

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-56

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME 50% REDUCTION IN CITY ALCOHOL PERMIT RENEWAL FEES FOR THE 2025 PERMIT YEAR; PROVIDING FOR A RETURN TO FULL FEE COLLECTION BEGINNING IN 2026; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code authorizes municipalities to assess local alcohol permit fees equal to one-half of the fee charged by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC); and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop adopted Ordinance No. 2017-28, which established the requirement for the annual collection of City alcohol permit fees; and

WHEREAS, the City has not consistently monitored or collected these fees in prior years as required under state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to support permit holders during the transition to consistent enforcement of annual fee collection by providing a one-time 50% discount on renewal fees for the 2025 permit year only; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that requiring timely compliance within a specified 60-day window promotes fairness and administrative efficiency;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds this one-time reduction to be in the public interest and aligned with fair business practices while preserving future compliance with state and local regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. One-Time Fee Reduction Authorized

A one-time 50% reduction is hereby authorized on the City portion of alcohol permit renewal fees for the 2025 permit year. This reduction shall apply only to permit holders renewing existing permits in good standing and shall not apply to new permits, reinstatements, or late submissions.

Section 2. Reinstatement of Full Fees

Beginning with the 2026 permit year, alcohol permit fees shall return to the full amounts as outlined in Ordinance No. 2017-28, with no reductions or discounts.

Section 3. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following its second reading and passage, as provided by the City Charter and applicable law.

READ and **APPROVED** on First Reading this 24th day of June, 2025.

READ, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on Second Reading this 8th day of July, 2025.

APPROVED:



Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael Muscarello, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

