

ORDINANCE 2026-015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON'S STATION, TENNESSEE TO AMEND THE TOWN'S INTOXICATING LIQUORS STANDARDS TO CREATE A DISTANCE REQUIREMENT FOR RETAIL STORES

WHEREAS, the Town Code, Title 8, Chapter 2 regulates intoxicating liquors and alcoholic beverages other than beer, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman, from time-to-time, reviews standards related to the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has studied and discussed an update to Title 8, Chapter 2, Section 205 of the Town Code to limit the location of retailers that sell intoxicating liquors, with a limitation of one (1) retailer per mile being the consensus among the Board, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has further determined and found this one (1) mile distance standard to be a reasonable and proportional update to the sale of retail liquor to ensure for the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, as follows:

Section 1. That the Town of Thompson's Station hereby modifies the Town Code, Title 8, Chapter 2, Section 205 to add the words in red text, as provided hereinafter.

Section 2. That Title 8, Chapter 2, Section 205 is amended, as follows:

8-205. Retailer's certificate of compliance. For the retail sale of alcoholic, spirituous beverages, a certificate of compliance may be issued as herein provided, and such certificate of compliance shall be required prior to the issuance of a license by the state alcoholic beverage commission. Any person desiring to sell alcoholic, spirituous beverages to patrons or customers, shall make application to the town administrator for a retailer's certificate of compliance, which application shall be in writing, and verified, on forms herein authorized to be prescribed and furnished; and the town administrator may, subject to the restrictions of this chapter, cause such retailer's certificate of compliance to be issued.

(1) Fee; citizenship requirements. Such retailer's certificate of compliance shall not be issued unless and until the applicant therefor shall pay to the town a certificate of compliance fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(2) Limitation on number of certificates to be issued. No person, firm, or other entity shall be licensed under this chapter, through a certificate of compliance, to engage in the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in excess of two (2).

(3) No retailer's certificate of compliance shall be issued to an applicant where the applicant's business is located within a half-mile (0.5) radius of an existing or approved retail liquor store, such distance to be measured from the center of the main entrance of the existing or approved store to the center of the

main entrance of the applicant's store. This subsection does not apply to any facility or business operation that engages in the sale of wine per the Tennessee Sale of Wine in Retail Food Stores Act under Tenn. Code Ann. § 57-3-801 *et seq.*

Section 3. After final passage, Town Staff is directed to incorporate these changes into an updated ordinance document and Town Code.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon the final reading and approval by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the public welfare requiring it.

Duly approved and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, on the ____ day of _____ 2026.

Brian Stover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Regina Fowler, Town Recorder

Passed First Reading: _____

Passed Second Reading: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Town Attorney