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New ABC Permit for Events In Historic Downtown

City of Manassas, VA . . . This First Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, in Historic Downtown Manassas will have a new feature added to the usual First Friday event. Hosted by Historic Manassas, Inc. and the City of Manassas, this First Friday will be the first-time participants will be able to walk away from a restaurant where they purchased an alcoholic beverage to enjoy other the First Friday festivities.

The City of Manassas is one of the first localities to use the new permit from the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority. The permit allows a locality up to 12 events a year to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages within a designated area for a special event. Establishments can sell beverages in a specific plastic cup which can then be carried around the event so that participants can enjoy the entire event footprint. Signs will mark the event boundaries. This is much like the annual Bands, Brews and Barbecue event held on the lawn of the Manassas Museum that is coming up next week. Participants are able to carry their beverage of choice within the footprint of the event, only the First Friday event will be Historic Downtown streets.

“Using the new permit will allow folks to move more freely enjoying all of the activities happening during a First Friday event,” said City Manager W. Patrick Pate. “Participants at events in the City of Manassas enjoy the family friendly atmosphere and responsible attendees.”

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