

# Summary Comparison of Alcohol Ordinances

## Unincorporated Caddo Parish and Incorporated Municipalities Within Caddo Parish

Prepared from the Caddo Parish, Shreveport, Blanchard, Vivian, and Greenwood sources provided, together with related public municipal webpages and the publicly reported 2023 Mooringsport alcohol vote.

**Bottom line: Caddo Parish unincorporated rules are generally more restrictive and less uniform than the City of Shreveport and some incorporated municipalities. The biggest points of confusion are geography-specific dry areas in unincorporated Wards 1, 3, and 6; different Sunday-sales exceptions; different employee-card systems and renewal periods; and differing location-distance rules.**

### Comparison by jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Hours / Sunday rules	Location limits	Permits / employee cards	Distinctive restrictions
Unincorporated Caddo Parish	Closed 2:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. daily; Sunday closed 2:00 a.m. Sunday to 7:00 a.m. Monday, with limited noon-midnight Sunday exceptions.	No sales within 500 ft. of churches, schools, public libraries, or playgrounds.	Sheriff-issued alcohol handling employee card required; card valid 1 year.	Unincorporated Wards 1, 3, and 6 prohibit alcohol sales; minor-age sign required; high-alcohol premises must remain open to outside view; games of chance prohibited on licensed premises.
City of Shreveport	Generally more permissive closing time than the parish summary: city rules summarized as closed 2:30 a.m.-7:00 a.m., including Sunday closure 2:30 a.m. Sunday to 7:00 a.m. Monday, with exceptions.	300 ft. general rule; reduced distance standards in the central business district (200 ft., and 90 ft. as to public libraries).	City ABO card required for employees handling alcohol; official city page says card is valid for 2 years.	Specific prohibition on customers leaving licensed premises with open alcohol containers; more developed local licensing and fee structure.
Town of Blanchard	Largely tracks the parish model: closed 2:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m.; Sunday sales allowed noon-midnight for specified uses.	300 ft. from playgrounds, churches, schools, libraries, day care centers, and correctional facilities.	Town-issued employee card system; qualifications and local review by police/town clerk.	Open containers prohibited in vehicles and public places; on-premises alcohol sales prohibited where fuel is sold; town may deny permit based on public health, safety, morals, or peace.
Town of Vivian	More restrictive hours: no sales from midnight Saturday to noon Sunday, and from midnight to 7:00 a.m. on other days.	300 ft. from playgrounds, churches, synagogues, libraries, and schools.	Local permit structure applies.	Town summary indicates high-alcohol-content beverages are not licensed within town limits; weapons prohibited where alcohol is sold and consumed on premises.
Town of Greenwood	Publicly available sources reviewed suggest Greenwood remains the principal outlier in Caddo Parish.	Not fully confirmed from the inaccessible code text reviewed here.	Not fully confirmed from the inaccessible code text reviewed here.	The parish-wide summary identifies Caddo Parish as wet except Greenwood, and a current secondary municipal-law summary reports packaged alcoholic beverage sales are prohibited in Greenwood.
Other incorporated areas (Oil City, Belcher, Gilliam, Hosston, Ida, Rodessa, Mooringsport)	Publicly accessible codified alcohol chapters were not readily available for several of these municipalities in the materials reviewed.	Unknown from readily available public code text for most of these municipalities.	Unknown or not readily accessible from reviewed public materials.	Mooringsport is important because voters reportedly approved alcohol sales in 2023; that suggests a move toward a more permissive local framework even though a consolidated municipal code chapter was not readily available in the reviewed materials.

### Key takeaways

- The parish code creates a patchwork result in the unincorporated area because the parish is generally wet, yet the unincorporated portions of Wards 1, 3, and 6 are dry. That makes compliance highly location-dependent.

- Shreveport is operationally easier to understand for businesses because its city process is centralized through the ABO office, its employee-card system is clearly described on the city website, and the city code contains detailed rules for open containers and downtown spacing.
- Blanchard is closer to the parish model than to Shreveport, but it has more modern local administrative controls, including explicit open-container rules and broad permit-review authority tied to neighborhood impacts.
- Vivian appears substantially more restrictive than both Caddo Parish generally and Shreveport because its public summary reflects tighter hours and a prohibition on licensing high-alcohol-content beverage activity in town.
- For several smaller municipalities, the practical compliance problem is not just the rule itself but the lack of a single easy-to-find public code source. Businesses and residents may not know whether to look first to parish rules, a local election result, or a municipal ordinance.

## Recommendations for unincorporated Caddo Parish

1. Adopt a plain-language parish alcohol guide and map. A single public handout should identify the dry unincorporated portions of Wards 1, 3, and 6, Sunday exceptions, distance rules, permit contacts, and employee-card requirements by address.
2. Consider harmonizing location-distance rules where feasible. The current 500-foot parish rule is stricter than the 300-foot baseline used by Shreveport, Blanchard, and Vivian, which can confuse applicants operating near municipal boundaries.
3. Standardize permit administration and card terminology. The parish could mirror Shreveport's clearer public-facing materials by publishing step-by-step application checklists, renewal dates, and a simple comparison between parish and municipal employee-card requirements.
4. Clarify Sunday-sales categories in ordinance text and public guidance. Restaurants, private clubs, private parties, raceways, and packaged beer each have different Sunday rules in the parish; those rules should be reorganized into a single chart.
5. Coordinate with the smaller municipalities on a Caddo-wide compliance portal. Even if each town keeps its own rules, one linked portal would reduce confusion for businesses, law enforcement, event promoters, and residents.

**Sources reviewed:** Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4; Shreveport Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10; Town of Blanchard Chapter 7 PDF; Greenwood and Vivian code links provided; Caddo Parish code portal; Shreveport ABO / liquor-license webpages; AACEA Caddo parish alcohol summary; Village of Belcher town documents page; Town of Oil City website; and public reporting on the 2023 Mooringsport alcohol vote.