



## **CITY OF HAMMOND ORDINANCE**

**No. \_\_\_\_\_ C. .S.**

### **An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Prohibition on Persons Under the Age of 21 in Stand-Alone Bars and Nightclubs**

**WHEREAS**, the Hammond City Council desires to promote the general welfare, provide for public safety, security and good order of City and thereby prohibit persons under the age of twenty-one (21) years in stand-alone bars and nightclubs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Hammond City Council that:

1. The Hammond Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

**A. Sec. 21-91.1. – is deleted in its entirety (replaced with ordinance No. 15-5426 sec 93.1.2)**

**B. Sec. 21-91.2. – is deleted in its entirety (replaced with ordinance No. 15-5426 sec 93.1.2)**

**C. Sec. 21-91.3. – deleted in its entirety (replaced with ordinance No. 15-5426 sec 93.1.3)**

**D. By amending Sec. 21-91.4. to renumber it to 21-91.1 and read as follows:**

**Sec. 21-91.1. Responsibilities of retail dealers not relieved.**

Nothing in sections 21-93.1.1 through 21-93.1.3 shall be construed as relieving any licensed retail dealer in beverages of either high or low alcohol content of any responsibility imposed upon said dealer under the provisions of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended.

**E. By adding Section 21-93.1.4 to read as follows:**

**Sec. 21-93.1.4. Prohibition on persons under the age of twenty-one (21) in stand-alone bars or nightclubs.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one (21) to enter or remain on the premises of any stand-alone bar or nightclub while that establishment is selling alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to present any false, altered or otherwise fraudulent proof of age to attempt to gain entry to, any stand-alone bar or nightclub while that establishment is selling and/or serving alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any stand-alone bar or nightclub, or any employee or agent thereof, to knowingly admit, or permit to remain on the premises of such establishment, any person under the age of twenty-one (21) while that establishment is selling and/or serving alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.
- (d) Each stand-alone bar or nightclub shall develop a written policy setting forth its system for verifying the age of persons it admits onto its premises and shall provide a copy of such policy to the city permit office in connection with the renewal of its alcohol permit.
- (e) Nothing herein shall be deemed to in any way prohibit any person under the age of twenty-one (21) from:
  - a. Being present in a stand-alone bar or nightclub as an employee of that establishment to perform work duties;
  - b. Being present in a stand-alone bar or nightclub pursuant to an agreement with that establishment to provide some service, including providing security, maintenance, or entertainment to the establishment or its patrons;
  - c. Being present in a stand-alone bar or nightclub for the purposes of making a delivery of goods to that establishment; or
  - d. Being present in a stand-alone bar or nightclub while performing a public or legal duty, such as law enforcement, fire suppression, building inspection, or health inspection.
- (f) As used herein, the term “stand-alone bar or nightclub” shall mean a business that holds a city retail alcohol permit under Chapter 5 of the code of ordinances and the primary purpose of such business is to serve 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, cocktail lounges, and cabarets and is not licensed by the city as a restaurant.
- (g) Whoever violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished as provided by section 1-8 of this Code, subject to a \$250.00 minimum fine for the first violation, with each subsequent violation doubling the fine until the maximum fine is imposed for each violation. The penalty period shall reset after twenty-four months without a violation.

**F. By amending Sec. 5-29 to replace eighteen (18) years to twenty-one (21) years in subsections (a) (3) and (a) (11).**

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed in whole or in part, to the extent said ordinance or ordinances conflict(s) with the contents of this ordinance as enacted herein.

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The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and second by \_\_\_\_\_ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Kip Andrews ( ), Carlee White Gonzales ( ), Sam DiVittorio ( ), Steve Leon ( ) Devon Wells ( ), Motion Approved \_\_\_\_.

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

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Kip Andrews President,  
Hammond City Council

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Honorable Pete Panepinto, Mayor

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Lisa Cockerham, Clerk Hammond City Council