

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO OPENING OR PURCHASING A LOUNGE / NIGHTCLUB / BAR

This information is located in the St. Martin Parish Zoning Ordinance (12-18-95)
Specifically Article V
Supplementary Regulations
Area: (4) (a-b-c-d)
Pages 21-22

(4) Alcoholic beverage conventions.

(a) Certain alcoholic beverage businesses are permitted within certain commercial and industrial zoning districts as provided for by appendix A of the zoning district regulations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, no commercial or industrial zoning district shall permit an alcoholic beverage business in which alcoholic beverages constitute over fifty (50) percent of the total gross sales to locate within three hundred (300) feet of a dwelling under a Class A parish permit excluding civic clubs unless approved by the zoning board of adjustment.

(b) The business of selling, offering for sale, keeping for sale, storing, giving away or otherwise handling as a business any alcoholic beverages, whether at retail, wholesale, or otherwise at any place whereby alcoholic beverages constitute over fifty (50) percent of the total gross sales is hereby prohibited within three hundred (300) feet of a dwelling under a Class A parish permit in all commercial and industrial zoning districts excluding civic clubs unless approved by the zoning board of adjustment.

(c) The distance provided in subsection (b) shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of such dwelling to the nearest point of the premises such business is conducted or proposed to be conducted; however, if there are sidewalks, the measurement of this distance shall be made as a person walks using the middle of the sidewalk from the nearest point of the property line of the dwelling to the nearest point of the premises to be permitted.

(d) The above prohibitions shall not apply to any place of business mentioned in subsection (b) which was being conducted on and prior to the effective date of this ordinance, and said prohibitions shall not apply to any such business now or hereafter being conducted under permits validly issued in the event a dwelling is built or established within three hundred (300) feet of said business at any time after such business has commenced, or the permit therefor has been issued.