

**ELLIJAY CITY HALL**

**APRIL 20, 2026**

**5:30  
WORKSHOP**

**5:45  
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Off Premise Consumption License Request  
595 South Main Street**

**6:00  
REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes for March Meeting

Approval of March Financial Statement

Staff Reports

Citizen Input

**NEW BUSINESS**

Review and Action – Off Premise Consumption License Beer and Wine, Elijay Investments LLC, 595 South Main Street, Owner Amin A Dhamani, Registered Agent Carol A Waters

Review and Action – Appeal of City’s Decision to Deny a Short-Term Rental Certificate, 42 Summit View Lane

Executive Session – Personnel, Pending Litigation, Land Acquisition

Adjourn

## Mayors Report

- The Citgo Station located at 595 South Main Street has changed ownership. The new owner has made application for an off premise consumption license for beer and wine. This item is on the agenda for action.
- An appeal has been received by the City Clerk regarding a decision made by the Code Enforcement Officer regarding a short term vacation rental. A copy of the appeal is included in your packet for review along with a copy of Chapter 60 of the City Code, with the applicable sections highlighted. Per City Code Chapter 60, Section 60-6 (f) and (g) "A person aggrieved by the city's decision to revoke, suspend or deny a short-term rental vacation rental certificate may appeal the decision to the city council..... The city council shall consider the appeal within 30 days after receipt by the city clerk..... The city council shall render a determination, which will constitute a final ruling on the application." The owners of the property will be at Monday's meeting to present their appeal.

**City of Ellijay  
March 16, 2026**

**Workshop  
5:30pm**

**Public Hearing  
5:45pm**

**Off Premise Consumption License Request  
76 Industrial Blvd.  
No Comments**

**Off Premise Consumption License Request  
2170 South Main Street  
No Comments**

**Annexation Request  
632 Progress Road  
Parcel Number 3067 022**

Kent Sanford explained the parcel adjoined property already owned so they purchased it to protect the parcel they already own. They are asking for annexation and rezoning so both properties are under common jurisdiction.

**Regular Meeting  
Started at 6:00pm ended at 6:20pm**

**Council Meeting Called to Order:**

**Welcome - Mayor Al Hoyle welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

**Prayer-Prayer was given by Police Al Fuller.**

**Pledge- Mayor Al Hoyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Attendance:**

**Al Hoyle, Mayor - Present**

**Claudia Penland, Mayor Pro-Tem - Present**

**Tom Crawford, Councilmember - Present**

**Al Fuller, Councilmember - Present**

**Kevin Pritchett, Councilmember - Present**

**Thomas Griffith, Councilmember-Present**

**Kayann Hayden West, City Attorney - Absent**

**Edward Lacey, Police Chief-Present**

**Lori Pierce, City Clerk-Present**

**Andrew Mathis, Code Enforcement - Absent**

**Dustin Harper, Fire Chief - Present**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Councilmember Tom Crawford made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Kevin Pritchett seconded the motion. All approved.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Al Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes for the January meeting. Councilmember Thomas Griffith seconded the motion. All approved.

**Approval of Financial Statements:**

Councilmember Thomas Griffith made a motion to approve the January Financial Statement. Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Penland seconded the motion. All approved.

**Staff Reports:**

Nothing to add.

**Citizen Input:**

None

**New Business:**

Review and Action – Off Premise Consumption License Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits, Jay Ranchhod 18 Group LLC, dba Ellijay Beverage, 76 Industrial Blvd. Owner Vaibhavkumar Patel, Registered Agent Derel Edge – Councilmember Kevin Pritchett made a motion to approve the Off Premise License Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits. Councilmember Thomas Griffith seconded the motion. All approved.

Review and Action – Off Premise Consumption License Beer and Wine, Sajan Ventures LLC, dba Tim Buk Tu, 2170 South Main Street, Owner Ovais Sajan, Registered Agent Katrina Cooper – Councilmember Thomas Griffith made a motion to approve the Off Premise License Beer and Wine. Councilmember Tom Crawford seconded the motion. All approved.

Review and Action – Annexation/Zoning Change 632 Progress Road Parcel 3067 022 – Councilmember Kevin Pritchett made a motion to approve the annexation/zoning change for 632 Progress Road. Councilmember Thomas Griffith seconded the motion. All approved.

**Executive Session:** Personnel, Pending Litigation, Land Acquisition,

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Penland made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:05pm. Councilmember Thomas Griffith seconded the motion. All approved.

Councilmember Al Fuller made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 6.16pm. Councilmember Kevin Pritchett seconded the motion. All approved.

**Adjourn:**

Councilmember Al Fuller made a motion to adjourn at 6:20pm. Councilmember Kevin Pritchett seconded the motion. All approved.

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Lori Pierce/City Clerk

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Ellijay Fire Monthly Report Feb. 2026

Calls	Total	M/A	Auto. Aid	Comments
EMS	48			
MVA	2			
Extrication	0			
LZ	0			
Structure Fire	0			
Car Fire	1			
Brush Fire	0			
Acres Involved	0			
Fire Alarm	2			
Tree Down	3			
Haz-Mat	0			
Rescue	0			
Service Call	7			Patient assist
Blood Draw	0			
Other	1			Knox Key Maintenance, Smoke coming from Grill.
Total	66			
of which were M/A				
of which were Auto. Aid				
Mileage				
R-15	318			
E-15	189			
Q-15	53			
P-15	20			
FC-15				
102				



**ELLIJAY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT  
March 2026  
PRESENTED April 2026**



**Activity Overview:**

91 Total Reports	Traffic Enforcement:
76 Incident Reports	119 - Citations
14 Crash Reports	303 - Warnings
1 Use of Force Reports	
1 Domestic Violence Reports	
8 Arrests	

**Incident Reports by Type (non-crash)**

Parking Viol: 18	Alarm: 7	Tag Related: 6	License Viol: 5
Lights/Equip: 4	Warrant Served: 3	Unruly Juvenile: 3	Open Door: 2
Insurance: 3	Trans. Card Fraud: 2	Hit/Run: 2	Simple Battery:2
Criminal Trespass: 2	Wrong side of Rd.: 1	911 Hangup: 1	Suicide Attempt: 1
Battery: 1	Animals Loose: 1	Burglary 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1	Drug Rel. Obj: 1
Forgery: 1	Noise: 1	Speeding: 1	Ped. Under Infl: 1
False Name/DOB: 1	Stop Sign: 1	Peddling: 1	Mut Aid: 7

**Traffic Enforcement:** There were 304 Warnings and 119 Citations written. Of the citations written (non-warnings): 67 speeding citations; 14 Distracted Driving; 3 Uninsured motorists; 2 Child Restraints; 5 License Violations (suspended or no license); 6 Registrations/tag related; 1 wrong side of road; 1 stop sign; and 20 "other" citations. Additionally, there were 18 parking citations issued.

**Use of Force:** One use of force report regarding Officer O'Neal responding to an aid request from East Ellijay PD during a disturbance call at The Pub. Officer O'Neal took the subject into custody by sweeping his legs out from under him and handcuffing the suspect – no complaints of injuries to the subject. Officer O'Neal sustained minor abrasions.

**Arrest Age/Race/Sex Analysis:** There were 8 arrests; 7 were white and 1 black. 2 Were female and 6 were male. There was an even dispersion between ages from 21 to 55 years old.

**Citation Race/Sex Analysis:** There were a total of 422 Citations and Warnings given for traffic violations in March. Of these, 379 were white (152 female and 227 male); 25 Hispanic (10 female and 15 male); 10 Black (3 female and 7 male), 3 Asian (1 female and 2 male) and there were 4 listed as unknown.

## Agency Activity Report

<b>Reports</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Total Reports:	91	241
Total Incident Reports:	76	188
Total Crash Reports:	14	47
Total Use of Force Reports:	1	6

<b>Arrests</b>		
Total:	8	23
Total Male Arrestees:	6	16
Total Female Arrestees:	2	7
Total Other/Unknown Arrestees:	0	0
Total Juvenile Arrestees:	0	0

<b>Domestic Violences</b>		
Total Domestic Violence Reports:	1	3

<b>Tickets</b>		
Total Tickets (Non-Warnings):	119	316
Total Warnings:	304	724

Officer Statistics Report  
 Month of March 2026

Officer	Incident	Crash	UoF	DUI	Domestic Violence	Juvenile	Total Reports	Misd. Arrests	Felony Arrests	Drug Arrests	Total Arrests	Speeding Citations	Other Citations	Warnings	Total Citations
D. K. Young	9	2	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	2	0	23	65	88
J. B. Hill	19	4	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	29	4	44	77
J. M. Chastain	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
J. T. Morris	11	2	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	1	1	5	22	28
K. T. Hensley	7	2	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	8	2	26	36
L. A. O'neal	13	1	1	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	1	9	10	98	117
ONEAL, LESLIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
S. M. Westmoreland	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. G. McClure	13	1	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	3	20	8	46	74
<b>Totals</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>422</b>

Officer Statistics Report

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January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026

Officer	Incident	Crash	UoF	DUI	Domestic Violence	Juvenile	Total Reports	Misd. Arrests	Felony Arrests	Drug Arrests	Total Arrests	Speeding Citations	Other Citations	Warnings	Total Citations
C. D. Coburn	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. K. Young	20	5	1	1	0	0	26	1	0	0	5	0	51	155	206
G. R. Grace	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HENSLEY, KALEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
J. B. Hill	35	16	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	1	73	23	102	198
J. M. Chastain	10	2	0	0	1	0	12	1	0	0	1	0	5	5	10
J. T. Morris	30	6	1	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	3	6	11	46	63
K. T. Hensley	25	8	1	0	1	0	34	1	0	0	2	24	28	90	142
L. A. O'Neal	25	5	3	1	0	0	33	0	0	0	2	24	26	226	276
MORRIS, JUSTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
O'NEAL, LESLIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
S.M. Westmoreland	15	1	0	0	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. G. McClure	26	3	0	0	0	0	29	0	1	0	4	26	17	100	143
<b>Totals</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>1049</b>

**RE: Monthly Code Enforcement Update**

<b>Building/Construction</b>	<b>Building Permits</b>	<b>Land Disturbing Permits</b>	<b>Building Planning Meetings</b>	<b>Inspections</b>
	9	1	3	27

<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Zoning Change Applications</b>	<b>Zoning Variance Applications</b>	<b>Zoning Consultations</b>
	0	0	2

<b>Housing &amp; General Code Enforcement</b>	<b>Verbal Warnings</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>Complaint Mediation</b>	<b>Citations</b>
	11	4	6	0

Andrew Mathis, Code Enforcement Officer

**Permits:**

- 980 – Oak Valley Ct – house
- 981 – 193 River St – meter
- 982 – 40 Charles Dr – addition
- 983 – 146 River St – meter
- 984 – 165 River St – meter
- 985 – 209 S Main St – meter
- 986 – 31 Boardtown – meter
- 987 – 273 Dalton St – meter
- 988 – 24 Delaware St – remodel

Land Disturbance – 211 Seminary Cir

**From:** Melissa Arocha <[fmconciergellc@gmail.com](mailto:fmconciergellc@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 11:46 AM

**To:** [cityclerk@ellijay.com](mailto:cityclerk@ellijay.com)

**Subject:** RE: Appeal for Short-Term Rental Operation Approval - 42 Summit View Lane Ellijay, GA

RE: Appeal for Short-Term Rental Operation Approval

Property Address: 42 Summit View Lane, Ellijay, GA

Dear Ms. Pierce,

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you again for taking my call this morning. I am writing on behalf of the property owners, Hilary and Wraith Leggette, to respectfully request approval to continue operating the property located at 42 Summit View Lane as a short-term rental within The Summit community.

This property was purchased in April 2025 as an actively operating short-term rental, with the clear understanding and intent that it would continue to function as such. Prior to the Leggettes' ownership, the home was professionally managed as a short-term rental for approximately two years by a large, reputable local management company. Additionally, the property was explicitly marketed and advertised as a short-term rental in the MLS by the listing agent at the time of sale.

Since acquisition, the owners have taken every step to ensure full compliance with all applicable regulations and community standards.

The Homeowners Association has been made fully aware of the property's use as a short-term rental and has expressed no objection to its continued operation. Additionally, the property has successfully obtained a Short-Term Rental Permit from Gilmer County, which required a comprehensive inspection by a licensed professional. This inspection verified that the home meets all safety and health requirements, including fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, and overall property safety compliance.

As part of the Gilmer County STR permitting requirements, formal notification letters were provided to neighboring properties advising them of the home's use as a short-term rental. Since beginning operations, there have been no complaints reported.

We take operational responsibility very seriously. The property is actively monitored, including the use of exterior security cameras, to ensure adherence to community standards—specifically preventing street parking violations, parties, excessive noise, or any disruptive behavior. Our goal is to maintain a quiet, respectful environment consistent with the expectations of the neighborhood.

Hilary and Wraith Leggette are a loving couple who have invested their life savings into this home with the vision of one day retiring in Ellijay. Wraith is a 21-year military veteran who served in both Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and was medically discharged. This investment represents not only financial planning but a deeply personal milestone for their future.

The inability to continue operating this property as a short-term rental would have a significant and adverse impact on them—both financially and emotionally. As both their co-host and a personal friend, I can attest to their integrity, responsibility, and commitment to doing things the right way. They are conscientious property owners who have made every effort to comply with regulations and be respectful members of the community.

We respectfully ask for your consideration in allowing the continued use of this property as a short-term rental. Hilary and Wraith remain fully committed to operating responsibly, maintaining compliance, and upholding the standards of both the community and the City of Ellijay.

Additionally, Summit Comfort is a high-quality property with a consistent 5-star guest record, and reviews reflect that guests not only enjoy their stay but express a strong desire to return to Ellijay. Through our hosting, we actively promote local businesses, helping drive tourism, generate local revenue, and contribute positively to Ellijay's economy.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the community. We are happy to provide any additional documentation or information you may require.

Warm regards,

Melissa Arocha

Tel: (786) 367-5920

Email: [FMConciergeLLC@gmail.com](mailto:FMConciergeLLC@gmail.com)

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Sec. 60-1. - Intent; purpose.

It is the purpose of this chapter to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of individuals and the community at large; to monitor and provide reasonable means for citizens to mitigate impacts created by occupancy of short-term rental units; and to implement rationally based, reasonably tailored regulations to protect the integrity of the city's neighborhoods.

(Ord. No. 022122, § 1, 2-21-2022)

Sec. 60-2. - Short-term rental unit.

For the purposes of this chapter, a short-term rental unit is defined as any detached, attached or semi-attached structure now or formerly used as a single-family dwelling, or the renting or leasing of a part or all of any structure not operating as a hotel, bed and breakfast, motel or inn where the term of occupancy for purposes of lodging, possession of tenancy is for a period of less than 30 days. Renting or leasing, as used herein, means the payment of compensation, money, rent, or other bargained for consideration in exchange for occupancy, possession or use of the property.

(Ord. No. 022122, § 1, 2-21-2022)

Sec. 60-3. - Short-term rental unit permitted.

- (a) Short-term rental units may only be operated in the city pursuant to this section. For zoning purposes short-term rental units shall be considered the same as hotels and motels and shall be allowed in the same zoning districts as hotels and motels. Short-term rental units shall not be permitted in Residential zoning districts (R-1). Properties located in residential zoning districts (R-1) under contract with Airbnb or similar entities or in use as a short-term rental unit as of the date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, may continue with such use until June 30, 2022; thereafter, the property owner will be required to have obtained the appropriate permit(s) and/or licenses in order to continue operation of a short-term rental unit. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit motels, hotels, inns, bed and breakfasts and other commercial lodging uses from being located where otherwise specifically allowed.
- (b) The owner, platform or manager operating a short-term rental unit shall hold a valid city business license. The business license number shall be included in any advertisement of the short-term rental unit.
- (c) The owner, platform or manager operating a short-term rental unit shall hold a valid hotel-motel tax compliance and an occupation tax certificate from the city.
- (d) Prior to issuance of a permit for a short-term rental unit, each property containing a short-term rental unit shall be inspected for compliance with all building and fire codes. A smoke detector must be installed in each bedroom and on each level of the structure. All smoke detectors must

be interconnected. Carbon monoxide detectors must be installed on each level and shall be placed five feet off the ground.

(e) Parking.

- (1) If the short-term rental unit is located in the Central Business District (CBD) or in a commercial district, then parking shall be pursuant to parking requirements for those zoning districts.
- (2) If the short-term rental unit is located in a residential zoning district, then one off-street parking space is required per room qualifying as a bedroom for short-term rental units. To qualify as a parking space, the minimum dimensional requirements must include a useable rectangular area of nine feet wide by 20 feet long, exclusive of any other area counted as a parking space. The number of vehicles allowed during a short-term rental unit shall not exceed the number of parking spaces available on the property.

(f) All owners shall post the city's noise ordinance in a visible location in the short-term rental.

(Ord. No. 022122, § 1, 2-21-2022)

Sec. 60-4. - License required; application.

- (a) All short-term rental units shall require an annual short-term rental license. The fee for said license shall be \$150.00. An applicant must apply each year and pay the license fee annually.
- (b) Standards for obtaining a license:
  - (1) Applicant must prove ownership of the property and have obtained a City of Ellijay occupation tax certificate.
  - (2) Applicant must show compliance with requirements contained in this chapter through inspection of books and records.
  - (3) Applicant must not have been convicted of violating any provisions of this chapter within 18 months prior of the date of the application.
- (c) Applications shall include:
  - (1) The name, address, telephone and email address of the owner(s) of record of the dwelling unit for which a certificate is sought. If such owner is not a natural person, the application shall identify all partners, officers and/or directors of any such entity, including personal contact information;
  - (2) The address of the unit to be used as a short-term vacation rental;
  - (3) The name, address, telephone number and email address of the short-term rental local property manager, which shall constitute his or her 24-hour contact information. The local property manager shall be available 24 hours a day to respond to tenant and neighborhood questions or concerns. Where a property owner lives within the same community as the short-term rental, the property owner may designate him/herself as the local contact person.

The name, address and telephone number(s) of the local contact person shall be submitted to the city clerk, the City of Ellijay Police Department, the City of Ellijay Fire Department, and to the property owners located within a 500-foot radius of the property. The name, address and telephone numbers shall be permanently posted in the rental unit in a prominent location(s). Any change in the contact person's address or telephone number shall be promptly furnished to each of these agencies and neighboring property owners as specified in this section. If the local contact person is unavailable or fails to respond, the complaining or questioning party may contact the city clerk. The city will then attempt to reach the local contact person. In cases where the city is unable to reach the local contact person, the penalties as set forth in this chapter shall apply.

- (4) The owner's sworn acknowledgement that he or she has received a copy of this section, has reviewed it and understands its requirements;
  - (5) The number and location of parking spaces allotted to the premises;
  - (6) The owner's agreement to use his or her best efforts to assure that use of the premises by short-term vacation rental occupants will not disrupt the neighborhood, and will not interfere with the rights of neighboring property owners to the quiet enjoyment of their properties; and
  - (7) Any other information that this chapter requires the owner to provide to the city as part of an application for a short-term vacation rental certificate. The city manager or his or her designee shall have the authority to obtain additional information from the applicant as necessary to achieve the objectives of this chapter.
- (d) Attached to and concurrent with submission of the application described in this section, the owner shall provide:
- (1) The owner's sworn code compliance verification form;
  - (2) A written exemplar rental agreement, which shall consist of the form of document to be executed between the owner and occupant(s), which shall contain the following provisions and which shall be posted in the short-term vacation rental unit:
    - a. The occupant(s)' agreement to abide by all of the requirements of this chapter, any other City of Ellijay ordinances, state and federal law and acknowledgement that his or her rights under the agreement may not be transferred or assigned to anyone else;
    - b. The occupant(s)' acknowledgement that it shall be unlawful to allow or make any noise or sound that exceeds the limits set forth in the city's noise ordinance;
    - c. The occupant(s)' acknowledgement and agreement that violation of the agreement or this chapter may result in immediate termination of the agreement and eviction from the short-term vacation rental unit by the owner or agent, as well as the potential liability for payments of fines levied by the city; and

d. The occupant(s)' acknowledgement on the maximum occupancy of the short-term vacation rental unit and, if available, the location of on-site parking.

- (3) Proof of the owner's current ownership of the short-term vacation rental unit;
- (4) Proof of insurance indicating the premises is used as a short-term vacation rental;
- (e) If the rental agent changes, the property owner shall notify the City of Ellijay within five business days.

(Ord. No. 022122, § 1, 2-21-2022)

Sec. 60-5. - Denial, suspension and revocation.

- (a) A permit may be revoked by the city at any time, due to the failure of the permit holder to comply with any requirements of this chapter. Notice of the revocation shall be made in writing to the permit holder. Any person aggrieved by such notice may appeal the revocation pursuant to this chapter.
- (b) An advertisement promoting the availability of property containing short-term rental units in violation of this chapter shall be prima facie evidence of a violation, and may be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of a license.

(Ord. No. 022122, § 1, 2-21-2022)

Sec. 60-6. - Short-term rental unit regulation procedure.

- (a) To ensure the continued application of the intent and purpose of this chapter, the code enforcement officer shall notify the owner of a short-term rental unit of all instances in which nuisance behavior of the rental guest or the conduct of his or her short-term rental unit agent results in a citation for a code violation or other legal infraction.
- (b) The code enforcement officer shall maintain in each short-term rental unit file a record of all code violation charges, founded accusations and convictions occurring at or relating to a short-term rental unit. When a property owner has accumulated three code violations for a particular property within a period of 12 consecutive months, the city shall revoke any pending certificates and reject all applications for the subject premises for a period of 12 consecutive months.
- (c) If a short-term rental unit owner has been cited and found to be in violation of any zoning, building, health or life safety code provision, the owner must demonstrate compliance with the applicable code prior to being eligible to receive a short-term rental unit certificate.
- (d) Citations for code violations and any other violation of the City Code may be heard by the municipal court for the City of Ellijay.
- (e) Violations of this chapter are subject to the following fines, which may not be waived or reduced and which may be combined with any other legal remedy available to the city:

- (1) First violation: \$500.00.
  - (2) Second violation within the preceding 12 months: \$750.00.
  - (3) Third violation within the preceding 12 months: \$1,000.00.
- (f) A person aggrieved by the city's decision to revoke, suspend or deny a short-term vacation rental certificate may appeal the decision to the city council. The appeal must be filed with the city clerk in writing, within 30 calendar days after the adverse action and it shall contain a concise statement of the reasons for the appeal. Timely filing of an appeal shall stay the revocation, suspension or denial pending a decision by the city council.
- (g) The city council shall consider the appeal within 30 days after receipt by the city clerk of a request unless otherwise agreed in writing by the city and aggrieved party. All interested parties shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to present testimony and evidence, and to cross-examine witnesses. The city council shall render a determination, which will constitute a final ruling on the application.
- (h) Nothing in this section shall limit the city from enforcement of its Code, state or federal law by any other legal remedy available to the city. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or supplant the power of any city inspector, deputy marshal or other duly empowered officer under the city's ordinances, rules and regulations and the authority granted under state law, as amended, to take necessary action, consistent with the law, to protect the public from property which constitutes a public nuisance or to abate a nuisance by any other lawful means of proceedings.
- (i) While short-term rental of dwelling units located in residential zoning districts are strictly prohibited, the city recognizes that certain residential properties, due to the uniqueness of their location and other defining characteristics, could be suitable as short-term rental units and would have no negative impact on the neighboring properties. Owners of dwelling units meeting the following requirements may apply for a conditional use permit which would allow the property to be used as a short-term rental unit:
- (1) The property shall border or be adjacent to central business district. In the event that a residential property bordering or adjacent to the central business district is granted a conditional use permit, then residential properties located on the same street but not bordering or adjacent to the central business district shall be eligible and entitled to submit an application for a conditional use permit.
  - (2) Notice to all owners of residential property within 500 feet of the proposed short-term rental shall be provided and said owners shall have an opportunity to file objections to the property being used as a short-term rental; or in the case of a subdivision, any and all owners of residential property within said subdivision where the proposed short-term rental is located

shall have an opportunity to file an objection to the property being used as a short-term rental. All objections shall be considered accordingly when determining whether or not to grant the conditional use permit.

- (3) For purposes of this chapter and all relevant provisions herein, a subdivision shall be defined as all subdivisions not classified as exempt or minor subdivisions pursuant to the subdivision regulations as set forth in appendix B of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Ellijay.

(Ord. No. 022122, § 1, 2-21-2022)

#### Sec. 60-7. - Taxes.

Short-term rental unit owners are subject to state sales tax, city taxes, including but not limited to hotel/motel tax, and are liable for payment thereof as established by state law and the City Code. The city may seek to enforce payment of all applicable taxes to the extent provided by law, including injunctive relief.

(Ord. No. 022122, § 1, 2-21-2022)

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## CITY OF ELLIJAY

Alcohol License Application- New Application     Renewal     Change in Existing License

Application Date: 03/23/2026                      License # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business: ELIJAY INVESTMENTS LLC

Business Physical Address: 595 S MAIN ST, ELLIJAY, GA, 30540

Business Mailing Address: 595 S MAIN ST, ELLIJAY, GA, 30540

Business Telephone Number: 706-635-5624                      Email: elijayinvestmentsllc@gmail.com

Owner: AMIN A DHAMANI                      Cell Number: (865) 317-0706

Owner's Address: 6202 MERRICK DR,  
PEACHTREE CITY GA 30269                      Email: elijayinvestmentsllc@gmail.com

Driver's License: 061144302                      Social Security: 809-12-2927

Manager: AMIN A DHAMANI                      Cell Number: (865) 317-0706

Check all that apply:

**On Premise:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Distilled Spirits Consumption On-Premise \$750	<input type="checkbox"/> Beer/Wine Consumption On-Premise \$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50

**Off Premise:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Package Beer \$500 Off-Premise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Managing Agent Off-Premise \$100
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Package Wine \$150 Off-Premise	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Registered Agent Off Premise \$25

<input type="checkbox"/> Packaged Distilled Spirits \$3,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50
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**Distillery/Brewery/Brew Pub:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Micro-Brewery \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Micro Distillery \$1000(pending C.C. Approval)
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Brew Pub (Stand Alone) \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Brew Pub addition to existing On-Premise \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50

**ALL LICENSES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> AT 11:59PM.**

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN BY NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> EACH YEAR.**

This application plus your annual report of sales for the month of August, September, and October of the current calendar year, showing gross sale of food products excluding the sale of distilled spirits, malt beverage and wine, the gross sale of malt beverages and wines, and the gross sale of other merchandise, must be filed by November 15<sup>th</sup> each year along with your renewal application.

Name of Farm Winery: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winery Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide a copy of your Georgia State License)  
 Name of Business in which tasting room is located: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City of Business License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**FARM WINERY:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Wine Only \$650	<input type="checkbox"/> Beer on Premise \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewals \$50

**All applicants please answer the following questions:**

Has the person to whom a license is to be issued ever been convicted of a crime other than a traffic violation?  Yes     No

Farm Winery:  Yes     No

Is the person to whom the license is to be issued a U.S. Citizen?  Yes     No

Farm Winery:  Yes     No

Has the person to whom the license is to be issued a Gilmer County Resident?  Yes     No

Farm Winery:  Yes     No

Has the applicant or any person with any interest in the application made an application at any previous time for any malt beverage or wine license or a distilled spirits license?  Yes     No

If yes, what is the disposition of that License? \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Winery:  Yes     No    Disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Has a previous license issued to the applicant or any other person with any interest in the application been revoked by any state or subdivision or by the federal government?  Yes     No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Winery:  Yes     No    If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Is any other person interested directly or indirectly in the profits or losses or both of the proposed business?  Yes     No (Names and addresses of owners, partners, and shareholders should be provided with this application)

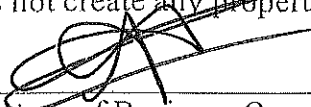
Farm Winery:  Yes     No

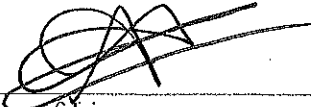
Location of proposed business: 595 S MAIN ST, ELLIJAY, GA, 30540

(If this is a new application, you must attach a drawing to scale indicating that the location complies with the distance requirements as set forth in the ordinance to which your application applies.)

I hereby swear that I am a good person of good moral conduct and do qualify for this license in accordance with the contents and terms of the ordinance to which my application applies. I also swear that the facts contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that any false swearing concerning this information contained herein shall be punishable as provided by law.

City of Ellijay regulations require that the owner of the business for which a license is sought is a resident of Gilmer County, Georgia, the application for said license shall be in said owner's name. Where the owner is a corporation, partnership, association or non-resident, the application shall be made in the name of resident managing officer or managing agent and the application shall show that the license is for the use of the owner, and the owner shall be named. The written application for the license shall be a permanent record which the licensee must maintain current. Failure to maintain a current license application as required shall be grounds for revocation of license. I further understand that the sale of alcohol in the City of Ellijay is a privilege and not a right and the issuance of a license does not create any property rights in the license holder.

  
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 Signature of Business Owner

  
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 Signature of Licensee