

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: What are the dates for the application period?

- Applications may be submitted to Cherokee County as of 9AM on April 16, 2025, through and including May 20, 2025, by no later than 5PM

Q2: Where can I place a package store?

- 2 Distilled Spirits Retail Districts are open for application: District 2 (Macedonia) and District 5 (Bells Ferry – HWY 92)
- Only 1 package store is allowed in each retail district, or on a property within 1 mile of the retail district boundary
- The package store is only allowed with a Special Use Permit (SUP) in the General Commercial (GC) District, the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District, as well as on properties within existing PUD developments that have been designated for commercial use
- The property must be a minimum of ½ acre in size with a minimum of 100' of frontage on an arterial or major collector street
- The building must be free-standing and a minimum of 5,000 square feet

Q3: What does the new license fee cover?

- Up to 50% of the new \$135,000 license fee will be used as a credit for any impact, permit, or application fees due to Cherokee County and the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority (CCWSA) to offset project costs.
- Incurred fees are non-refundable

Q4: What documents are required with the Alcoholic Beverage License?

- Complete application, Complete licensee application, SAVE affidavit, Private employer affidavit, Fingerprint/Background check consent form, RASS certificate, Site Plan, Distance Survey and Proof of Georgia Residency. As well as Residency Waiver or Distance Waiver letter if applicable.
- A \$500 application fee and \$50 background/fingerprinting fee will be required at time of application submittal.

Q5: What are the distance requirements?

School (nearest property line)	Church (to front door)	Government Owned Alcohol Treatment Center (to front door)	Residential (to front door)	Package Store selling distilled spirits (to front door)
600'	300'	300'	600'	5,280' (1 mile) *

**This distance requirements will not pertain to distilled spirits package stores located within a city jurisdiction*

Q6: What if I need a residency waiver or distance waiver?

- If chosen as the Successful Finalist during the lottery, the waiver must be approved by the Board of Commissioners before the submittal of the SUP

Q7: What if I am the runner-up for a retail district in the lottery?

- If the successful finalist's application is void, the next ranked finalist will emerge and proceed through the next steps in the process

Q8: How does the lottery work?

- For each district, the lottery will generate an ordered list
- If the successful finalist's application is void, the next ranked on the list will emerge and will proceed through the process
- An applicant can apply for all six districts, but if selected as the successful finalist for multiple districts, would be subject to state law regarding number of allowed stores and are non-transferable