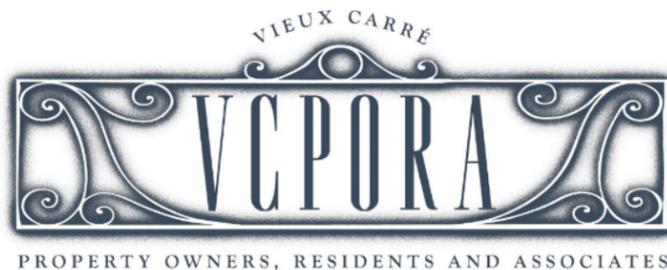


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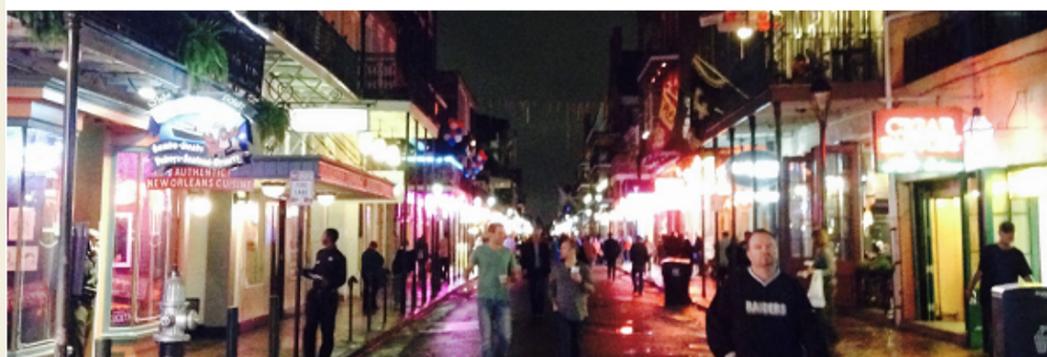
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Revisions to the Alcohol Beverage Outlet Ordinance Pass

After four hours of public comment, and 11 months of detailed revisions, the New Orleans City Council passed an [ABO Ordinance](#) overhauling decades-old provisions in the City Code on regulations of Alcohol Beverage Outlet permits.

We spoke in support of this ordinance and feel it was a good compromise between a diverse group of stakeholders including residents, bar and restaurant owners, and service industry representatives.

The existing city code, with sections dating back over 50 years, will now be updated to include, among many other items:

- Alignment with existing state laws for legal operation. **This clarifies that if the State revokes an ABO permit, the City must also revoke its permit.**
- A removal of antiquated and discriminatory language, and certain barriers to employment regarding prior misdemeanor convictions.
- The creation of an appeals process for applicants denied a new or renewal ABO permit.
- A requirement that the applicant have no outstanding sales or property taxes owed at the ABO location, but does authorize the ABO Board to waive this requirement if "the lessee is acting in good faith and a waiver will avoid undue hardship to the lessee."
- The creation of a new section providing that the Department of Safety & Permits, NOPD and the Department of Finance determine ABO eligibility.
- Allowing bars to have sidewalk seating on the public right of way. Previously, all outside seating for bars was prohibited, though many do exist. This allowance requires that bar owners apply for permits for the privilege in the same way that restaurants with café seating are required.

A final, and hotly debated, amendment grants **temporary suspension authority** to the ABO Board in the event of an emergency situation that poses a "direct and immediate danger" to the public. This outlines that the ABO Board may not assume this authority until after a public rules promulgation process, a hearing and another vote of the Council. This process must define the circumstances when an emergency suspension is permitted, establish notice requirements and confirms that an emergency suspension cannot be issued until a pre-suspension

hearing is provided.

We thank all the Councilmembers, particularly Councilmembers Kristin Gisleson Palmer and Cyndi Nguyen, along with their staff for their dedication to this effort. We will also be following the rules promulgation progression with the ABO Board and will keep you updated. More information about the hearing can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



Credit Due: An 1850 Apothecary Through One Year of Purchases

Wednesday, October 23

[1113 Chartres Street](#)

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Get set for the next installment of our **lecture series with the Beauregard-Keyes House, "New Perspectives, Old Neighborhood: The Vieux Carre at 300 & Beyond."** Please note that there there will be no reservations for this event. Seating is first come, first serve, and will be limited to 75 guests. There will be a suggested donation of \$5.

Come listen to social historian and New Orleans Pharmacy Museum docent Owen Ever speak on French Quarter medicinal practices. Louis Dufilho, Jr - America's first licensed pharmacist - offered a year's credit to prominent French Quarter families. The 1850 ledger of transactions between Dufilho and the household of Jacque Telesphore Roman shows a year of camphor rubs, corset re-boning and intestinal worms. Whether the need was cosmetic or pharmacological, the apothecary served as a multi-faceted site for Creole consumption - and in the end, credit is due.



At Home in the Vieux Carré

Friday, October 25

[816 Governor Nicholls](#)

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Save the date! The 2019 At Home in the Vieux Carré season resumes on Friday, October 25 when property owners Mathew Lefkowitz & Kyle Dupre open the doors to their stunning c. 1830 Creole cottage. Specialty cocktails and wine will be provided. Costumes are highly encouraged. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who renew their memberships tonight. Follow our Facebook for more information.



Plessy Fest

Saturday, October 5
[721 St. Philip Street](#)
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Homer A. Plessy Community School](#) will be hosting their 3rd annual [Plessy Fest](#) this weekend, promising live music, delicious food, and a silent auction to raise funds to directly support the only school in the French Quarter. This year's special guest will be Trombone Shorty who will do a meet & greet with the students and fans. This event is free and open to the public.



Tremé Fall Festival

Saturday, October 5
[1210 Governor Nicholls Street](#)
10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by [the Historic Faubourg Tremé Association](#), the 5th annual Tremé Fall Fest takes place this weekend. This daylong festival will feature a music lineup of local musicians, food and art vendors, as well as community activities and fun. As always, the Tremé Fall Fest is free and open to all. The Historic Faubourg Tremé Association (HFTA) does kindly ask and appreciate donations in any amount, which will go into supporting the Tremé community. More information on the festival can be found [on the HFTA website](#).



French Quarter Courtyards

Tuesday, October 8
[300 Bourbon Street](#)
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The French Quarter Business Association is excited to continue their after hours event to showcase some of the French Quarter's amazing courtyards! Unwind and network in Royal Sonesta New Orleans' Courtyard next week with wine, a signature cocktail, and light bites provided by the host. Click [here for tickets](#).

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