

Called Meeting
November 30, 2023, 5:00pm
Minutes
Union County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lamar Paris at 5:01 pm.

The Commissioner stated that the purpose of the meeting was for Union County to adopt two ordinance revisions and to adopt one proposed new ordinance. Those ordinances are as follows:

1. Revisions to Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-80(A)(2) addressing Temporary Special Event Licenses for the sale of alcohol.
2. Revisions to Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-51 addressing Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments.
3. New ordinance regarding Commercial Firing Range Facilities.

The 1st Reading of the three ordinances was conducted at the September 21st, 2023 County Meeting; a Public Hearing was held on October 19, 2023; and the 2nd Reading was held at a Called Meeting on November 9, 2023. The three weeks of public notice required by the State of Georgia regarding the adoption of these ordinances was published in the North Georgia News on November 8th, November 15th, and November 22nd, 2023. Drafts were made available to the public via the website, and printed copies were available in the Commissioner's Office for the duration of the process. The final draft was also available in the Clerk of Courts Office starting on November 10, 2023. Attendees were provided with the final drafts of each of the ordinances.

William Mercer, County Attorney, briefly went over the revisions and the new ordinance. A summary of his comments are as follows: In regard to the revisions to Temporary Special Event Licenses, if an organization currently gets a Temporary Special Event License to sell alcohol, they have to stop the event at 11:00pm. The revision will allow a Temporary Special Event being held on New Year's Eve to continue until 1:00am unless that contradicts other state laws. That is the only change to this section. In regard to the revisions to the Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments, some cosmetic procedures are now allowed such as lip blushing and eyebrow drawing or microblading. These procedures are now defined as separate and are not included as a tattoo or a body piercing. In regard to the Commercial Firing Range Facilities Ordinance, Mr. Mercer stated he was not going over the entire ordinance. This ordinance will pertain to Commercial Firing Range Facilities, both indoor and outdoor. Commercial Firing Range Facilities coming to Union County will have to be built to the specs in the ordinance, and they will have to adhere to the times and durations of when they can operate. If there are any commercial facilities prior to the moratorium, they will have to conform to the time and dates of when they can operate within 90 days.

Commissioner Paris adopted the revisions to Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-80(A)(2) of the Union County Code of Ordinances pertaining to temporary special event licenses for the sale of Alcohol.

The Commissioner adopted the revisions to Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-51 of the Union County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments.

Commissioner Paris adopted the Commercial Firing Range Facilities Ordinance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jennifer Mahan, County Clerk

Approved this 21st day of December, 2023



Lamar Paris, Commissioner