

Closing Time of Bars #91-04

Amended July 14, 1992

Amended April 11, 2006

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF PEARL RIVER, LOUISIANA, FOR ESTABLISHING THE CLOSING TIME OF ALL BUSINESSES, PRIVATE CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC., THAT WILL AND/OR SERVE ALCOHOLIC INTOXICATING BEVERAGES TO BE CONSUMED AT SAID PREMISE.

Section 1: Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Pearl River, LA, in regular session convened, that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to operate or permit the operation of any place where intoxicating liquor is sold and served for consumption on said premise within the corporation limits of the Town of Pearl River from the hours of 2:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. with the exception being New Year's Eve; and this also exempts any packaged alcohol beverages.

Section 2: Be it further ordained, that any owner, manager, employee, shall have use of said premise to close, secure, stock at their discretion after 2:00 a.m. closing time, limited to five persons, and provided no alcoholic/intoxicating beverages are being sold or consumed on said premise. It is the intent of this ordinance that all customers would vacate said premise at 2:00 a.m.

Section 3: Be it further ordained, that any person, or association of persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred (500) dollars or be sentenced to serve not more than sixty (60) days in jail or be both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

Section 3-A: Be it further ordained that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen have the right to close and terminate all licenses to any place of business that is run in an unruly and unsafe manner to any patrons.

Section 4: Be it further ordained that this ordinance shall become effective immediately after its passage and promulgation.

Section 5: Be it further ordained that this ordinance supercedes any/and all ordinances and agreements pertaining to the closing time of said premises.

Section 6: This amendment to ordinance number 91-04 was adopted at the regular Town Council Meeting of March 25, 1997, with a motion by Alderman David McQueen, seconded by Alderman Richard Karchner.

Voting 5 yeas
Against 0
Absent 0

(s) Ruby Gauley
Town Clerk

(s) James Lavigne
Mayor

Section 7: This second amendment to Ordinance #91-04, was adopted March 14, 2006 at a regular meeting, Sunday, Mardi Gras Parade Day in Pearl River bar rooms cannot open until noon and must close at 5p.m. to respect the nearby churches.

Motion was made by Alderman _____; seconded by Alderman _____.

Voting: yeas _____
nays _____
abstain _____
absent _____

Motion Carried

Elizabeth Allen, Town Clerk

James Lavigne, Mayor

Amended on April 11, 2006 at a regular scheduled council meeting. Before the meeting a public hearing was held with no opposition from the floor.

Section 3-A To include:

The Chief of Police has the authority to close any establishment deemed unsafe or unruly at his discretion-24/7 365 days a year.

Section 3-B To include:

All bar establishments must close from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Sunday of the Mardi Gras parade to control crowds.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Marie Crowe; seconded by Alderman Virgil Phillips.

These amendments will become effective immediately upon adoption.

Voting: yeas 4
nays 0
absent 1

Elizabeth Allen, Town Clerk

James Lavigne, Mayor