

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Warren Hutmacher, City Manager
Date: July 8, 2013
Subject: **Discussion of Consumption of Alcohol for Special Events**

BACKGROUND

Per Councilman Shortal's request, staff has researched the issue of allowing for adults over the age of 21 to consume alcohol in a city park during a city sponsored special event.

ANALYSIS

The Code of Ordinances allows for the sale of alcohol on city property with a license and a special permit but does not allow for the consumption of alcohol not purchased on site from a vendor with a license and a special permit.

A code amendment to Chapter 25 would allow for adults over the age of 21 to bring alcohol to the park and consume it on park property during a city sponsored or co-sponsored special event. This would allow for patrons to bring their own alcohol to events such as Food Truck Thursdays and other city sponsored or co-sponsored events throughout the year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that if a change is made to the code to allow for consumption of alcohol in city parks that it be limited to only special events sponsored or co-sponsored by the City.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25, PARKS AND RECREATION,
ARTICLE II (USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES), TO REVISE PROHIBITION
CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PARK PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody are charged with preserving the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's current Parks Ordinance prohibits possession of alcoholic beverages on park property unless otherwise part of a permitted special event; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to allow patrons of the parks to possess alcoholic beverages during events sponsored by the City.

THEREFORE, Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 25, Article II of the City of Dunwoody Code is hereby amended by revising Section 25-32 ("Possession, Use or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages") to read as follows:

Sec. 25-32. Possession, Use or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, use, consume or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage in a recreation facility, other than during a permitted rental event, ~~or~~ permitted special event, a special event sponsored or co-sponsored by the City of Dunwoody (unless the Mayor and Council determine otherwise) or as otherwise permitted under this Code.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and incorporated into the Code of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia. This Ordinance hereby repeals any and all conflicting ordinances and amendments.

SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Approved:

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(Seal)

City Attorney