TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE
ORDINANCE 2026-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 57, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 57, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Township Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 57-14. Consumption in unlicensed public premises prohibited; BYOB exception.

A. No person shall drink or otherwise consume, or offer to another person for the purpose of consumption, in any public place, lane or sidewalk, public parking lot, public or quasi-public place other than a place licensed to sell alcoholic beverages and dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, or in public conveyance; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any place or establishment for which a valid alcoholic beverage consumption license has been issued by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. No person owning or operating any commercial establishment, whether or not food or beverages are sold or served on the premises, shall permit or allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises whether or not said alcoholic beverages are brought onto the premises by the owner or operator of the establishment or by any member of the general public.

B. Except as defined below in Subsection **B(1)** and **(2)**, only restaurants shall be permitted to offer customers BYOB services. The word "restaurant" shall have the meaning set forth in the Land Use and Development Regulations of the Township and shall not include "fast-food/carry-out restaurants" as defined therein.

(1) In addition to restaurants, art galleries that charge customers a fee to participate in art classes may offer customers BYOB services at art gallery premises. Art classes require instructors who are compensated for teaching customers to paint or to engage in a similar artistic endeavor.

(2) Indoor virtual golf simulator facilities with two bays that charge customers a fee to participate may offer customers BYOB services on premises. Bays shall be a minimum of 15 feet wide.

(3) Art galleries and indoor virtual golf simulator facilities shall be subject to all of the requirements of the Land Use and Development Regulations of the Township.

C. Rules and regulations. The following rules and regulations are applicable to all premises allowing patrons to BYOB:

(1) Premises allowing patrons to BYOB must comply with all applicable state, federal and municipal rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances pertaining to the consumption of wine or malt alcoholic beverages on a premises that is not licensed or permitted to sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

(2) Premises allowing patrons to BYOB shall provide notice in writing to the Maple Shade Township Municipal Clerk by November 1 of the preceding year indicating BYOB will be permitted on said premises. The notice shall include the street address and the lot and block numbers of the premises on which the restaurant or business is conducted, and the name and telephone number of the manager of the restaurant or business.

(3) The consumption of alcoholic beverages, other than wine or malt alcoholic beverages, shall not be permitted.

(4) There shall be no consumption of wine or malt alcoholic beverages by employees of the premises, but only by patrons who are seated for meal service at a table or for art instruction. No person waiting to be seated for service may consume or possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage while waiting to be seated for service.

(5) The consumption of alcoholic beverages by patrons may be permitted in fully enclosed indoor dining areas of the premises. Outdoor consumption of alcoholic beverages by patrons may be permitted, provided:

(a) The outdoor area is fully enclosed by a permanent structure or fence.

(b) Ingress and egress shall be through the main facility.

(c) If ingress and egress cannot be accommodated through the main facility, then an employee, at least 21 years of age, must be stationed at the outdoor entrance.

(d) The outdoor seating area must have an emergency-alarmed exit.

(6) The consumption of wine or malt alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only during the hours of 12:00 p.m. prevailing time to 11:00 p.m. prevailing time.

(7) No BYOB establishment shall charge any admission fee or cover, corkage or service charge. Fees may be charged for art instruction and use of indoor virtual golf simulator facilities.

(8) No BYOB establishment shall advertise inside or outside of the premises or in any medium whatsoever that patrons may bring and consume their own wine or malt alcoholic beverages on the premises.

(9) No BYOB establishment or employee shall be permitted to serve, handle, pour or distribute alcoholic beverages on the premises.

(10) There shall be no storage of alcoholic beverages on the premises. Patrons shall not be permitted to deliver alcoholic beverages to the premises in advance or to leave alcoholic beverages on the premises to be consumed or to be picked up at a later time.

(11) Patrons who desire to consume wine or malt alcoholic beverages in the premises shall bring such beverages with them to the establishment. No delivery of alcoholic

beverages by any person, including a licensed alcoholic beverage establishment, shall be permitted.

(12) Alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted to be stored, displayed or maintained on a service bar or service table and must be kept by the patron at the table at which the patron is seated.

(13) No BYOB establishment shall permit a patron or any person to bring or deliver to the premises a large quantity of alcoholic beverages intended for consumption at a party or other special event to be attended by more than one table of patrons. Public or private parties to be attended by more than four persons and for which the host of the party provides alcoholic beverages to persons attending the function are not permitted.

(14) No BYOB establishment or employee shall allow, permit or suffer any alcoholic beverages to be consumed by any intoxicated person or by any person under the age of 21 years.

(15) A BYOB establishment shall immediately report to the Police Department any incident of underage drinking or the presentation of false identification by an underage person and any incident involving the excessive consumption of alcohol by a patron.

§ 57-15. Exceptions.

The Township Department of Community Development, with the consent of the Municipal Clerk and the Police Department, in connection with the public celebrations or similar special events, may, by written permit only, specifically authorize the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public or quasi-public place or area or portion thereof, as in such permit specified, on the date and the hours therein specified, subject to conditions as set forth in the approved permit, and provided that the sale of any alcoholic beverage package goods shall utilize only sealed containers.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			X				
Nunes	X		X				
Simonsick				X			
Zahradnick		X	X				
Talarico			X				

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Maple Shade Township Council, held on November 12, 2026, and was read for the first time.
This ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 10, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at 200 Stiles Avenue, Maple Shade, NJ 08052. Copies of this ordinance will be made available on the township website at: www.mapleshade.com and at the Municipal Clerk's office to members of the general public who

request same during normal operating hours. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance.

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Maple Shade Township