



## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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**WORK SESSION**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - 1:00 PM**

### AGENDA

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. NOTICE AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Closed Session Notice and Report - Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 11: 15 AM - 1:00 PM to discuss Legal and Personnel Matters

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Oath of Office for Considered Board Candidates
- B. Retirement Recognition of Heavy Equipment Operator Clifton Henry, Sr., after 50 Years of Service

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- A. Any person who may wish to speak on a matter scheduled for discussion on the Work Session Agenda may be heard during Comments from the Public for a period of three (3) minutes or such time as may be deemed appropriate by the Council President. Anyone wishing to be heard shall state their name, address and the Agenda item on which he or she wishes to speak.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Request to Approve Minutes
1. Work Session dated February 24, 2026
  2. Regular Meeting #4 dated March 2, 2026
- B. Review of the Ocean City Lifesaving Station Museum Boardwalk Expansion Concept presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins and Museum Curator Christine Okerblom
- C. Discussion of House Bill 1101 and Senate Bill 846 Entitled Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Temporary To-Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine and Liquor License presented by City Solicitor Heather Stansbury

**6. ADJOURN**



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Agenda Item # 2.A  
Council Meeting March 10, 2026

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor, Council President and Members of Council  
**THRU:** Terence J. McGean, PE, City Manager  
**FROM:** Diana Chavis, City Clerk, MMC  
**RE:** Closed Session Notice and Report  
**DATE:** March 3, 2026

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**ISSUE(S):** Closed Session Notice and Report

**SUMMARY:** A Mayor and Council closed session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 11:15 AM to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not Applicable

**RECOMMENDATION:** Not Applicable



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**ALTERNATIVES:** Not Applicable

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Not Applicable

**COORDINATED WITH:** Not Applicable

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 1. Closed Session Notice 3.10.26.doc  
3. Closed Session Report 3.10.26.doc

NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION OF MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL OF OCEAN CITY

AUTHORITY: State Government General Provisions Article: § 3-305(b)

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM  
 PLACE: City Hall  
 SUBJECT: Legal and Personnel Matters  
 VOTE: UNANIMOUS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: FOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSES:

X	1. To discuss: (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
	2. To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business
	3. To consider the acquisition of real property for the public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
	4. Consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand or locate in the state;
	5. Consider the investment of public funds;
	6. Consider the marketing of public securities;
X	7. Consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;
	8. Consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigations;
	9. Conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;
	10. Discuss public security if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including; a) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and b) the development and implementation of emergency plans
	11. Prepare, administer or grade a scholastic, licensing or qualifying examination;
	12. Conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
	13. Comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter; or
	14. Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process
	15. To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure or security devices.

For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body’s reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

<b>Citation</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reason for closed session discussion of topic</b>
§3-305(b)1	Board candidate	Protect personal information
§3-305(b)7	Pending/potential litigation	Attorney-client privilege

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF OCEAN CITY**

Prior to the Mayor and City Council Open Session held at 1:00 PM on March 10, 2026, a Closed Session was held March 10, 2026, at 11:15 AM at City Hall, 301 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland. The following is a report of the closed session.

1. A statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session is attached.
2. A record of the vote of each member as to closing the session is attached.
3. A citation of the authority under the law for closing the session is attached.
4. (a) Topics of Discussion: Legal and Personnel Matters

(b) Persons present:

Mayor Rick Meehan  
City Manager Terry McGean  
Deputy City Manager JR Harmon  
Council President Matt James  
Council Secretary Will Savage III  
Council Members: Larry Yates, John Gehrig, Jake Mitrecic, and Carol Proctor  
City Clerk Diana Chavis  
City Solicitor Heather Stansbury  
Public Works Director Hal Adkins  
Board Candidates

Action(s) taken:

Motion to close meeting:

End Time:



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Agenda Item # 3.A  
Council Meeting March 10, 2026

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor, Council President and Members of Council  
**THRU:** Terence J. McGean, PE, City Manager  
**FROM:** Diana Chavis, City Clerk, MMC  
**RE:** Board Candidates  
**DATE:** March 3, 2026

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**ISSUE(S):** Oath of Office for Considered Board Candidates

**SUMMARY:** A candidate will be considered for the Planning and Zoning Commission and for the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not Applicable

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Board Candidates.



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**ALTERNATIVES:** Defer to Mayor and Council

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Mayor Meehan

**COORDINATED WITH:** City Council

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None



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Agenda Item # 3.B  
Council Meeting March 10, 2026

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor, Council President and Members of Council  
**THRU:** Terence J. McGean, PE, City Manager  
**FROM:** Hal Adkins, Director of Public Works  
**RE:** Retirement Recognition  
**DATE:** February 17, 2026

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**ISSUE(S):** Retirement Recognition of Heavy Equipment Operator Clifton Henry, Sr.

**SUMMARY:** After 50 years of service with the Public Works Department, Clifton Henry, Sr. will retire on February 28, 2026.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not Applicable

**RECOMMENDATION:** Not Applicable



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**ALTERNATIVES:** Not Applicable

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Hal Adkins, Public Works Director  
Woody Vickers, Public Works Deputy Director

**COORDINATED WITH:** Lauren Davis, Government Relations Manager

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 1. Proclamation

**IN APPRECIATION OF CLIFTON HENRY, SR.  
50 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Clifton Henry, Sr. has dedicated 50 years of service to the Town of Ocean City working for the Public Works Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Cliff began his career with the Town as a Maintenance Worker ending in his role as a Heavy Equipment Operator; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his five decades of dedicated public service, Cliff has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the residents, visitors, and colleagues of Ocean City; and

**WHEREAS**, 50 years of service is a remarkable milestone, reflecting dedication, loyalty, and pride in serving the Town of Ocean City; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his retirement, the Town of Ocean City wishes to express its sincere gratitude for his many years of exemplary service and to extend best wishes for a well-earned retirement filled with health, happiness, and continued success.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Richard W. Meehan, Mayor of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland, along with the Ocean City Council, do hereby extend our deepest gratitude to Clifton Henry, Sr. for his 50 years of service to the Town and commend him for his dedication and contributions to the Public Works Department.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

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RICHARD W. MEEHAN  
Mayor



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Agenda Item # 4.A  
Council Meeting March 10, 2026

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor, Council President and Members of Council  
**THRU:** Terence J. McGean, PE, City Manager  
**FROM:** Diana Chavis, City Clerk, MMC  
**RE:** Public Comments  
**DATE:** March 3, 2026

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**ISSUE(S):** Comments from the Public

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Not Applicable



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**ALTERNATIVES:** Not Applicable

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Not Applicable

**COORDINATED WITH:** Not Applicable

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None



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Agenda Item # 5.A  
Council Meeting March 10, 2026

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor, Council President and Members of Council  
**THRU:** Terence J. McGean, PE, City Manager  
**FROM:** Diana Chavis, City Clerk, MMC  
**RE:** Mayor and City Council Minutes  
**DATE:** March 3, 2026

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**ISSUE(S):** Request to Approve Minutes

**SUMMARY:** 1. Work Session dated February 24, 2026  
2. Regular Meeting #4 dated March 2, 2026

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not Applicable

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve minutes.



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**ALTERNATIVES:** Advise of necessary modifications.

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** City Clerk Diana L. Chavis, MMC

**COORDINATED WITH:** Deputy City Clerk Jessica D. Cropper, CMC

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None



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Agenda Item # 5.B  
Council Meeting March 10, 2026

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor, Council President and Members of Council  
**THRU:** Terence J. McGean, PE, City Manager  
**FROM:** Hal Adkins, Director of Public Works  
**RE:** Ocean City Lifesaving Station Museum – “Wrap Around Boardwalk” Concept  
**DATE:** February 18, 2026

**ISSUE(S):** The Ocean City Lifesaving Museum would like to repurpose the original Scope of a Grant Awarded by the Maryland Board Of Public Works for enhancements to the Facility.

**SUMMARY:** The Ocean City Museum Society Board of Directors desires to repurpose funds that were initially slated for expansion of the Facility (See Slide #3 of the Slide deck that is attached). This repurposing would include the construction of a “wrap around boardwalk” flanking the north, east and south sides. This expanded area would provide additional access to the entire perimeter of the facility and create the opportunity for an outdoor classroom on the east side of the Museum, allowing the Museum to expand its outdoor programming. It would also provide additional seating areas for viewing the inlet and ocean, incorporate interpretive signage, and establish a “destination” attraction through the installation of an archway sign and cupola.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The “intention” is to work within the established budget of the Grant, advance the project to design and bidding, and then assess the overall affordability of Phase 1 versus Phase 1 and 2 (which is the ultimate desire), returning to the MCC for potential award.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To have the MCC support the concept at their level and then await concurrence from the Funding Agencies for the revised Scope. Being optimistic that the revised Scope is approved, to then proceed with the project.



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**ALTERNATIVES:** Reconsider other Options that may be of greater interest to the Stakeholders

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Ocean City Life Saving Museum

Christine Okerblom

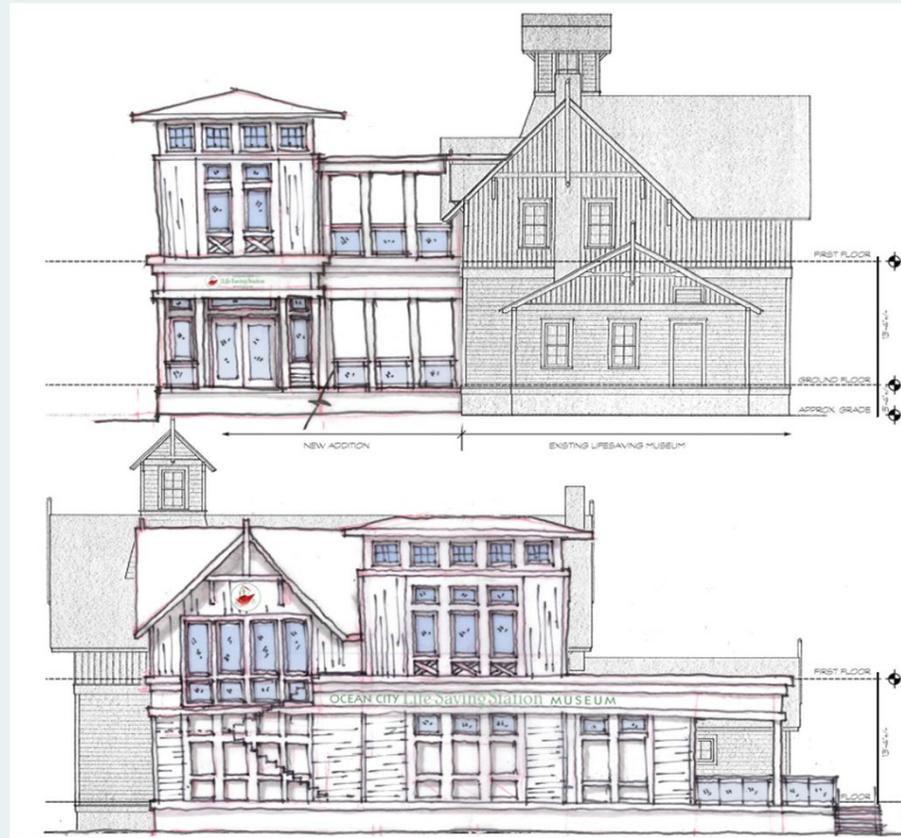
**COORDINATED WITH:** Hal Adkins, Public Works Director  
Ocean City Museum Society

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 1. Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum DGS Scope of Work  
Change - Powerpoint.pptx

# Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum

*DGS Funding  
Boardwalk Expansion*

# DGS Funding



2023 the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) awarded TOC grant funding in the amount of **\$600,000** for the addition of an elevator for the Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum.

# Project Timeline

- TOC Engineering department secured architectural design plans from GMB
- July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Bid opening during Mayor and City Council work session
- Received five bids in total. **\$1,229,500.00 (Lowest Bidder)** Delmarva Veteran Builders

• Delmarva Veteran Builders	\$1,229,500.00
• Henley Construction Company	\$1,452,700.00
• Harkins Contracting, Inc.	\$1,354,600.00
• Gillis Gilkerson	\$1,474,047.00
• Oak Construction	\$1,455,439.00

- October 2024: Anticipated start date
- May 2025: Anticipated 100% completion date
- Total project cost to date: **\$142,564.68**



## New Direction: *Reallocation of Funds*

*Repurposing Elevator Funds to Improve Museum accessibility and southern boardwalk Usability*

# Boardwalk Expansion: Phase one



Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum  
813 S. Atlantic Avenue  
Ocean City MD 21842  
Expanded Boardwalk looking north

JSD/ The Design Group  
Jeff Schoelkopf, Architect

DGS funds remaining: \$457,436



## Phase One: *Boardwalk Expansion*

### Install boardwalk around the building

- **East Side:** 28' wide (allows buffer from drive lanes)
- **North Side:** 25' wide
- **South Side:** Align with existing Town boardwalk

### Scope of Work:

- Construction of the “wrap-around” boardwalk with northside ramp to grade level
- Installation of wooden railing system
- Installation of concrete curbing along the inlet lot exit lane
- Perimeter landscaping



## Phase: Two Scope of Work

- Construction of a **cupola** at the base of the ramp
- Installation of an **arch-style sign** announcing the area
- Construction of an additional display case at the north end of the venue
- Installation of interpretive signage on the perimeter railing system



**Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum**

813 S. Atlantic Avenue

**Proposed Gateway Sign**

**JSD/ The Design Group**

**Jeff Schoelkopf, Architect**



**Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum**

813 S. Atlantic Avenue

**View from Northeast**

**JSD/ The Design Group**

**Jeff Schoelkopf, Architect**



**Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum**

813 S. Atlantic Avenue

South Birdseye View

JSD/ The Design Group

Jeff Schoelkopf, Architect



**Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum**

813 S. Atlantic Avenue

South Side with additional seating

JSD/ The Design Group

Jeff Schoelkopf, Architect



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Agenda Item # 5.C  
Council Meeting March 10, 2026

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor, Council President and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Terence J. McGean, PE, City Manager  
**RE:** HB 1101 and SB 846, Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Temporary To-Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine and Liquor License  
**DATE:** March 5, 2026

**ISSUE(S):** The Maryland General Assembly is currently considering a bill (HB1101/SB0846) that would allow the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners ("BLC") to issue liquor licenses to Towns which, once issued would allow the BLC to then issue permits to certain types of establishments with existing liquor licenses, to allow to-go alcohol sales during designated special events in those Towns.

**SUMMARY:** The bill, which mirrors a similar bill passed last year for Wicomico County, was requested by the Worcester County Department of Tourism and Economic Development. Certain types of bars and restaurants adjacent to certain permitted special events could apply to the BLC for a permit allowing to go sales of beer, wine and spirits provided a Town first sought the right to allow the establishments to do so. The original intent was to allow bars and restaurants along main street in Berlin and downtown Snow Hill to sell to-go alcohol during their limited festivals. However, this bill would allow these types of licenses/permits in all Worcester County municipalities which raises serious concerns from staff as to how this would apply in Ocean City, especially given the large number of events hosted in Ocean City compared to other municipalities. Specifically:

- Public Safety concerns:
  - The inability to control open containers and alcohol consumption during our larger citywide events such as St Patrick's Parade, Bike Fest, Cruisin, and Air Show.
  - The inability to control underage drinking: We struggled with this issue when to go sales were allowed during covid.
- Impact to private special events: Many of our event promotors rely on revenue from alcohol sales within the event to help cover their costs.
- Liability concerns: Inside the event you will have a combination of alcohol purchased to-go with alcohol purchased within the event. Determining which entity is

responsible for serving a minor or over serving, etc.

There may be further public safety, legal and logistical consideration that Ocean City should evaluate prior to legislation of this scope and breadth. Sufficient time has not been provided for that evaluation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not Applicable

**RECOMMENDATION:** Request our delegation to amend HB1101/SB0846 to apply only to Town's outside the corporate limits of Ocean City.



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**ALTERNATIVES:** 1) Do not request amendment; or  
2) Oppose the bills completely.

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** City Manager Terence McGean  
Tourism and Business Development Director Tom Perlozzo  
City Solicitor Heather Stansbury  
Police Chief Ray Austin

**COORDINATED WITH:** Not Applicable

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 1. hb1101f.pdf  
2. sb0846f.pdf

# HOUSE BILL 1101

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CF SB 846

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By: **Worcester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Temporary To-Go Event Permit and**  
3 **Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a temporary to-go event permit in Worcester County;  
5 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue a  
6 temporary to-go event permit to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license  
7 under certain circumstances; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer,  
8 wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per  
9 diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipality in the county;  
10 requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic  
11 beverages in Worcester County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
14 Section 33-102  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
19 Section 33-902  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY adding to  
23 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
24 Section 33-1105 and 33-1311  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

4 33–102.

5 This title applies only in Worcester County.

6 33–902.

7 (a) There are:

8 (1) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 6–day license; and

9 (2) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 7–day license.

10 (b) (1) The Board may issue a 6–day license for use in:

11 (i) a hotel that has at least 20 rooms and serves meals regularly; or

12 (ii) a restaurant that has seating at tables for at least 70 individuals.

13 (2) The Board may issue a 7–day license for use in:

14 (i) a hotel that:

15 1. has at least 20 rooms and serves meals regularly;

16 2. provides services ordinarily found in hotels;

17 3. has a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating  
18 facilities; and

19 4. has an enclosed dining area that serves full–course meals  
20 from menus at least two times a day; or

21 (ii) a restaurant that has:

22 1. a seating capacity at tables for at least 70 individuals;

23 2. an enclosed dining area that serves full–course meals from  
24 menus at least two times a day; and

25 3. average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the  
26 average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages during the license term.

1 (3) The Board may not issue a license under this section for use in a hotel  
2 or restaurant unless the hotel or restaurant is:

3 (i) operated in a clean and sanitary manner; and

4 (ii) has proper restroom facilities.

5 (4) Before a license under this section may be issued for a premises in a  
6 municipality, the license application:

7 (i) shall be approved by the Board; and

8 (ii) may be subject to approval by the mayor and town council of the  
9 municipality.

10 (c) A license under this section authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine,  
11 and liquor, at retail, at the place described in the license, for on-premises consumption or  
12 on- and off-premises consumption.

13 (d) (1) The annual license fees are:

14 (i) \$1,750 for a 6-day license; and

15 (ii) \$2,000 for a 7-day license.

16 (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, all license fees  
17 shall be distributed to the general fund of the county.

18 (ii) If the licensed premises is located in a municipality, 75% of the  
19 license fees shall be distributed to the municipality.

20 **(E) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT**  
21 **UNDER § 33-1105 OF THIS TITLE TO A HOLDER OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION**  
22 **IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT**  
23 **TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO**  
24 **BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 33-1311 OF THIS TITLE.**

25 **(2) THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE**  
26 **HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS**  
27 **THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT AND INTO THE**  
28 **DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA.**

29 **33-1105.**

30 **(A) THERE IS A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.**

1           **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS B BEER,**  
2 **WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN**  
3 **OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN AND FOR**  
4 **USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE,**  
5 **AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

6           **(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE,**  
7 **AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE**  
8 **LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLASS B LICENSE AND INTO THE DESIGNATED**  
9 **SPECIAL EVENT AREA.**

10           **(D) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH**  
11 **ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**

12           **(E) THE TERM OF THE PERMIT IS THE SAME AS THE TERM OF THE**  
13 **ASSOCIATED CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**  
14 **LICENSE.**

15           **(F) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE**  
16 **OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERMIT, INCLUDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO:**

17                   **(1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;**

18                   **(2) THE HOURS OF SALE;**

19                   **(3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;**

20                   **(4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS; AND**

21                   **(5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
22 **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.**

23           **(G) THE FEE FOR THE PERMIT IS \$20 PER DAY.**

24 **33-1311.**

25           **(A) THERE IS A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND**  
26 **LIQUOR LICENSE.**

27           **(B) THE LICENSE ENTITLES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO ALLOW BEER, WINE,**  
28 **AND LIQUOR SOLD BY A HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER §**  
29 **33-1105 OF THIS TITLE TO ENTER A DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA DESCRIBED**  
30 **IN THE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 7 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

1           **(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A MUNICIPALITY IN THE**  
2 **COUNTY.**

3           **(D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE**  
4 **OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING**  
5 **REGULATIONS RELATED TO:**

6                   **(1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;**

7                   **(2) THE HOURS OF SALE;**

8                   **(3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;**

9                   **(4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS;**

10                   **(5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
11 **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT**  
12 **PERMIT; AND**

13                   **(6) PUBLIC SAFETY AND EVENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.**

14           **(E) THE FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$45 PER DAY.**

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2026.

# SENATE BILL 846

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CF HB 1101

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By: **Senator Carozza**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

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13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
14 Section 33–102  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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19 Section 33–902  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY adding to  
23 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
24 Section 33–1105 and 33–1311  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

4 33–102.

5 This title applies only in Worcester County.

6 33–902.

7 (a) There are:

8 (1) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 6–day license; and

9 (2) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 7–day license.

10 (b) (1) The Board may issue a 6–day license for use in:

11 (i) a hotel that has at least 20 rooms and serves meals regularly; or

12 (ii) a restaurant that has seating at tables for at least 70 individuals.

13 (2) The Board may issue a 7–day license for use in:

14 (i) a hotel that:

15 1. has at least 20 rooms and serves meals regularly;

16 2. provides services ordinarily found in hotels;

17 3. has a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating  
18 facilities; and

19 4. has an enclosed dining area that serves full–course meals  
20 from menus at least two times a day; or

21 (ii) a restaurant that has:

22 1. a seating capacity at tables for at least 70 individuals;

23 2. an enclosed dining area that serves full–course meals from  
24 menus at least two times a day; and

25 3. average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the  
26 average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages during the license term.

1           (3)    The Board may not issue a license under this section for use in a hotel  
2 or restaurant unless the hotel or restaurant is:

3                   (i)    operated in a clean and sanitary manner; and

4                   (ii)   has proper restroom facilities.

5           (4)    Before a license under this section may be issued for a premises in a  
6 municipality, the license application:

7                   (i)    shall be approved by the Board; and

8                   (ii)   may be subject to approval by the mayor and town council of the  
9 municipality.

10           (c)    A license under this section authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine,  
11 and liquor, at retail, at the place described in the license, for on–premises consumption or  
12 on– and off–premises consumption.

13           (d)    (1)    The annual license fees are:

14                   (i)    \$1,750 for a 6–day license; and

15                   (ii)   \$2,000 for a 7–day license.

16                   (2)   (i)    Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, all license fees  
17 shall be distributed to the general fund of the county.

18                   (ii)   If the licensed premises is located in a municipality, 75% of the  
19 license fees shall be distributed to the municipality.

20           **(E)    (1)    THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY TO–GO EVENT PERMIT**  
21 **UNDER § 33–1105 OF THIS TITLE TO A HOLDER OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION**  
22 **IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT**  
23 **TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO–GO**  
24 **BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 33–1311 OF THIS TITLE.**

25                   **(2)    THE TEMPORARY TO–GO EVENT PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE**  
26 **HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO–GO CUPS**  
27 **THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT AND INTO THE**  
28 **DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA.**

29 **33–1105.**

30           **(A)    THERE IS A TEMPORARY TO–GO EVENT PERMIT.**

1           **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS B BEER,**  
2 **WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN**  
3 **OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN AND FOR**  
4 **USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE,**  
5 **AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

6           **(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE,**  
7 **AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE**  
8 **LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLASS B LICENSE AND INTO THE DESIGNATED**  
9 **SPECIAL EVENT AREA.**

10           **(D) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH**  
11 **ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**

12           **(E) THE TERM OF THE PERMIT IS THE SAME AS THE TERM OF THE**  
13 **ASSOCIATED CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**  
14 **LICENSE.**

15           **(F) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE**  
16 **OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERMIT, INCLUDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO:**

17                   **(1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;**

18                   **(2) THE HOURS OF SALE;**

19                   **(3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;**

20                   **(4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS; AND**

21                   **(5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
22 **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.**

23           **(G) THE FEE FOR THE PERMIT IS \$20 PER DAY.**

24 **33-1311.**

25           **(A) THERE IS A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND**  
26 **LIQUOR LICENSE.**

27           **(B) THE LICENSE ENTITLES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO ALLOW BEER, WINE,**  
28 **AND LIQUOR SOLD BY A HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER §**  
29 **33-1105 OF THIS TITLE TO ENTER A DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA DESCRIBED**  
30 **IN THE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 7 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

1           **(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A MUNICIPALITY IN THE**  
2 **COUNTY.**

3           **(D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE**  
4 **OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING**  
5 **REGULATIONS RELATED TO:**

6                   **(1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;**

7                   **(2) THE HOURS OF SALE;**

8                   **(3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;**

9                   **(4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS;**

10                   **(5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
11 **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT**  
12 **PERMIT; AND**

13                   **(6) PUBLIC SAFETY AND EVENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.**

14           **(E) THE FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$45 PER DAY.**

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2026.