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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WELCOME PACKET

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Message from the City of Humble

The City of Humble welcomes you and your business! We are pleased that you have chosen to be part of our community. Your business presence in this ideal location helps our local economy continue to thrive.

The City Secretary Department has prepared this Welcome Packet for licensing companies and business owners who have submitted a TABC licensing application to the City.

City Code Overview:

§ Section 5.03.031. Required.

No person shall manufacture, sell, distribute or store any alcoholic beverage, or engage in any other activity with relation to the same for which a permit is required by the state Alcoholic Beverage Code, within the city without first obtaining a license so to do from the city.

§ Section 5.03.032. Fees established.

Before any license is issued under the provisions of this division, the applicant therefor shall pay to the city a fee as set forth in the fee schedule in appendix A of this code.

§ Section 5.03.033. Payment of fees.

All taxes, permits and/or license fees levied by this division shall be paid in advance for one year.

§ Section 5.03.034. Prerequisites to issuance; effect of issuance.

Upon the payment of the applicable tax or fee prescribed by this division to the city secretary department, and exhibition to them of a permit duly issued by the state to the applicant or person paying such tax or fee, the city secretary shall, in the name of the city, issue and deliver to such applicant or person a permit or license to engage in business in the city of the character described in and authorized by the permit from the state held by such applicant or person. The permit or license so issued in the name of the city shall authorize the conduct of such business upon the premises described in the permit from the state and shall remain in force only so long as such permit from the state remains in force or until revoked for cause.

Code of Ordinances

Article 5.03 - Alcoholic Beverages

DIVISION 2: License or Permit

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City Alcohol Permit Expiration:

The City's Alcoholic Beverage Permit will align with the expiration date of your TABC Alcoholic Beverage Permit. For example, if your permit is renewed with TABC and is valid for two years, your City of Humble Alcoholic Beverage Permit will also expire on that same date.

City Alcohol Permit Invoice Processes and Procedures:

The City of Humble will issue invoices upon request from licensing companies or business owners with a copy of the TABC license or if your establishment has an active food and beverage permit with the county. Please see Senate Bill 1008 below for further details.

Requests for a City invoice should be sent to AlcoholPermit@humbletx.gov. If a request is not made, the City Secretary Department will send an invoice to the active email address on file approximately one to two months before the permit expires.

Important Reminder:

No person shall manufacture, sell, distribute, or store any alcoholic beverage—or engage in any other related activity for which a permit is required by the state—within the City without first obtaining a City permit.

If you do not have a City Alcohol Permit, your business will be in violation of the City's Code of Ordinances and will be reported to Code Enforcement for further action.

City Alcohol Permit Establishment Display:

Once received, your City Alcoholic Beverage Permit must be displayed in the establishment next to the state permit.

Additional Information, FAQs, and City Secretary Department Role:

Additional information on Chapter 5, Alcoholic Beverages, and Frequently asked Questions are included with this Welcome Packet.

The City Secretary Department is here to help you. Your business is appreciated, and we trust this will be a positive and successful venture for you! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at 281-446-3061 or AlcoholPermit@humbletx.gov.

Our best wishes to you!

/s/Maria Jackson, TRMC, CPM, MMC
City Secretary

/s/Elanna Sanchez-Killian, TRMC, CMC
Deputy City Secretary

IMPORTANT UPDATE: TEXAS SENATE BILL 1008

Effective September 1, 2025, Texas Senate Bill 1008 introduces new restrictions on how local governments assess fees for food and drink establishments. Under the updated law, specifically Section 437.01235 of the Texas Health and Safety Code:

“A county, municipality, or public health district, including an authorized agent, employee, or department, may not charge a fee under Section 11.38 or 61.36, Alcoholic Beverage Code, if the premises is a food service establishment, retail food store, mobile food unit, roadside food vendor, or temporary food service establishment that has already paid a fee to operate to the department or to any county, municipality, or public health district.”

Changes to current processes:

The City of Humble will no longer charge alcohol permitting fees to the following establishments if they meet one of the following conditions:

- Food Service Establishments with a valid health permit from the Harris County Public Health & Food Safety Division.
- Establishments that have already paid a fee to operate as a food service establishment to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

If you receive an invoice for alcohol permitting but believe your business is exempt under SB 1008, please contact us at AlcoholPermit@humbletx.gov before making payment. A message from the City Secretary is enclosed as Attachment A.

Code of Ordinances

Article 5.03 - Alcoholic Beverages

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DIVISION 1 - GENERALLY

§ Section 5.03.001. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, all definitions of words, terms and phrases as set forth in the state Alcoholic Beverage Code are hereby adopted and made a part hereof.

(1973 Code, sec. 4-1; 1991 Code, sec. 5-1; 2007 Code, sec. 6-1)

§ Section 5.03.002. Late hours for consumption, sale or service.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to consume any alcoholic beverage in a public place or to possess any alcoholic beverage in a public place for the purpose of consuming the same in a public place; or for the holder of a retail dealer's on-premises late hours license to sell or offer for sale beer; or for the holder of a private club late hours permit to permit persons to consume or be served alcoholic beverages between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays and between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on all other days.

(1973 Code, sec. 4-2; 1991 Code, sec. 5-2; 2007 Code, sec. 6-2)

§ Section 5.03.003. Conduct of business.

The conduct of business of the holder of any license issued under this division shall be governed by and subject to all general state laws, civil or penal, and the provisions of this code and ordinances of the city.

(1973 Code, sec. 4-18; 1991 Code, sec. 5-25; 2007 Code, sec. 6-27)

§ Section 5.03.004. Sale near church, school or hospital.

Regardless of any other provision of this division, no sale of alcoholic beverages in any manner shall be legal or permitted within 300 feet of a church, public or private school, or public hospital, as provided in Alcoholic Beverage Code section 109.33.

(1973 Code, sec. 4-19; 1991 Code, sec. 5-26; 2007 Code, sec. 6-28; Ordinance 25-994 adopted 6/26/2025)

§ Section 5.03.005. Sale near day-care or child-care facility.

This section applies only to a permit or license holder who does not hold a food and beverage certificate. Provisions of Alcoholic Beverage Code, section 109.33 relating to public schools also apply to a day-care center and a child-care facility as those terms are defined in Alcoholic Beverage Code, section 109.331 and Human Resources Code, section 42.002.

(Ordinance 25-994 adopted 6/26/2025)

§ Section 5.03.006. Measurement methodology.

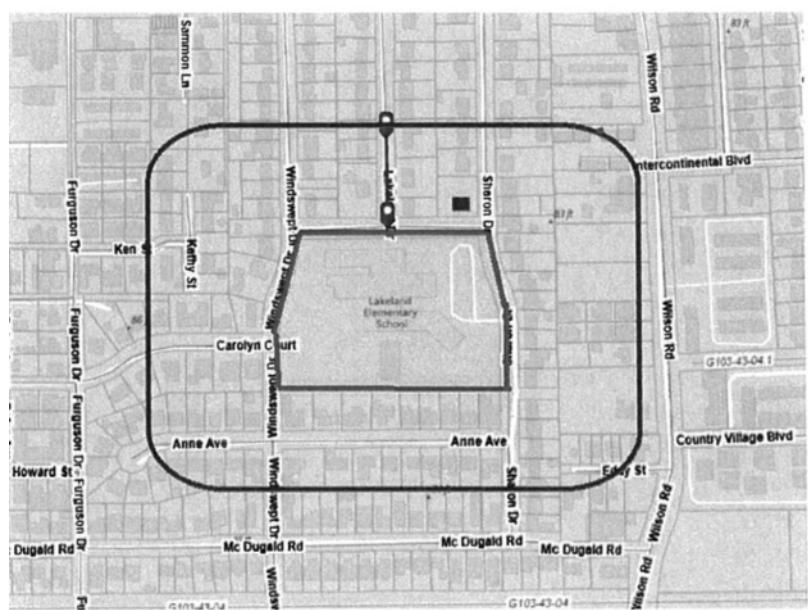
(a) The measurement of the distance between the place of business and the school, church, hospital, day-care center or child-care facility shall be along the property lines or the street fronts and from front door to front door, and in a direct line across intersections. This subsection applies only long as the place of business is continuously in operation from that date, whether or not under the same license or permit.

(b) The following exhibits are for example purposes and should not be used in final determination of measurement for the locations pictured. Each application will be measured separately at the time of the application.

(1) Exhibit A: If a street must be crossed, the measurement shall continue from the point on the street frontage that is perpendicular to the front door of the establishment, proceed in a straight line to the nearest intersection, cross the intersection in a straight line, and then continue along the street frontage point perpendicular to the front door of the church or public hospital. From that point, the measurement shall extend directly to the front door of the church or hospital.



(2) Exhibit B: An illustration depicting a school with a buffer line indicating all properties located within a 300-foot radius.



(Ordinance 25-994 adopted 6/26/2025)

§ Section 5.03.007. Variance procedure.

(a) The city council may allow variances to the provisions of this chapter if the city council determines that enforcement is not in the best interest of the public, constitutes waste or inefficient use of the land or other resources, creates an undue hardship on an applicant for a license or permit, does not serve its intended purpose, is not effective or necessary, or for any other reason the city council, after consideration of the health, safety and welfare of the public and the equities of the situation, determines is in the best interest of the community.

(b) Upon written consent with a notarized approval letter by the affected school, church, hospital, day-care center or child-care facility, the distance requirements and variance may be waived at the discretion of the city manager.

- *City Variance Procedures enclosed as Attachment B.*

(Ordinance 25-994 adopted 6/26/2025)

City Code of Ordinances

Division 3: Prohibition of Nudity in Commercial Establishments Serving or Permitting Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

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§ Section 5.03.061. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to prohibit certain acts of commercial exploitation of human sexuality in commercial establishments within the city limits where alcoholic beverages are served, offered for sale or consumption on the premises, or permitted to be consumed on the premises; to reduce the likelihood of criminal activity, moral degradation and disturbances of the peace and good order of the community; to prohibit lewd and unlawful activity such as prostitution and the proliferation of controlled substances, all of which may occur when such commercial exploitation is permitted in such places; and to promote the preservation of property values of neighborhoods and adjacent properties.

(1991 Code, sec. 20-150; Ordinance 98-528, sec. 1, adopted 5/14/98; 2007 Code, sec. 6-60)

§ Section 5.03.062. Prohibition.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person maintaining, owning or operating a commercial establishment located within the boundaries of the city, at which alcoholic beverages are served or offered for sale for consumption on the premises, or at which alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed:

- (1) To suffer or permit any female person, while on the premises of said commercial establishment, to expose that area of the human female breast at or below the top of the areola thereof;
- (2) To suffer or permit any female person, while on the premises of said commercial establishment, to use any device or covering which is intended to give the appearance of or simulate such portions of the human female breasts as described in subsection (a)(1) of this section;
- (3) To suffer or permit any person, while on the premises of said commercial establishment, to expose his genitals, pubic area, buttocks, anus or anal cleft or cleavage;
- (4) To suffer or permit any person, while on the premises of said commercial establishment, to use any device or covering which is intended to give the appearance of or simulate the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, anus, anal cleft or cleavage.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any female person, while on the premises of a commercial establishment located within the boundaries of the city, at which alcoholic beverages are served or offered for sale for consumption on the premises, or at which alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed, to expose that area of the human female breast at or below the top of the areola thereof, or to use any device or covering which is intended to give the appearance of or simulate such areas of the female breast as described herein.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person, while on the premises of a commercial establishment located within the boundaries of the city, at which alcoholic beverages are served or offered for sale for consumption on the premises, or at which alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed, to expose his genitals, pubic area, buttocks, anus or anal cleft or cleavage, or to use any device or covering which is intended to give the appearance of or simulate the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, anus or anal cleft or cleavage.

(1991 Code, sec. 20-151; Ordinance 98-528, sec. 2, adopted 5/14/98; 2007 Code, sec. 6-61)

§ Section 5.03.063. Injunctive relief.

The city attorney is and shall be hereby authorized to seek compliance with this division by seeking injunctive relief in a court of proper jurisdiction to compel the operator, owner or other violator of this division, as the same shall be established, to comply with the terms and provisions thereof. The ability of the city to seek injunctive relief hereunder shall not be subject to, nor shall it be a prerequisite thereof, that the city has sought compliance with this division by application of penalties and sanctions as otherwise set out in this division.

(1991 Code, sec. 20-153; Ordinance 98-528, sec. 2, adopted 5/14/98; 2007 Code, sec. 6-62)

Frequently Asked Questions (City)

1. If I paid my State TABC License and County Alcoholic Beverage License fees, do I also need to pay for a City permit?

Yes and no.

Under Section 5.03.031 of the City Code, all alcoholic beverage businesses must obtain a City permit.

However, if your business holds an active health permit from Harris County, you are exempt from City fees—but you must still post your City Alcohol Permit next to your TABC permit.

If your business does not hold an active county health permit, you are not exempt, and your City Alcohol Permit will not be released until payment is made.

2. If my license is pending with TABC, can the City issue a City Alcoholic Beverage Permit?

No. The City cannot issue a City Alcohol Permit until your TABC license or renewal is approved.

3. If my renewal payment to the City was missed for one or more years, must I pay for those missed years?

Yes. During any year in which a City Alcohol Permit was not issued, your business was in violation of City ordinance. Payment is still required for each missed year. Code Enforcement may also issue a citation for violations.

4. How can I request a renewal invoice?

The City Secretary Department will send renewal invoices to the email address on file for all businesses with an active TABC license.

You may also request an invoice by emailing AlcoholPermit@humbletx.gov.

Include your business name, address, and a copy of your TABC License and/or Harris County Health Permit and a response will be sent within 24–72 hours.

5. Which payment methods are accepted?

Electronic credit card payment (link sent via the City's iWorQ system).

Check payable to the City of Humble (mail to: City Secretary Department, 114 W. Higgins St., Humble, TX 77338).

In-person payment by credit card at City Hall.

6. Must I work with a third-party company to pay for my City Alcohol Permit?

No. While a third-party company may assist, it is not required. Business owners may pay the City directly.

7. Do I need a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) to sell alcohol?

Yes. All businesses in Humble must have an active CO before operating.

A City Alcohol Permit does not replace the requirement for a valid Certificate of Occupancy or a TABC license.

Operating without a CO is a code violation and may result in permit revocation under § 5.03.034.

8. How far away does a location that sells alcohol need to be from a church or school?

Please refer to Sections 5.03.003 to 5.03.007 of the City Code of Ordinances, also included with this packet.

<https://ecode360.com/39092993>

9. Does posting my TABC Application on the City’s “Legal and Public Notices” webpage satisfy the TABC posting requirement?

No. You must follow TABC procedures for public notice postings. Contact TABC for assistance.

Frequently Asked Questions (TABC) and Website

1. May a license or permit be used by or transferred to another person?

No. If the ownership of a business changes hands, the new owner must apply for their own license or permit. The license or permit cannot be transferred to the new owner.

2. May a license or permit be moved from one location to a new location?

Yes, but only upon approval of the TABC after the holder submits an application requesting such a change. A license to sell beer may only be transferred to a location within the county in which it was originally issued. A permit to sell liquor may be transferred to another location in Texas.

3. After a license or permit is issued, does the TABC have the authority to cancel or suspend the license or permit?

Yes, for any violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Code after a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings and possible appeal. See Code sections 5.35, 11.61 and 61.71.

<https://www.tabc.texas.gov/faqs/>

Have questions?

For questions or concerns regarding the TABC licensing, enforcement, audit and investigations, you are encouraged to contact the TABC Houston Regional Office:

427 West 20th Street, Suite 600
Houston, TX 77008
Phone: (713) 426-7900
Hours: Please call ahead.
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday – Friday

For questions or concerns regarding City Permit fees, renewals, Senate Bill 1008, or City regulations, you are encouraged to email to AlcoholPermit@cityofhumble.net.