



PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

1:00 PM

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 1.** A.N. 26-37–New Location: Retail Package Liquor, Beer, and Wine, Franklin Mishoe applicant for Blind Louis Liquor Store, LLC, 752 Broad Street, Augusta GA 30901, District 1, Super District 9.
- 2.** A.N. 26-38 – Existing Location, New Ownership: **Retail Package Beer and Wine.** Ileshkumar Patel applicant for Radhe Krishn 2026 LLC, to be used in connection with **3460 Peach Orchard Rd**, Augusta GA 30906.District 6, Super District 10.
- 3.** **Mr. Jaime Dygert**-Transportation for the disabled.
- 4.** Hookah Ordinance (**Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson**)
- 5.** Motion to **approve** the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Public Services Committee Meeting.



Public Services Committee Meeting

August 25, 2026

Alcohol License

Department:	Planning & Development
Presenter:	Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager
Caption:	A.N. 26-37–New Location: Retail Package Liquor, Beer, and Wine, Franklin Mishoe applicant for Blind Louis Liquor Store, LLC, 752 Broad Street, Augusta GA 30901, District 1, Super District 9.
Background:	Existing Location, New Ownership
Analysis:	Applicant meets the requirements of the City of Augusta’s Alcohol Ordinance.
Financial Impact:	Applicant to pay a fee of \$4,660.00
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Planning & Development Department approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant’s statements. Sheriff’s Office approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting applicants’ statements.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A

Case Number: A.N. 26-37

Application Type: Retail Package Liquor, Beer, & Wine– New Location

Business Name: Blind Louis Liquor Store, LLC

Hearing Date: August 25, 2026

Prepared By: Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager, Planning and Development Department

Applicant: Franklin Mishoe

Property Owner: Louis A Willamson

Address of Property: 752 Broad Street

Tax Parcel #: 047-1-044-00-0

Commission Districts: District 1,
Super District 9



ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** General Business, B2
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Liquor, Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Reputation, Character** – The applicant’s reputation, character, trade and business associations or past business ventures, mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
- **Previous Violations of Liquor Laws** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, whether they have violated any laws, regulations, or ordinances relating to such business.
- **Manner of Conducting Prior Liquor Business** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, the manner with which they conducted the business thereunder especially as to the necessity for unusual police observation and inspection to prevent the violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance relating to such business.

- **Location** - The location for which the license is sought, as to traffic congestion, general character of neighborhood, and the effect such an establishment would have on the adjacent surrounding property values.
- **Number of Licenses in a Trading Area** – The number of licenses already granted for a similar business in the trading area of place for which the license is sought.
- **Dancing** – If dancing is to be permitted upon the premise for which the license is sought and the applicant has previously permitted dancing upon the premises controlled of supervised by them, the manner with which they controlled or supervised such dancing to prevent any violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance.
- **Previous Revocation of License** – If the applicant is a person whose license issue dunder the police powers of any governing authority has been previously suspended, or revoked, or who has previously had an alcoholic beverages license suspended or revoked.
- **Payment of Taxes** - If the applicant and business are not delinquent in the payment of any local taxes.
- **Congregation of Minors** – Any circumstances which may cause minors to congregate in the vicinity of the proposed location, even if the location meets the distance requirements under Section 6-2-64(b) herein.
- **Prior Incidents** - Evidence that a substantial number of incidents requiring police intervention have occurred within a square city block of the proposed location during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of application.
- **Previous Denial or Revocation** – The denial of an application or revocation of a license, occurring within the preceding twelve (12) months, which was based on the qualifications of the proposed location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The applicant will pay a fee of \$4,660.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning and Development Department recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

Sherrif's Office recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

NOTE: The staff report includes information available approximately two (2) weeks prior to the Public Services Committee meeting. It represents an evaluation of the facts presented by the applicant; research done by staff, and consideration of the relevant factors in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the Alcohol Ordinance of Augusta, Georgia. New facts may emerge, and staff reserve the right to make an oral recommendation at the hearing based on all information available at that time.

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Item 1.

ORIGINAL

Alcohol License Application
Licensing Division
1803 Marvin Griffin Rd
Augusta, GA 30904
706-312-5038



Alcohol License Number (Office Use Only): LCB20260000923

AN 26-37

Alcohol Beverage Application

Business Legal Name: Blind Louis Liquor Store, LLC.
If registered with the Georgia Secretary of State a copy of the current year registration is required. Out of state businesses must register as a foreign entity with the Georgia Secretary of State. If you are a sole proprietor, provide your legal name.

Physical Location: 752 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901
(Complete Street Address-- City, State, Zip Code)

Business Location: Map & Parcel #: 047-1-044-00-0 Zoning: B2

Business Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Applicant Name: Franklin H. Mishoe

Applicant's Address: _____
(Complete Street Address-- City, State, Zip Code)

Date of Birth: _____

Legal Name of the previous Applicant: _____

Licensee(s) Manager(s): 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Is applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Ownership Information

Is applicant 50% or more owner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Business Address: _____

Name of Business: Blind Louis Liquor Store, LLC.

Name of Applicant: Franklin Mishoe

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Ownership: ☒ Corporate ☐ Partnership ☐ Individual

Corporate Name: _____

List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO #	Address	Interest
Click or tap here to enter text. <u>Franklin Mishra</u>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>Owner</u>	Click or tap here to enter text. [REDACTED]	Click or tap here to enter text. [REDACTED]	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>100%</u>
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What type of business will you operate in this location?

- ☐ Restaurant – Full
 ☐ Restaurant – Limited
 ☐ Hybrid
 ☐ Lounge
 ☐ Convenience Store
☒ Package Store
☐ Other: _____

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer	☒	☒	☒	☐	☒
Consumption on Premises	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Wholesale	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒

Total License Fee: \$ 4660 Prorated License Fee (After July 1 ONLY): \$ 2330

Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, give year of application and its disposition: _____

Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If so, please initial: JM

Attach a passport-sized photograph (front view) take within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.

Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulation of Augusta – Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give full details: _____

Have you ever been arrested, or held by Federal, State, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any Federal, State, County, or Municipal law, regulation or ordinance? (Do not include traffic violations, with the exception of any offense pertaining to alcohol or drugs.) All other charges must be included, even if they are dismissed. ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition.

DUI - Jan 18, 1992 & July 26, 1987

List owner or owners of the building and property.

C&T Enterprises, LLC.

List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business.

N/A

If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight-line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are being sold.

A) Church: _____

C) School: _____

B) Library: _____

D) Public Recreation: _____

State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I. Franklin H. Mishoe,
do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

Franklin H. Mishoe
Applicant Signature

I hereby certify that Franklin H. Mishoe is personally known to be. That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing application stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This 7th day of July, in the year 2026.

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Department Recommendation	Approve	Deny	Comments
Alcohol Inspection	☒	☐	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>Woodruff</u>
Sheriff	☒	☐	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>EB</u>
Fire Inspector	☐	☐	Click or tap here to enter text.

The Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, in the year _____,
(Approved/Disapproved) the forgoing application.

Administrator _____

Date _____



Public Services Committee Meeting

August 25, 2026

Alcohol License

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Case Number: A.N. 26-38

Application Type: Retail Package Beer & Wine– Existing Location, New Ownership

Business Name: Radhe Krishn 2026, LLC

Hearing Date: August 25, 2026

Prepared By: Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager, Planning and Development Department

Applicant: Illeshkumar Patel

Property Owner: Sangita Patel

Address of Property: 3460 Peach Orchard Rd

Tax Parcel #: 133-3-111-00-0

Commission Districts: District 6,
Super District 10



ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** B-1
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

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 Alcohol License Application
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Alcohol License Number (Office Use Only): LCB20260000932

Alcohol Beverage Application

Business Legal Name: RADHE KRISHN 2026 LLC

If registered with the Georgia Secretary of State, a copy of the current year registration is required. Out of state businesses must register as a foreign entity with the Georgia Secretary of State. If you are a sole proprietor, provide your legal name.

Physical Location: 3460 PEACH ORCHARD RD AUGUSTA GA 30906
 (Complete Street Address— City, State, Zip Code)

Business Location: Map & Parcel #: 133-111-00-0 Zoning: B1

Business Phone: (404) 333-4309 Home Phone: () _____

Applicant Name: ILESHKUMAR PATEL

Applicant's Address: 210 LARA LN MCDONOUGH GA 30253
 (Complete Street Address – City, State, Zip Code)

Applicant's Social Security: 674-48-3171 Date of Birth: 6/21/1985

If Applicant is a transfer, list previous Applicant: _____

Location Manager(s): 1. ILESHKUMAR PATEL

2. _____

3. _____

Is Applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Ownership Information

Corporation (if applicable): Date Chartered: 6/16/2026

Mailing Address:

Name of Business: RADHE KRISHN 2026 LLC

Attention: ILESHKUMAR PATEL

Address: 3460 PEACH ORCHARD RD

City/State/Zip: AUGUSTA GA 30906

Ownership Type: ☒ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Individual

Corporate Name: RADHE KRISHN 2026 LLC

List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO #	Address	Interest
ILESHKUMAR PATEL	MANAGING MEMBER	[REDACTED]	310 LARA LN MCDONOUGH, GA 30253	100%
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What type of business will you operate in this location?

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 ☐ Hybrid
 ☐ Lounge
 ☒ Convenience Store
☐ Package Store
☐ Other: _____

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer		YES	YES		YES
Consumption on Premises					
Wholesale					

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Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, give year of application and its disposition: 2022-CURRENT: IN GOOD STANDING

Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages?

☒ Yes ☐ No If so, please initial: JP

Attach a passport-sized photograph (front view) take within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.

Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulation of Augusta – Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition.

List owner or owners of the building and property.

SANGITA PATEL

List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business.

NONE

If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight-line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are being sold.

A) Church: N/A

C) School N/A

B) Library: N/A

D) Public Recreation: N/A

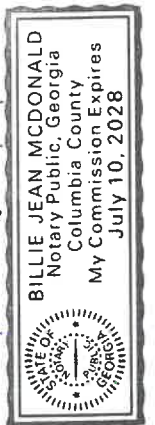
State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I, ILESHKUMAR PATEL, do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

E R Patel
Applicant Signature

I hereby certify that ILESHKUMAR PATEL is personally known to be. That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing allocation stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This 2 day of July, in the year 2026.

Billie Jean McDonald
7-10-2028



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Department Recommendation	Approve	Deny	Comments
Alcohol Inspection	☒	☐	Click or tap here to enter text.
Sheriff	☒	☐	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fire Inspector	☐	☐	Click or tap here to enter text.

The Board of Commissioners on the ____ day of _____, in the year _____, (Approved/Disapproved) the forgoing application.

Administrator

Date



Public Services Committee

August 25, 2026

Transportation

Department:	N/A
Presenter:	N/A
Caption:	Mr. Jaime Dygert -Transportation for the disabled.
Background:	N/A
Analysis:	N/A
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	N/A
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A

- Commission Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 2:00 PM.
- Committee Meetings are held on the second and last Tuesday of each month, beginning at 1:00 PM.

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Meeting Type *

- ☐ Commission
- ☐ Public Safety Committee
- ☒ Public Services Committee
- ☐ Administrative Services Committee
- ☐ Engineering Services Committee
- ☐ Finance Committee

Meeting Date *

8/25/2026

Contact Information for Individual/Presenter Making the Request:
Name *

Jaime Dygert

Address *

1804 Woodhill Trl, Augusta, GA 30909

Telephone Number *

706-739-3949

Fax Number
Email Address *

emotionalexpressionsartistry@gmail.com

Caption/Topic of Discussion to be placed on the Agenda: *

Transportation for the disabled who are stuck at home but like me and want to get out into my community. , meet people, make a difference, volunteer, etc.

Requests must be received in the Clerk's Office no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the Commission and Committee meetings of the following week. A five-minute time limit will be allowed for presentations.

Meeting location:

Lee N. Beard Commission Chamber, 2nd Floor
Augusta, GA Municipal Building
535 Telfair Street
Augusta, GA 30901

Submission Date

8/14/2026 1:36 PM



Public Services Committee

August 25, 2026

Hookah Ordinance

Department:	N/A
Presenter:	N/A
Caption:	Hookah Ordinance (Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson)
Background:	N/A
Analysis:	N/A
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	N/A
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A

Sec. 4-2-78. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Article, shall be construed as defined in this Section:

- A. "Bar" means an establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.
- B. "Business" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business entity, either for-profit or not-for-profit, including retail establishments where goods or services are sold; professional corporations and other entities where legal, medical, dental, engineering, architectural, or other professional services are delivered; and private clubs.
- C. "E-cigarette" means any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery, and/or electronic circuit, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other legal substances, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, vape pen, or under any other product name or description.
- D. "Employee" means a person who is employed by an employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit, and a person who volunteers his or her services for a non-profit entity.
- E. "Employer" means a person, business, partnership, association, corporation, including a municipal corporation, trust, or non-profit entity that employs the services of one or more individual persons.
- F. "Enclosed Area" Enclosed area means all space between a floor and ceiling that is bounded on all sides by walls, doorways or windows, whether open or closed. A wall includes any retractable divider, garage door, or other physical barrier, whether temporary or permanent.
- G. "Health Care Facility" means an office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions, including but not limited to, hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, and all specialists within these professions. This definition shall include all waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semiprivate rooms, and wards within health care facilities.

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- H. "Hookah" means a water pipe and any associated products and devices, which are used to produce fumes, smoke, and/or vapor from the burning of material including, but not limited to, tobacco, shisha, or other plant matter.
- I. "Hookah Bar" or "Hookah Lounge" means an establishment that derives more than eighty (80) percent of its quarterly gross revenue from the sale of shisha for consumption on the premises by customers and the sale of accessories used for smoking shisha. A hookah lounge does not allow individuals under the age of eighteen (18) to enter the premises, and does not have a permit or license to sell alcoholic beverages, but may serve food and nonalcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises by customers.
- I.a. "Hookah License" is an optional license separate from business and alcohol licenses that allows for the consumption of shisha by guests on the premises of a bar and/or restaurant, provided that all shisha is purchased on the premises and that the bar or restaurant does not allow individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) to enter the premises at any time that hookah is smoked. The holder of a Hookah License shall pay a regulatory fee as provided for in Augusta, Georgia Code Section 2-1-3(c), at the time of the issuance of the initial hookah license, and thereafter at the time of the issuance of any alcohol license upon renewal thereof. The regulatory fee shall be an annual fee paid at the time the establishment begins selling hookah products, and each year thereafter when the alcohol license is renewed.
- J. "Place of Employment" means an area under the control of a public or private employer, including, but not limited to, work areas, private offices, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways, construction sites, temporary offices, and vehicles. A private residence is not a "place of employment" unless it is used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility.
- K. "Playground" means any park or recreational area designed in part to be used by children that has play or sports equipment installed or that has been designated or landscaped for play or sports activities, or any similar facility located on public or private school grounds or on Augusta, Georgia owned grounds.
- L. "Private Club" means an organization, whether incorporated or not, which is the owner, lessee, or occupant of a building or portion thereof used exclusively for club purposes at all times, which is operated solely for a recreational, fraternal, social, patriotic, political, benevolent, or athletic purpose, but not for pecuniary gain, and which only sells alcoholic beverages incidental to its operation. The affairs and management of the organization are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee, or similar body chosen by the members at an annual meeting. The organization has established bylaws and/or a constitution to govern its activities. The organization has been granted an exemption from the payment of federal income tax as a club under 26 U.S.C. Section 501.
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- M. "Public Event" means an event which is open to and may be attended by the general public, including but not limited to, such events as concerts, fairs, farmers' markets, festivals, parades, performances, and other exhibitions, regardless of any fee or age requirement.
- N. "Public building" Any enclosed building, structure or indoor facility owned, operated, leased or managed by Augusta, Georgia which is used by or open to the public, including without limitation, public transportation, enclosed areas occupied by Augusta, Georgia staff, open office areas, shared offices, private offices, hallways, restrooms, escalators, elevators, stairways, lobbies, reception and waiting rooms, classrooms, meeting or conference rooms and auditoriums, on-site cafeterias, lunchrooms and lounges.
- O. "Public Place" means an area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, including but not limited to, all public buildings, banks, bars, educational facilities, gaming facilities, health care facilities, hotels and motels, laundromats, public transportation vehicles and facilities, reception areas, restaurants, retail food production and marketing establishments, retail service establishments, retail stores, shopping malls, sports arenas, theaters, and waiting rooms. A private residence is not a "public place" unless it is used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility.
- P. "Recreational Area" means any public or private area open to the public for recreational purposes, whether or not any fee for admission is charged, including but not limited to, amusement parks, athletic fields, beaches, fairgrounds, gardens, golf courses open to the public, parks, plazas, skate parks, swimming pools, trails, and zoos.
- Q. "Restaurant" means an eating establishment, including but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich stands, and private and public school cafeterias, which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The term "restaurant" shall include a bar area within the restaurant.
- R. "Service Line" means an indoor or outdoor line in which one (1) or more persons are waiting for or receiving service of any kind, whether or not the service involves the exchange of money, including but not limited to, ATM lines, concert lines, food vendor lines, movie ticket lines, and sporting event lines.
- S. "Shopping Mall" means an enclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to connect retail or professional establishments.
- T. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an e-cigarette which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Article.
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- U. "Sports Arena" means a place where people assemble to engage in physical exercise, participate in athletic competition, or witness sports or other events, including sports pavilions, stadiums, gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, and bowling alleys.
- V. "Reasonable distance" means a distance that is sufficient to ensure indoor areas remain smoke-free by preventing smoke from infiltrating enclosed public places via any entrance, exit, window, vent, or air intake system of a building where smoking is prohibited, and to protect persons entering or exiting enclosed areas from involuntarily inhaling second-hand smoke.
- W. "Cigar Bar/Lounge" means a stand-alone retail establishment authorized to sell or serve alcohol for consumption on premises, as provided for in Augusta, Georgia Code, Alcoholic Beverages, Sections 6-2-1 through 6-2-145, and which certifies that 20 percent of more of their annual gross sales revenue is from the sale of cigars.

Sec. 4-2-84. Where smoking not regulated.

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article to the contrary, smoking and e-cigarettes shall not be prohibited in private residences, unless used as a childcare, adult day care, or health care facility.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in this article, smoking and e-cigarettes shall not be prohibited in private vehicles.
- C. Areas within the geographical confines of Augusta, Georgia wherein the Board of Commissioners of Augusta, Georgia does not have jurisdiction, including property belonging to the City of Hephzibah, the City of Blythe, the State of Georgia and the federal government.
- D. Hookah Bars and Lounges in existence as of the date of adoption of this section and which permit waterpipe smoking on the premises as of the date of the adoption of this section.
- E. Retail Electronic Smoking device stores in existence as of the date of the adoption of this section and which permit electronic device usage as of the date of the adoption of this section.
- F. Bars, Cigar Bars/Lounges, Private Clubs and Restaurants that have a valid Hookah License and permit waterpipe smoking on the premises and do not allow individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) to enter the premises at any time that hookah is smoked and obtain an indoor air certificate of exemption.
- G. Indoor Air (Outdoor Use) Certificate of Exemption. Certain establishments authorized for sale or service of alcohol for consumption on the premises are exempt from the prohibition of smoking contained therein as follows:

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1. *Cigar bar/lounge.* A stand-alone establishment authorized to sell or serve alcohol for consumption on the premises, which certifies that 20 percent or more of their annual gross sales revenue is from the sale of cigars, shall be exempt provided that:
 - a. Cigars and hookah are the only tobacco products consumed in the premises;
 - b. Access to the establishment is denied to any person under the age of 21,
 - c. Establishment does not employ any individual under the age of 21.
 - d. Establishment pays a regulatory fee as provided for in Augusta, Georgia Code Section 2-1-3(c), at the time of the issuance of the initial alcohol license, and thereafter at the time of the issuance of the alcohol license upon renewal thereof. (The regulatory fee is an annual fee paid at the time the establishment begins selling tobacco products, and each year thereafter when the alcohol license is renewed.)
 - e. The certificate of exemption shall be displayed conspicuously in the manner of the alcohol license.
 - f. Establishment shall install exterior sign indicating "cigar bar/lounge".
 - g. Such establishment shall not sell or permit the use of:
 1. Vape products, including electronic smoking devices, component parts or e-liquids.
 2. Cigarettes (tobacco rolled in paper).
 - h. Cigar Bar/Lounge shall not be located within 100 yards of another Cigar Bar/Lounge.
 - i. Cigar Bar/Lounge must have a filtration system exceeding ninety-eight percent efficiency with all air within the lounge exhausted directly to the outside by an exhaust fan of sufficient size.
 2. Bar. A stand-alone establishment authorized to sell or serve alcohol for consumption on the premises shall be exempt provided that:
 - a. Hookah is the only tobacco product consumed in the premises.
 - b. Access to the establishment is denied to any person under the age of 21.
 - c. Establishment does not employ any individual under the age of 21.
 - d. Establishment pays a regulatory fee as provided for in Augusta, Georgia Code Section 2-1-3(c), at the time of the issuance of the initial alcohol license, and thereafter at the time of the issuance of the alcohol license upon renewal thereof. (The regulatory fee is an annual fee paid at the time the establishment begins selling tobacco products, and each year thereafter when the alcohol license is renewed.)
 - e. The certificate of exemption shall be displayed conspicuously in the manner of the alcohol license.
 - f. Such establishment shall not sell or permit the use of:
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1. Vape products, including electronic smoking devices, component parts or e-liquids.
 2. Cigarettes (tobacco rolled in paper).
 3. Unrolled tobacco.
 4. Cigars.
 - h. The bar must have a filtration system exceeding ninety-eight percent efficiency with all air within the lounge exhausted directly to the outside by an exhaust fan of sufficient size.
 - i. The bar must prominently advertise at the entrance that hookah is allowed on premises and that access to the premises is limited to those twenty-one (21) years or older.
3. Restaurant. A stand-alone establishment authorized to sell or serve alcohol and food for consumption on the premises shall be exempt provided that:
- a. Hookah is the only tobacco product consumed in the premises and then only outside and/or on an open-air patio.
 - b. Access to the establishment is denied to any person under the age of 21 at all times when hookah is smoked.
 - c. Establishment does not employ any individual under the age of 21.
 - d. Establishment pays a regulatory fee as provided for in Augusta, Georgia Code Section 2-1-3(c), at the time of the issuance of the initial alcohol license, and thereafter at the time of the issuance of the alcohol license upon renewal thereof. (The regulatory fee is an annual fee paid at the time the establishment begins selling tobacco products, and each year thereafter when the alcohol license is renewed.)
 - e. The certificate of exemption shall be displayed conspicuously in the manner of the alcohol license.
 - f. Such establishment shall not sell or permit the use of:
 1. Vape products, including electronic smoking devices, component parts or e-liquids.
 2. Cigarettes (tobacco rolled in paper).
 3. Unrolled tobacco.
 4. Cigars.
 - g. The restaurant must prominently advertise at the entrance that hookah is allowed on premises and that access to the premises is limited to those twenty-one (21) years or older when hookah is smoked.

Sec. 2-1-3. - Administrative and regulatory fee structure; occupation tax structure.

- c. The regulatory fee schedule for persons in occupations and professions shall be as set below, and may be amended from time to time:
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Adult Entertainment Establishments	\$3,830.00 per year
Adult Entertainment (live)	\$155.00 per day
Amusement Parks	\$770.00 per year
Arcades	\$385.00 per year
Cigar Bar/Lounge	\$125.00 per year
Craft Show Promoters	\$460.00 per year
Dance Hall License incidental to Alcohol License	\$155.00 per year
Entertainment Venue	\$385.00 per year
Flea Markets	
1 through 10 rental spaces	\$460.00 per year
11 or more rental spaces	\$770.00 per year
Fortune Tellers	\$770.00 per year
Going Out of Business Sales	\$155.00 per 90 days
(May be renewed for 60 days)	\$155.00
Hookah Bar/Lounge	\$125.00 per year
<u>Hookah License</u>	\$_____ per year
Hybrid Restaurant	\$550.00 per year
Incidental Alcohol License	\$250.00 per year
Second Hand Goods	\$155.00 per year
Special Entertainment Permit	\$50.00

Street Vendors	\$55.00 per day
Temporary and Transient Vendors	\$195.00 per day
Wreckers	\$40.00 per year
Taxicabs	\$40.00 per year
Limousines	\$40.00 per year
Vending Machines (per machine)	\$10.00 per year
Salvage Yards	\$350.00



Public Services Committee

August 25, 2026

Minutes

Department:	N/A
Presenter:	N/A
Caption:	Motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Public Services Committee Meeting.
Background:	N/A
Analysis:	N/A
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	N/A
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A



PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

1:00 PM

PRESENT:

Commissioner Catherine Rice, Chair
Commissioner Tony Lewis, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Francine Scott, Member
Commissioner Tina Slendak, Member
Commissioner Don Clark
Commissioner Jordan Johnson
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam
Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly

1. **Augusta Regional Airport (AGS)** - Approve Recommendation of Award to Oshkosh Airport Products in the amount of \$1,095,344.00 for the Procurement of a New ARFF Vehicle/Apparatus. #26-268. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 07/30/2026.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 4-0

2. **Augusta Regional Airport (AGS)** - Approve the Construction Contract to Oshkosh Airport Products in the amount of \$1,095,344.00 for the Procurement of a New ARFF Vehicle/Apparatus. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 07/30/2026. (ITB 26-268)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 4-0

3. **Augusta Regional Airport (AGS)** - Approve Final Balancing Change Order #3 in the amount of (\$575,309.92) to CW Matthews' Contract. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 07/30/2026 (25BFA147).

Motion to approve

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 4-0

4. **Augusta Regional Airport (AGS)** - Accept FAA AIP Grant No. 3-13-0011-062-2026 (#62) in the amount of \$1,040,576. and FAA AIP Grant No. 3-13-0011-063-2026 (#63) in the amount of \$2,207,000. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 07/30/2026.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 4-0

5. Motion to **approve** the 2027 Cooperative Agreement with CSRA Regional Commission for Senior Nutrition Services for Augusta, Georgia and to authorize the Mayor to execute all associated documents.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 4-0

6. Motion to **approve** Basic Design Service fees from the current **\$1,151,175.00 to \$1,173,175.00** an increase of \$22,000.00 for design of temporary office space for the renovation of Craig-Houghton to the Juvenile Justice Center.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 4-0

7. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the July 28, 2026 Public Services Committee Meeting.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 4-0

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