

Community Development Agency

Retail Distilled Spirits Package Store

Pre-Application Meeting

August 16, 2023, 9:00 AM

Cherokee County Administration Building

Cherokee Hall

1130 Bluffs Parkway

Canton, Georgia 30114

Cherokee
County

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- Staff Introductions & Contacts
- Process Overview
- Q&A
- Next Steps & Wrap Up

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Ordinance Overview

- Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of Ordinances Amended (Chapter 6, Article II, Division 2 – Distilled Spirits)
- Adopted May 16, Effective September 1, 2023
- Administrative Policy Adopted June 6, 2023
 - Applications accepted beginning 9:00 AM September 1 through 5:00 PM on October 31, 2023
 - Must submit in person with Development Services Center

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Ordinance Overview

- Section 6-83 Distilled spirits retail districts, location requirements
 - Distilled Spirits Retail Districts – Six (6) Districts
 - Zoning – General Commercial, TND, PUD-Commercial and a Special Use Permit (SUP) is Required
- Section 6-24 Measurement of Distances
- Section 6-84 – Building Requirements
 - Sole tenants in freestanding buildings of at least 5,000 square feet in size
 - 100 feet of frontage on an arterial or major collector street
 - Building Design, Signage, Security Cameras Required
 - See Additional Requirements

- Legend**
- Distilled Spirits Retail Districts
 - 1-Mile Area
 - Canton
 - Holly Springs
 - Waleska
 - Woodstock

Map Description
Proposed Distilled Spirits Retail Districts
in Cherokee County

Date of Creation
6/28/2023

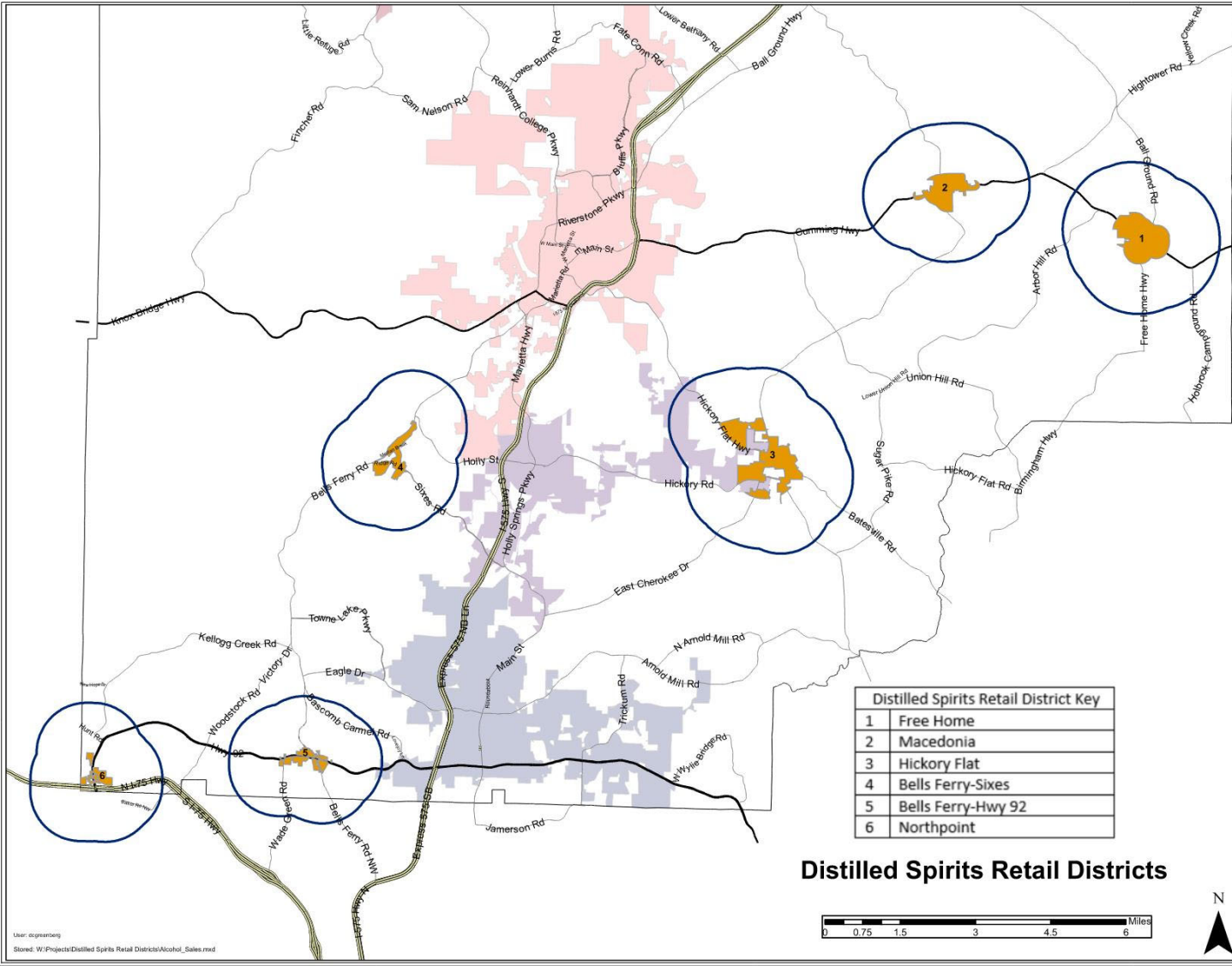
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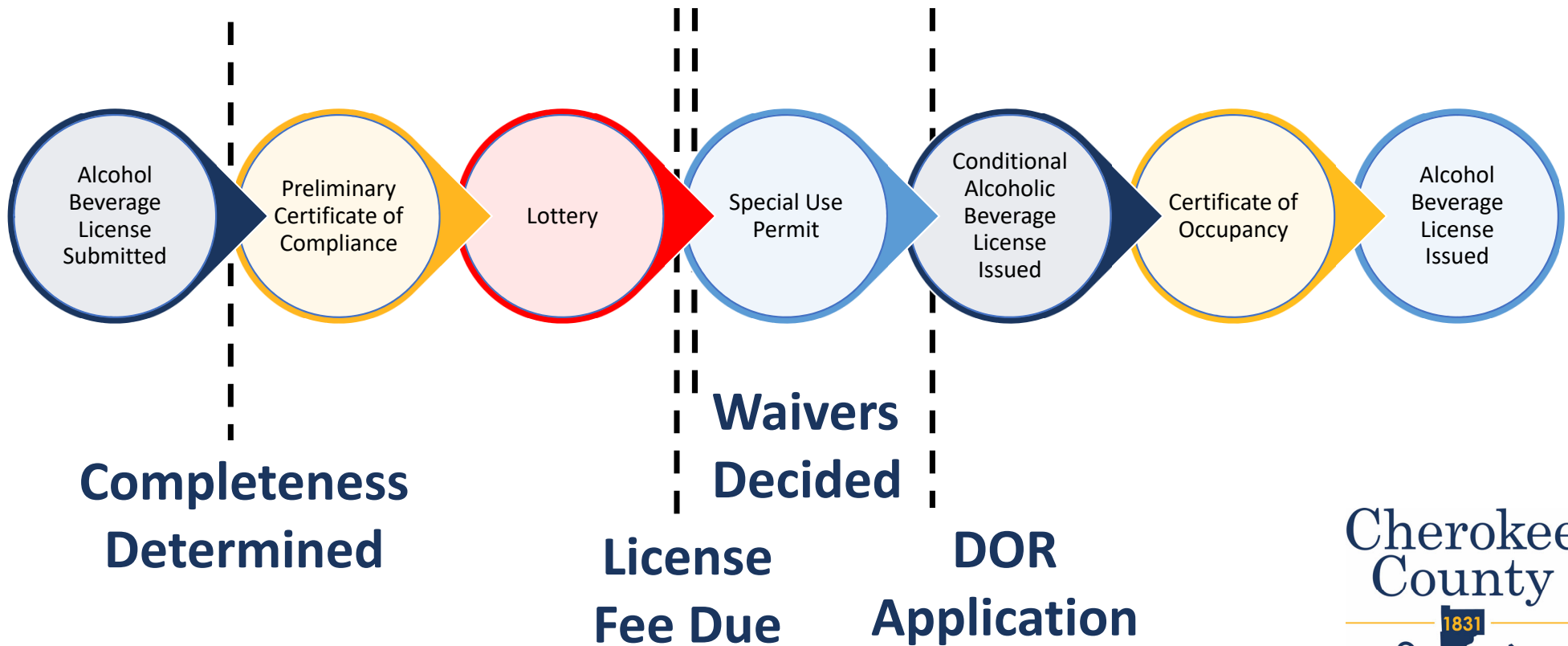
Distilled Spirits Retail District Key	
1	Free Home
2	Macedonia
3	Hickory Flat
4	Bells Ferry-Sixes
5	Bells Ferry-Hwy 92
6	Northpoint

Distilled Spirits Retail Districts



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Process Overview



Application Process Overview

- Section 6-85. License, administrative, and investigative requirements; licensing process; fees.

Review Section 6-85 Carefully

- Section 6-85 (b): Licensing process:
 - Step 1: Submit Application beginning September 1
 - Step 2: Completeness Review
 - Step 3: Preliminary Certificate of Compliance (Finalists)
 - Step 4: Finalists presented to BOC
 - Lottery Called & Conducted
 - \$135,000 License Fee Due

Application Process Overview

- Step 5: Special Use Permit (SUP) Application, 90 Days to apply
- Step 6: Special Use Permit (SUP) Process, 180 Days to receive a decision
- Step 7: With SUP, Conditional License Issued
- Step 8: Project Completion – Two (2) Years
- Step 9: With C.O. Issued, Conditional License converted to Retail Distilled Spirits Alcohol License
- **Application with Department of Revenue filed after SUP is approved**

Application Process Overview

- Alcoholic Beverage License documents include (See Sec. 6-5 et seq):
 - Complete application; complete licensee application
 - SAVE affidavit; Private employer affidavit
 - Fingerprint/background check consent form
 - RASS certificate
 - Site Plan/Concept
 - Distance Survey
 - Residential Distance Waiver, if applicable
 - Residency Waiver, if applicable
 - Proof of GA Residency

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Lottery

- Will be at a scheduled BOC meeting
- Conducted by Independent Third Party
- For each district, the lottery will generate an ordered list of finalists
- If the successful finalist's (#1 on the list) application is void, the next ranked on the list will emerge and proceed through the process

License Fees

- Application fee of \$500 and \$50 Fingerprinting Fee nonrefundable, but later credited toward the \$135,000 license fee
- \$135,000 License Fee Due upon becoming Successful Finalist, selected by the Lottery
- Up to 50% of fee, \$67,500, used as a credit for any impact, permit, or application fees due to Cherokee County and CCWSA to offset project costs
- If a Successful Finalist is unable to complete the process, applicants may request a pro-rated refund against fees not otherwise incurred

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Q&A

- Publish meeting minutes/Q&A on Website by EOB on 8/23 and email notice once posted
- Please remember to sign in
- Application and all documents on website

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