



Meeting: February 12, 2026

Agenda Item Type: First Readings and
Introduction Ordinance No. 2026-09
Entertainment District Hours- Alcohol
Consumption

Community Development Agenda Item:

First Reading and Introduction for Ordinance No. 2026-09, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Florida, amending Article 13 Special Purpose Overlay Districts, Section 3.13.3, Entertainment District, amending Subsection C “Outside Consumption in the District” Subparagraph 1 “District Possession/Consumption Hours” revising the days and hours for the authorized consumption of alcoholic beverages within the Entertainment District; providing for conflict, severability, administrative correction, codification and publication and effective date.(Above is full title) (Final Public Hearing will be heard on March 12, 2026) Action on Ordinance No. 2026-09

Strategic Key Focus Areas:

High-Performing Government

Background Information:

Legal Authority:

Budget and Recommendation:

There is no cost associated with this item.

Planning Commission meeting will be held on March 17, 2026.

Finance Director's Comments:

Procurement Director's Comments:

City Manager's Comments:

City Council Action:

4/9/26 - Final Action

Attachments:

1. Ordinance No. 2026-09 DRAFT

ORDINANCE NO 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE 13 SPECIAL PURPOSE OVERLAY DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.13.3, ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT, AMENDING SUBSECTION C “OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION IN THE DISTRICT” SUBPARAGRAPH 1 “DISTRICT POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION HOURS” REVISING THE DAYS AND HOURS FOR THE AUTHORIZED CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION, CODIFICATION AND PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 166 of the Florida Statutes and Article VIII of the Florida Constitution authorizes the legislative body of each municipality to enact ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Cloud has determined and finds that the regulations contained herein are necessary and in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and the citizens of, and visitors to, St. Cloud.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of St. Cloud; Florida as follows:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. ARTICLE 13, “SPECIAL PURPOSE OVERLAY DISTRICTS”, Section 3.13.3 “Entertainment District”, Subsection C “Outside Consumption in the District”, Subparagraph 1, “District possession/Consumption hours is amended as follows: (note strikethrough indicates removed words and underlined indicates added):

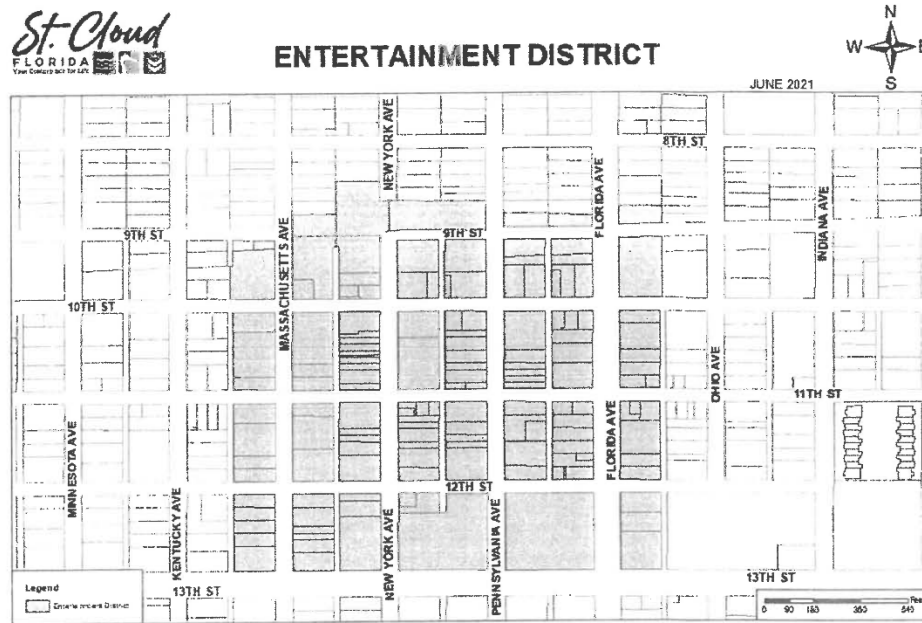
3.13.3. - Entertainment district.

A. *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to encourage the location of entertainment, retail and restaurant uses within a limited defined area of the city hereafter referred to as the entertainment district. The regulations within this section create an opportunity to offer a variety of amenities to the public in a convenient physical location that will promote pedestrian use with an attendant decrease in vehicular traffic, provide for more efficient and effective public safety enforcement in a defined area, foster a mutual relationship among downtown merchants and property owners, and encourage private development of entertainment facilities which enhance and complement the use of the public facilities.

B. *District boundaries.* The entertainment district shall mean an area depicted in "Exhibit A" of the ordinance this section derives and be generally described as the area bounded by 9th Street to the North, Florida Avenue to the East, 13th Street to the South and Massachusetts Avenue to

the West. It shall also include those properties directly adjacent to the described district boundaries for the purposes of uses described herein.

Exhibit A



C. *Outside consumption in the district.* Within the district, the following shall apply:

1. *District possession/consumption hours.* Possession/consumption of any alcoholic beverages dispensed or sold by a registered establishment is authorized within the boundaries of the district ~~Wednesdays to Saturdays~~, from 11:00 a.m. to ~~1:00~~ 12:00 a.m. Extended hours of consumption for city or city-sponsored events may be granted with prior approval by the city manager and/or designee, not to exceed chapter 4, alcoholic beverages, section 4.2, hours of sale.
2. *Outside drink limit.* Any registered establishment licensed to dispense or sell alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises is authorized to dispense an alcoholic beverage in an approved clear container for removal from the premises, as specified in this section, provided, however, that no establishment shall dispense to any person, under the legal age of alcohol drinking, as provided by law, more than one such alcoholic beverages at a time for removal from the premises, and no person shall remove at one time more than one such alcoholic beverages from the licensed premises.
3. *Size limited to 16 fluid ounces.* No person shall hold in possession on the streets and sidewalks, in parks and squares, or in other public places within the district, more than one alcoholic beverage in approved container that exceeds 16 fluid ounces in size.
4. *Drinking from a bottle, aluminum, or glass container is prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to drink alcoholic beverages from a not approved container, or to possess in an open aluminum or glass container any alcoholic beverage on the streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way,

and parking lots, whether public or private, except as authorized and approved as outdoor dining.

- D. *Hours for music and entertainment.* Music, singing, and/or other forms of entertainment, whether amplified or not, shall be permitted indoors at any time during business hours of any facility or business enterprise within the district. Outdoor music, singing and entertainment shall be permitted until 1:30 a.m., providing compliance with the city's noise ordinance, unless otherwise permitted by way of a special event permit.
- E. *Games, sporting events, and entertainment.* Games, sporting events, artistic performances, farmer's markets and other such forms of organized entertainment and community events are encouraged and allowed within the entertainment district, subject to compliance with all applicable health and safety regulations and approved through the special event permitting process.

SECTION 3. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, all City Code sections or parts of City Code sections, and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. Severability. Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 4. Administrative Correction. Regardless of whether such inclusion in the Code as described in Section 6 is accomplished, this Ordinance may be re-numbered or re-lettered and the correction of typographical and/or scrivener's errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the City Manager or designee, without need of public hearing, by filing a corrected or re-codified copy of same with the City Clerk.

SECTION 5. Codification. The text of Section 2 of this ordinance shall be codified as a part of the St. Cloud City Code. The codifier is authorized to make editorial changes not effecting the substance of this ordinance by the substitution of "article" for "ordinance", "section" for "paragraph", or otherwise to take such editorial license.

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SECTION 6. Publication and Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published as provided by law and it shall become law and shall take effect immediately upon its Second Reading and Final Passage.

FIRST READING ON THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026
SECOND READING ON THE 9th DAY OF APRIL 2026

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, this 9th day of April, 2026.

CITY OF ST. CLOUD

Christian B. Robertson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ivy Llauro, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

Daniel F. Mantzaris, City Attorney