

N/A

SPONSOR**PURPOSE**

Extending the validity of ABO cards from two years to three years will reduce administrative workload, lower renewal costs for workers, and allow SPD staff to reallocate time toward inspections and enforcement. In addition, restaurants and grocery stores would benefit from the option to obtain a two-year liquor license, provided that they remain in continuous operation and comply with existing licensing requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City of Shreveport currently administers the issuance and renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Handling Employee Cards ("ABO cards") and permits for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages through the Police Department. Currently, the Code requires that all liquor licenses be renewed annually, regardless of business type, including restaurants, bars, grocery stores, and liquor stores.

Following discussions with industry stakeholders and a review of regulatory best practices, the City has determined that restaurants and grocery stores would benefit from the option to obtain a two-year liquor license. This, and extending the validity of ABO cards from two years to three years will reduce administrative workload, lower renewal costs for workers, and allow SPD staff to reallocate time toward inspections and enforcement. The annual renewal requirement for liquor stores and bars would remain unchanged.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: 05/13/2025

Final Passage: 06/10/2025

ATTACHMENTS**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

FINANCES

\$ N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

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