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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-046

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT ALCOHOL LICENSE FEES TO ACCOMPANY THE ALCOHOL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November of 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-1-20 authorizes counties to enact ordinances for protecting and preserving the public health, safety, and welfare of the population of the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, a referendum was conducted in Cherokee County to establish the package sales of distilled spirits in unincorporated Cherokee County, with the question, "Shall the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits be approved?"; and

WHEREAS, the package sale of distilled spirits referendum received approval from the voters of Cherokee County by 79.2%; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the requirements and regulations regarding the issuance of such licenses for retail distilled spirits, on June 6, 2023, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance update to Chapter 6 of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages to permit such licensure; and

WHEREAS, fees are required for the alcohol licenses identified in Chapter 6 of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned fees are attached hereto as Exhibit A and are herein incorporated by reference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same, that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the alcohol license fees attached hereto as Exhibit A regarding the acceptance and issuance of licenses for the retail sale of distilled spirits.

SO RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 20th day of June, 2023.

By:

HARRY B. JOHNSTON, Chairman

Attest:

CHRISTY BLACK, Clerk



Alcohol License Fees - EXHIBIT A

Category	License/Fee Type	Amount
Admin	Application Fee	\$500
Retail	Beer/Malt	\$1,000
	Wine	\$1,000
	Distilled Spirits/Liquor- New	\$135,000 [*]
	Distilled Spirits/Liquor- Renewal	\$5,000
Consumption	Beer/Malt	\$1,000
	Wine	\$1,000
	Liquor/Distilled	\$5,000

^{*} Up to fifty percent (50%) of the retail distilled spirits/liquor - new fee will be used as a credit for any impact, permit, or application fees due to Cherokee County and the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority (CCWSA) to offset project costs.