

## CHAPTER 2026-209

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4055

An act relating to the City of Lake Wales, Polk County; providing an exception to general law for licensed alcoholic beverage vendors located within a specified area of the City of Lake Wales; providing that licensed alcoholic beverage vendors within the specified area must comply with all ordinances, statutes, and rules not inconsistent with specified provisions; defining the specified area of the city to which such exception applies; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage Law as defined in s. 561.01(6), Florida Statutes, the holder of any alcoholic beverage vendor license that permits sales of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, and for which the designated premises of such license are located on any property within the Lake Wales Arts, Culture and Entertainment District of the City of Lake Wales, shall be authorized to allow patrons to remove any alcoholic beverage in an open container from the licensed vendor premises for purposes of consumption away from the licensed vendor premises within the district. Such licensed alcoholic beverage vendors located within the district shall be authorized to allow patrons to remove alcoholic beverages from the licensed vendor premises regardless of the class, type, or series of license held and without the need for additional licensure or approval by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

Section 2. The holder of any alcoholic beverage vendor license located within the Lake Wales Arts, Culture and Entertainment District shall comply with all other local ordinances, state alcoholic beverage laws, and rules of the division not inconsistent herewith.

Section 3. For the purposes of this act, the Lake Wales Arts, Culture and Entertainment District means the area of land situated in Section 2, Township 30 South, Range 27 East, City of Lake Wales, Polk County, more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of Heckscher Second Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 45, public records of Polk County, Florida; thence Westerly along the south line of Lots 1 through 20, Block 1 of said Heckscher Second subdivision to the east right-of-way line of Wetmore Street S; thence Northerly along said east right-of-way line to the south right-of-way line of Sessoms Avenue W; thence Easterly along said south right-of-way line to the west right-of-way line of 1st Street N; thence Southerly along said west right-of-way line of 1st Street N to the intersection of said west right-of-way line with the westerly projection of the south right-of-way

line of Crystal Ave. E; thence Easterly along said westerly projection and south right-of-way line of Crystal Ave. E to the northeast corner of Lot A of Johnson Re-Subdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Block 24, of Original Town of Lake Wales, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 34, public records of Polk County, Florida; thence Northeasterly to the southwest corner of Block 21 of Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A, public records of Polk County, Florida; thence Northwesterly along the west line of said Block 21 to the northwest corner thereof; thence Easterly along the north line of said Block 21 to the northeast corner thereof; thence Southerly and Southwesterly along the east line of said Block 21 to the southeast corner thereof; thence Southerly to the northeast corner of Block T of aforesaid Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A; thence Southerly, Southeasterly and Southerly along the east line of said Block T to the southeast corner thereof; thence Westerly along the south line of said Block T to the southwest corner thereof; thence continue Westerly to the southeast corner of Lot 20, Block 25 of aforesaid Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A, said southeast corner of Lot 20 being on the west right-of-way line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Corridor as portrayed on said Map of Lake Wales; thence Southeasterly along the platted west right-of-way line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Corridor according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A to the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 37 of aforesaid Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A; thence Westerly along the south line of Lots 1 through 6, Block 37 to the southwest corner of said Lot 6, Block 37; thence Westerly to the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 38 of aforesaid Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A; thence Westerly along the south line of Lots 1 through 10, Block 38 to the southwest corner of said Lot 10, Block 38; thence Northwesterly to the aforesaid southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of Heckscher Second Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 45 and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2026.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 10, 2026.