



THE VORTEX[®]

BAR & GRILL



FOOD MENU

HOME EDITION – DOWNLOADED FROM THE VORTEX WEBSITE

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TAKE-OUT SIZE & FEE

If you plan on ordering an extremely large take-out order you should really consider contacting a caterer as our take-out service is not meant for party planning. A 5% packaging fee will be added to all take-out orders.

TAKE-OUT ALCOHOL

By law, The Vortex is not permitted to sell any alcoholic beverages “to-go” with the exception of opened bottles of wine that are not finished by patrons when dining in-house. These bottles may be re-corked and be taken home by the customer. No other alcoholic beverage may leave our premises at any time.

21 & OVER

The Vortex was designed as a social gathering place for adults. It is a bar. As such, we restrict access to people 21 and over. All patrons must present a valid form of identification to enter the premises. If you are ever denied entry to The Vortex because you don’t have your ID with you, it’s your own damned fault for being a dumb-ass. Who doesn’t carry identification?

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We can’t address issues we’re unaware of, so we always appreciate hearing from our loyal patrons. You can contact us through our website by clicking on the “CONTACT” tab in the upper navigation bar and then following the prompts. All emails received become the property of The Vortex Bar & Grill and may be used by us for any purpose whatsoever.

PLACING TAKE-OUT ORDERS

The Vortex is a neighborhood bar, not a “take-out” restaurant. So our “dine-in” guests will always be our first priority. That’s why, on occasion, we will suspend take-out orders during peak business periods. Sorry, but when we’re really busy, that’s just the way it has to be. If we don’t answer the phone, that is a good indication that we ARE too busy. If we do answer and tell you take-out is currently not available, don’t cry. Don’t yell. Don’t throw a fit. That won’t change anything. It’ll just make you look like a spoiled little whiner.

PLEASE NOTE: *After 8:00 pm nightly, take-out orders can **only** be placed in-person, at the bar.*

When we ARE accepting phone-in take-out orders, you can help us assure your complete and total satisfaction by following the simple five-step instructions listed below:

1. CALL THE RIGHT LOCATION

Pay attention to which Vortex location you phone, because that’s where your food will be waiting for you. People often show up in Midtown, after having placed their order with Little 5 Points. Oops. It’s a real bummer to have to drive across town when you’re hungry. *(The bars are about 3 miles apart.)*

2. HAVE YOUR ORDER READY

Please have your order complete before you call. Think of all the various options – like burger temperatures, side dishes, bread selections and salad dressings. When the restaurant is busy, we just don’t have time to wait while you ask every member of the I.T. Department what dressing they want on their salad.

3. COME AND GET IT

We will give you an approximate pick-up time for your order, so if your food sits around and gets cold and soggy, it’s your own damn fault.

4. DOUBLE-CHECK IT

Always check the contents of your order before you leave. Nobody is perfect 100% of the time, and our Take-Out Expediter could have made a mistake, so double-check it. We will NOT be responsible for errors or missing items once orders are removed from our premises, because that’s the oldest scammer trick in the book. Sorry scammers.

5. GO BACK TO YOUR LAIR

If you order food to-go, you can’t eat it in the restaurant, that’s why it’s called “take-out.” Bye-bye

SOFT DRINKS

Fountain drinks are served in a big 32-ounce tumbler.

When dining in-house all fountain drinks, tea and coffee will include free refills.

- COCA-COLA ● COKE ZERO SUGAR ● DIET COKE ● SPRITE ● GINGER ALE ● DR. PEPPER 3.00
- HI-C PINK LEMONADE ● FANTA ORANGE SODA ● POWERADE MOUNTAIN BERRY BLAST 3.00
- SWEET TEA ● UNSWEETENED ICED TEA 3.00
- COFFEE – *It comes black, hot and caffeinated. If you want more than that, Starbucks® is just down the street.* 2.00

BOTTLED & CANNED BEVERAGES

- ABITA ROOT BEER – 12-oz. bottle 3.00
– Spike it with Vanilla Vodka +5.00
- IZZE SPARKLING GRAPEFRUIT JUICE – 12-oz. bottle 3.00
– Spike it with Gin & lime +5.00
- MEXICAN COKE – 12.5-oz. bottle 3.00
– Spike it with Irish Whiskey +5.00
- SAM ADAMS JUST THE HAZE N/A IPA – 12-oz. can 5.00
– Non-alcoholic beer, <0.5% ABV
- TOPO CHICO MINERAL WATER – 12.5-oz. bottle 3.00
– Spike it with Tequila & lime +5.00
- RED BULL ENERGY DRINK – 8.4-oz. can 4.50
– Original, Sugarfree or Yellow Tropical
- 1821 GINGER BEER – 12-oz. can 3.00
– Produced Locally
- FIJI ARTESIAN WATER – 16.9-oz. bottle 3.00

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HARDER DRINKS?

Our **Booze Menu** is awe-inspiring! If you don't have one, ask your server for a copy.

APPETIZERS

These Group Snacks are the perfect way to get the party started by sharing them with your friends. Or you can be a big glutton and order one all for yourself. That's okay. We're not about judgment, unless it's bad judgment.

CHEESE-BALLS O' GLORY™ 10.95

These battered, deep-fried dollops of cheese curd and jalapeño bits might be the tastiest balls you ever put in your mouth. Served with jalapeño ranch for dipping, this bounty of balls is perfect for sharing.

MUTHACLUCKIN' CHICKEN ROLLS™ 11.50

Shredded chicken, cheese, onions, cilantro and seasonings, stuffed inside a flour tortilla and deep-fried. It's sliced into four rolls for sharing (or not). Served with jalapeño ranch dressing. – NO MODIFICATIONS, "AS-IS" ONLY

DISCO TATERS Full Order: 11.50 – Half Order: 7.50

A big ol' plate full of tots (or fries) topped with our homemade white sausage gravy, shredded cheese and crumbled bacon bits. It's our take on Canadian poutine, but we actually turned it into some real Southern kick-ass!

FRIED PICKLES OF LOVE™ 9.95

Crispy, crunchy dill pickles, battered, breaded and deep-fried to perfection. Served with a side of jalapeño ranch for dipping. Just like your sweet old Mee Maw used to make. Bless her heart.

MAC 'N' CHEESY CHANGA™ 11.50

We fill a flour tortilla with macaroni 'n' cheese and barbecued pulled pork, and wrap it up like a burrito. Then we deep-fry it, slice it into four pieces, top it with a drizzle of our famous cheesy-cheese goo™ and serve it with a side of spicy honey BBQ sauce. It's like a whole damn barbecue is happening inside your mouth.

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BADASS BUFFALO WINGS™ MKT

Five deep-fried chicken wings served with celery and a side of blue cheese **or** ranch dressing. You can also add a side of french fries or tater tots for 3.00.

Choose your flavor from the sauce selection below:

- ORIGINAL BUFFALO SAUCE – (Standard Heat)
- SPICY HONEY BBQ SAUCE – (A Little Spicy)
- ATOMIC DEATH SAUCE™ – (*Hot as Hell, no returns)

MKT = Market price; changes weekly.

BORRACHO NACHOS™ – Nachos made your way

Full Portion: 8.95 – Half Portion: 6.95

These are the four ingredients you will find in the basic, stripped-down version of our **Borracho Nachos**:

- TORTILLA CHIPS ● CHEESY-CHEESE GOO™ ● SHREDDED LETTUCE ● RED SALSA

But you can customize them to create your own perfect version. We'll add pickled jalapeños by request, and we'll substitute the chips for tots for only 2.00. You can also choose additional "toppers" from the list of options below.

ADDITIONAL NACHO TOPPERS

SERVED ON TOP:

- SOUR CREAM..... +1.00
- BACON BITS +2.50
- GRILLED or FRIED CHICKEN – Diced +5.00
- BLACK BEAN VEGGIE BURGER – Diced..... +5.00
- SIRLOIN BURGER – Cooked Medium & Diced..... +5.00
- BARBECUED PORK – Shredded +5.00
- IMPOSSIBLE™ BURGER – Diced (NOTE: While technically a vegan patty, we do not employ vegan cooking practices)..... +9.00

SERVED ON THE SIDE:

- ROASTED JALAPEÑOS – Chopped..... +1.25
- PINEAPPLE SALSA +1.25
- ATOMIC DEATH SAUCE™ +2.00
- GUACAMOLE..... +3.00
- SPICY BEEF or TASTY TURKEY CHILI +3.00
- EXTRA TORTILLA CHIPS or TATER TOTS +3.00

SANDWICHES

Pick a Side – OUR SANDWICHES ARE SERVED WITH A SIDE DISH, SO CHOOSE ONE FROM THIS LIST

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- FRENCH FRIES
- TATER TOTS
- LOADED POTATO SALAD – *shredded cheese & bacon*
- FRIED PLANTAINS
- ZAPP'S VOODOO POTATO CHIPS – 1.5-ounce Bag

ADDITIONAL 3.00 UP-CHARGE:

- SOUP or CHILI – Cup (or a Bowl +4.50)
- HOUSE SALAD – Side Portion
- MAC 'N' CHEESE
- FRIED ZUCCHINI or ONION RINGS
- FUNNEL CAKE FRIES – Add Very-Berry Sauce +1.00

YANKEE REUBEN 15.95

Corned beef, Swiss cheese, caraway sauerkraut and thousand island dressing served on griddled swirl rye bread. This is a pretty damned delectable Reuben for a burger joint in Atlanta.

HAVANA EN ATLANTA 13.95

A traditional Cuban sandwich filled with roasted pork, ham, Swiss cheese, mojo marinated pickles and spicy brown mustard – *griddled nice and flat*. Great with a side of fried plantains. – NO MODIFICATIONS, "AS-IS" ONLY

HOT SOUTHERN MESS™ 14.25

A deep-fried chicken breast topped with a fried egg and applewood smoked bacon, all covered with our delicious white sausage gravy, and served on Texas Toast. It's slap yo' mama good!

BIG-NAKED WEENIE 12.50

We flame-grill a big, thick 9-inch beef weenie and serve it naked on a butter-griddled bun. You can add sauerkraut, diced raw onions, relish and/or sautéed onions at no additional cost. You can also add shredded cheese and spicy beef or turkey chili for 3.50.

GRILLED CHEESY MOFO™ 10.95

Pepper jack, provolone, cheddar and applewood smoked bacon on butter-griddled, parmesan encrusted sourdough. If you can't handle this Mofo, then order "Mom's Grilled Cheese" instead – it's totally normal.

BUFFALO BOMBER 13.95

A battered, deep-fried chicken breast, topped with applewood smoked bacon, ranch dressing and original buffalo sauce, all served on a big ol' hoagie roll. Basically a boneless buffalo wing sandwich.

ATL CHOPPED CHEESE 13.50

Inspired by the NYC classic, we cook chopped blackened ground sirloin with grilled onions. Then we top it with American cheese, tomatoes, shredded lettuce and secret sauce and serve it on a griddled hoagie.

EASY SLIDERS – NO MODIFICATIONS, "AS-IS" ONLY 9.50

Choose two sliders – two of each or mix and match.

- MINI BURGER – *American cheese and diner relish*
- MINI BBQ PORK – *BBQ sauce and mac 'n' cheese*
- ADDITIONAL SLIDERS..... 3.75 each

CHILI, SOUP & SALAD

We whip-up stock pots of love from scratch every day. Our chili is served with homemade cornbread, and can be topped with shredded cheese, diced onion and/or sour cream. Our soup is served with crackers.

SPICY BEEF CHILI Cup: 4.25 – Bowl: 4.95

Made with ground sirloin, chipotle peppers, cayenne pepper and a secret combination of seasonings, but not a single bean. It's mighty meaty and mighty spicy, so don't order it if you can't take the heat.

50/50 CHILI Cup: 4.25 – Bowl: 4.95

A half-serving of **Spicy Beef Chili** and half-serving of **Tasty Turkey Chili** all mixed together in the same cup or bowl.

TASTY TURKEY CHILI Cup: 4.25 – Bowl: 4.95

Made with ground turkey, fire roasted tomatoes, green chiles, jalapeños, black beans, onion and cilantro, all cooked in a seasoned cream stock. Slightly smoky with a little bit of spiciness.

KILLER TOMATO SOUP Cup: 4.25 – Bowl: 4.95

This smooth and savory soup is not vegan or vegetarian because it contains cream and chicken stock, which is why it's so damned delicious. (Extra Crackers +1.00)

HOUSE SALAD – *Salad made your way* Full Portion: 11.50 – Side Portion: 7.25

These are the six toppings that we add to a big bowl of **mixed greens** in order to create our **House Salad**:

- BACON BITS ● MUSHROOMS ● DICED TOMATO ● DICED RED ONION ● SHREDDED CHEESE ● CROUTONS

Let your server know if you DON'T want any of those items, otherwise you'll be getting all of them. You can further customize and upgrade your salad by adding any of the "toppers" from the list of options below.

ADDITIONAL SALAD TOPPERS

- GRILLED or FRIED CHICKEN BREAST – Sliced +5.00
- SIRLOIN BURGER – Cooked Medium & Sliced +5.00
- BLACK BEAN VEGGIE BURGER PATTY – Sliced ... +5.00
- BARBECUED PORK – Shredded +5.00
- IMPOSSIBLE™ BURGER – Sliced - *NOTE: While technically a vegan patty, we do not employ vegan cooking practices..* +9.00

SALAD DRESSING

Salads come with one dressing on the side. Additional dressings are 1.00 – 3.25-ounce serving.

- BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE ● BLUE CHEESE ● CREAMY RANCH ● HONEY MUSTARD
- JALAPEÑO RANCH ● THOUSAND ISLAND ● OIL & VINEGAR

BASIC BURGERS

Half-pound patties of **100% Premium Ground Sirloin** cooked over an open flame and served on a toasted bun. These are two fine examples of the quintessentially American burgers that The Vortex is famous for. Don't forget to choose your temperature and side item from the next page.

PLAIN OL' HAMBURGER 10.50

No frills, no nonsense. We'll cook it to your preferred temperature and top it with lettuce, tomato, red onion and dill pickle slices. A selection of condiments is on the table, so you can dress your burger however you want.

ORIGINAL CHEESEBURGER 11.50

Choose ONE cheese from this list: American, Cheddar, Provolone, Swiss, Jack or Pepper Jack cheese (2 slices), **OR** a big scoop of Whiskey Pimento Cheese, Chipotle Cream Cheese or Blue Cheese Spread. (LTOP)

ADD APPLEWOOD SMOKED BACON: You can add **3 strips of bacon** to ANY of our burgers..... **+3.00**

SIGNATURE BURGERS

Our Basic Burgers are great, but we designed the unique Signature Burgers below to help expand your horizons. All burgers noted with "(LTOP)" are also topped with **Lettuce, Tomato, Onion** and dill **Pickle** slices.

ALPINE STEAK HOUSE 14.50

Topped with sautéed onions and mushrooms, Swiss & cheddar cheese, and super-secret steak sauce. (LTOP)

HELL'S FURY 14.95

Pepper jack cheese, Atomic Death Sauce™, habanero relish, and a roasted jalapeño. Not for sissies. (LTOP)

BBQ BACON MAC 'N' CHEESE 15.50

Burger topped with gooey mac 'n' cheese, spicy honey BBQ sauce and applewood smoked bacon.

HOLY GUACAMOLE 14.50

Topped with jack cheese and a big glob of our freshly made guacamole. Burger divinity. (LTOP)

BLACK & BLUE 12.50

Blackened and topped with our creamy homemade blue cheese spread. It'll knock you out. (LTOP)

KA'MANA WA'NA LEI'YA 16.50

A scoop of chipotle cream cheese, 3 slices of bacon and spicy pineapple jalapeño jelly on Texas toast.

BLUE 'SHROOM 15.50

Topped with a scoop of mind-expanding blue cheese, sautéed mushrooms and bacon. You'll see God. (LTOP)

LONE STAR TEX MELT™ 13.95

Topped with cheddar cheese, spicy honey BBQ sauce, and crispy onion rings, served on Texas toast.

CLASSIC BYPASS™ 15.95

Topped with a fried egg, American cheese, and bacon. It'll give you palpitations. (LTOP)

PICKLE RICK 17.50

Topped with fried pickles, whiskey pimento cheese, bacon and house-made Szechuan sauce. I'm Pickle Rick!

FAT ELVIS 15.50

Slathered with a King-sized helpin' of smooth peanut butter, topped with bacon and fried plantains.

REBEL OUTLAW 19.50

Covered with barbecued pulled pork, cheddar cheese, bacon, and spicy teriyaki outlaw sauce. (LTOP)

FOUR HORSEMEN 14.50

A blackened patty topped with horseradish sauce, grilled onions, sautéed mushrooms & jack cheese. (LTOP)

SWISS & MUSHROOM 12.50

Topped with Swiss cheese and tasty sautéed mushrooms. What else would it be? (LTOP)

FREAKY TIKI 18.50

Topped with grilled ham, pineapple salsa, bacon and jack cheese. It's a luau for your mouth. (LTOP)

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE™ 18.95

Burger topped with BBQ pork, spicy honey BBQ sauce, pepper jack cheese & a sunny side up egg on Texas toast.

OLD-SCHOOL BURGERS

This classic American burger style is a tribute to vintage neighborhood eateries, coffee shops and local diners across the country. The patties on these burgers are griddled nice and flat and cooked until they're done.

RETRO DINER BURGER 12.95

Two 4-ounce griddled sirloin patties topped with white American Cheese, shredded lettuce, tomato and sliced dill pickles on a burger bun, all slathered with homemade Vortex diner relish.

ULTIMATE PATTY MELT 12.95

Two 4-ounce griddled sirloin patties served on grilled marble-rye, topped with Swiss and cheddar cheese, grilled onions and sliced dill pickles, all slathered with our secret burger sauce.

***MANDATORY GOVERNMENT ADVISORY STATEMENT:** THE CONSUMPTION OF RAW OR UNDERCOOKED FOOD SUCH AS MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, SHELLFISH AND EGGS WHICH CONTAIN HARMFUL BACTERIA, MAY CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS OR DEATH.

*Choose a Temperature – TELL US HOW YOU WANT YOUR BURGER COOKED

- RARE = Cool Red Center
- MEDIUM-RARE = Warm Red Center
- MEDIUM = Hot Pink Center
- MEDIUM-WELL = Slight Pink Center
- WELL-DONE = No Pink – Basically Burnt

OR Substitute the Meat – IF YOU'D RATHER HAVE A NON-BEEF OPTION

ADDITIONAL 1.00 SUB CHARGE:

- GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST
- FRIED CHICKEN BREAST
- BLACK BEAN VEGGIE BURGER PATTY

ADDITIONAL 4.50 SUB CHARGE:

- IMPOSSIBLE™ BURGER PATTY

NOTE: While technically a vegan patty, we do not employ vegan cooking practices.

AND Pick a Side – OUR BURGERS ARE SERVED WITH A SIDE DISH, SO CHOOSE ONE FROM THIS LIST

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- FRENCH FRIES
- TATER TOTS
- LOADED POTATO SALAD – shredded cheese & bacon
- FRIED PLANTAINS
- ZAPP'S VOODOO POTATO CHIPS – 1.5-ounce Bag

ADDITIONAL 3.00 UP-CHARGE:

- SOUP or CHILI – Cup (or a Bowl +4.50)
- HOUSE SALAD – Side Portion
- MAC 'N' CHEESE
- FRIED ZUCCHINI or ONION RINGS
- FUNNEL CAKE FRIES – Add Very-Berry Sauce +1.00

CORONARY BYPASS BURGERS®

You can order the "Single" anytime, but all the other Coronary Bypass Burgers have specific restrictions described below.

SINGLE CORONARY BYPASS®

Not available for take-out

34.95

We use two bacon grilled cheese sandwiches as the top and bottom buns of this big-ass burger. Total ingredients include 4 slices of white bread, an 8-ounce flame-grilled sirloin patty, 10 slices of American cheese, 9 strips of applewood smoked bacon, one fried egg and 4-ounces of mayonnaise. This burger is served with french fries and tater tots topped with Cheesy-Cheese Goo™ sprinkled with bacon bits. – **Estimated Calories with side: 3,707**

LIMITED AVAILABILITY: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, FROM 2:00 UNTIL 5:00 PM ONLY
NO HOLIDAYS – NO TAKE-OUT – NO SUBSTITUTIONS (SIDES TOO) – BEEF COOKED "MEDIUM"

DOUBLE CORONARY BYPASS® 47.95

We use two griddled patty melt sandwiches as the top and bottom buns of this epic burger. Total ingredients include 4 slices of Texas toast, two 4-ounce griddled ground sirloin patties, one 8-ounce flame-grilled sirloin patty, 12 slices of American cheese, 2 fried eggs, 12 strips of bacon, grilled onions, diner relish and mayonnaise. Served with 10-ounces of fries & tots topped with Cheesy-Cheese Goo™ and bacon bits.

– **Estimated Calories with side: 4,541**

TRIPLE CORONARY BYPASS® 66.66

We use two griddled patty melts, and a bacon-grilled cheese sandwich as the 3 buns that shape this beast. Total ingredients include 4 slices of Texas toast, two slices of white bread, two 4-ounce griddled sirloin patties, two 8-ounce flame-grilled sirloin patties, 18 slices of American cheese, 3 fried eggs, 18 strips of bacon, grilled onions, diner relish and mayonnaise. Served with 20-ounces of fries & tots topped with Cheesy-Cheese Goo™ and bacon bits.

– **Estimated Calories with side: 7,160**

QUADRUPLE CORONARY BYPASS® (THE SUPER-STACK™)

86.95

We use 4 griddled patty melts as the top, bottom and (2) middle buns of our Super-Stack.™ Total ingredients include 8 slices of Texas toast, four 4-ounce griddled sirloin patties, two 8-ounce flame-grilled sirloin patties, 28 slices of American cheese, 4 fried eggs, 27 strips of bacon, grilled onions, diner relish and mayonnaise. Served with 20-ounces of fries & tots topped with Cheesy-Cheese Goo™ and bacon bits.

– **Estimated Calories with side: 9,606**

THE SUPER-STACK™ IS AVAILABLE AS AN EATING CHALLENGE. ASK YOUR SERVER FOR DETAILS.

CARNIVAL DESSERTS

Everything is better when it's deep-fried, and our desserts are certainly no exception. If you agree, then we highly recommend finishing your meal with one of these captivating carny-approved confections.

FUNNEL CAKE FRIES

9.95

It's a "funnel cake" in french fry form. Perfect for sharing. They're dusted with powdered sugar and served with Very-Berry sauce for dipping.

DEEP-FRIED CHEESECAKE

10.95

Creamy cheesecake, rolled up in a pastry shell and deep-fried, served with raspberry jam, sugar glaze, cinnamon sugar and whipped cream. Sweet!



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BAR & GRILL



STUFF YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW™

We grill up the **Best Damn Burgers** in Atlanta, offer a huge selection of beer & spirits, and serve ridiculously indulgent bar food. This is exactly the kind of place your momma warned you about. Everything we offer is bad for you. That's why it's so much fun here. It's good t be bad. So eat, drink and make lots of new friends. Just don't be a tight-ass, because if you're easily offended, you will certainly be offended here.

OFFICIAL COMPANY POLICIES

READ OUR MENUS - THEY'RE VERY INFOTAINING

We try to ensure our food and drink descriptions are as accurate as possible, and that all company policies are clearly explained on our menus. So read them carefully. If you have any questions, just ask your server. It's all pretty simple. Please don't make us mock you.

21 AND OVER ONLY - ADULT FUN INSIDE, NO KIDS

This is a bar. As such, we restrict access to people 21 and over, which requires a valid form of identification. If you are ever denied entry to The Vortex because you don't have your ID with you, it's your own damned fault for being a dumb-ass. Who doesn't carry ID?

NON-SMOKING - LOVE YOUR LUNGS, ABUSE YOUR LIVER

The Vortex does not allow smoking or vaping of any kind inside our premises. However, we do offer the option to smoke cigarettes and e-cigarettes within certain exterior areas. Ask your server for details. The smoking of stinky stuff like cigars, pipes, clove cigarettes, hookahs or anything deemed illegal by the oligarchy, will not be allowed anywhere on our property.

IDIOT-FREE ZONE - THE NEVER ENDING PROJECT

Our goal is to foster an atmosphere of fun and mutual respect. We declared The Vortex an **Idiot-Free Zone** back in 1992, and have remained committed to this policy ever since. Simply stated, it means "you be nice, and we'll be nice." Anyone who acts like an entitled jerk will be asked to leave. People who behave badly always seem surprised when we toss their silly asses out the door. Probably because they're idiots.

NO RESERVATIONS - WE'RE NOT FANCY LIKE THAT

The Vortex is a casual joint, so we seat on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not take reservations. Don't bother phoning ahead, because even if you speak with an employee you still do NOT have a reservation. Do you know why? Because we don't take reservations.

ALLERGY WARNING - IT'S ALL ABOUT YOUR SAFETY

If you have food sensitivities or allergies serious enough to cause sickness or death, we suggest that you do **NOT** eat here. The Vortex can not, does not, and will not guarantee the absence of any specific allergen from any of our menu items. The potential may also exist for cross-contamination with ingredients to which you may be allergic. This policy is designed to help ensure your health and well-being, so if you choose to ignore it, please be advised you do so at your own risk. It's better to be safe than sorry - **or dead!**

LET US HELP YOU - WE MOSTLY WANT TO SAY YES

Don't ever come in here and start moving the furniture around like you own the place, or we'll slap you like a red-headed stepchild. If your group has any special needs, please let the host, server or manager assist you. Sure, sometimes we may have to decline a request, but that's only because we know what's best. Trust us We've been running this bar for a long time. Our staff really is here to help, so just ask. Some of them might look a little scary, but they're mostly pretty nice. Mostly.

LARGE GROUPS - THE BANE OF OUR EXISTENCE

The Vortex was not designed to accommodate large parties, particularly when we're busy. Of course we do our best to serve everyone, but if you decide to show up with your 10 best friends at eight o'clock on a Friday night, don't whine when we tell you it's going to be a very long wait for a table. There are plenty of places that offer reservations and special rooms for large groups. We suggest using those venues would probably result in a better experience for everyone. Especially us.

INCOMPLETE PARTIES - DON'T BE A JERK ABOUT IT

We do not seat incomplete parties during any peak business period, and we decide what constitutes a peak period. We know all your little tricks and lies too, you tricky, lying little bastards, so don't even try them. Just enjoy a tasty drink from the bar while you wait on your slack-assed friends (even if they're "just parking").

OUTSIDE FOOD & DRINKS - NEVER EVER, EVER

In case you hadn't noticed, we sell food and drinks here. This is not a picnic ground. If you are foolish enough to sit your butt down and whip out a sack lunch, or bring in an outside beverage, it will be confiscated and dumped in the trash. Give us any lip, and you'll end up there too.

NO WHINING - ACT LIKE AN ADULT, NOT A CRYBABY

We're sorry if you don't like what we do, or how we do it. Maybe you think our bar is too crowded, or you think the music is too loud, or the foul-mouthed strippers sitting beside you are just too offensive Hey, on occasion The Vortex might get a little rowdy. If you insist on having total control over your environment at all times, then maybe you should just stay home. Nobody likes a whiner. Especially in a bar.

SERVICE GUARANTEE - WE'RE PRETTY CASUAL

If you are not greeted within 2 minutes, then you'll be greeted within 3 or 4. We do our best to be prompt, but service times will vary with business volume, so just pull that big stick out of your butt. Try to relax, have fun and enjoy the experience. It'll be good for you.

- THERE IS MORE "STUFF YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW" ON THE BACK PAGE -

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OFFICIAL COMPANY POLICIES

SERVERS ARE PEOPLE TOO - SO JUST BE NICE

There is never any excuse for people to be rude to one another, especially in our bar. Common courtesy goes a long way here. So, before attempting to get your server's attention, just wait until they finish with the customer they're currently helping. Do not whistle, clap, or bang your bottle on the table like an idiot. Likewise, never reach out and poke a server, pull their apron, or slap their ass. Displaying disrespectful or abusive behavior toward any member of our staff will get you thrown out immediately. So please don't act like a jackass. That's just good advice, when at The Vortex, and everywhere else on the planet.

CELL PHONES - PUT 'EM AWAY AND WE'LL TALK TO YOU

You can be as rude to your friends as you'd like. But to receive table service, you need to get off your cell phone. If you don't, then be prepared to be ignored. Texting, surfing, tweeting, taking pictures or posting when a server is trying to take your order may also result in bodily injury or death, so just put the phone down for a minute. Jeez.

SEPARATE CHECKS - ASK UP-FRONT, AND SIT STILL

We're always happy to provide separate checks. All you have to do is ask up-front and stay in your damn seat. If people in your group insist on playing a game of musical chairs, then a single check will be brought to the table when it's time to cash-out, no matter what y'all requested. In that case, you'd better figure out how to use the calculator on your cell phone.

SPECIAL ORDERS & EXTRAS - THEY'RE EXTRA

Our ultimate goal is to give our customers exactly what they want. So if you want a bunch of "extra" stuff, or you want to make crazy alterations to an existing menu item, or if you want to order something that's not even on the damn menu, we'll do our best to help you out. And we'll also charge you whatever the hell we want. So, if you have concerns about the cost of your "special request," please ask your server about it BEFORE placing the order. Once the food is in your belly, it's a little late for that conversation and we don't want any crying when the bill comes. If you think we should give extras away, we'll let you know when that magical delivery truck of free stuff shows up. We've never seen it.

FRESH FOOD & SERVICE TIME - NO NUKES

All our menu items are fresh and **cooked to order**. We strive to have food to your table within 20 minutes, but if we are very busy your order may take a little longer. Any "well-done" burgers will also increase the wait time. You see, a half pound of fresh, raw sirloin actually has to cook. Nothing at The Vortex ever sits under a heat lamp. This ain't fast food, it's good food.

VORTEX ERRORS - IF WE MESS UP, WE'LL FIX IT

We do our best to avoid mistakes, but they may still happen from time to time. After all, nobody's perfect. So, if our kitchen or service staff ever goofs something up, just let us know as soon as possible. We'll do everything we can to make things right. Just don't wolf it all down before you let us know there's a problem.

NO FREE SAMPLES - IF IT'S RIGHT, IT'S YOURS

Food that has been prepared correctly may **NOT** be returned because you "just don't like it." Same goes for mixed drinks. Read the descriptions. Talk to your server. Act like a grown-up. If you order a beer, wine or spirit that you're not crazy about, that's a damn shame too. We don't brew, ferment, distill or bottle any of it. We just sell it. So, when your food or booze order is delivered to you "error-free," the transaction is officially complete. All sales are final. No returns or refunds. If you have a particularly delicate palate, or are just a chronic complainer, be prepared to share what you've ordered with the less finicky members of your party. You know - *the adults*.

SERVICE ISSUES - SWAPPING A SERVER IS NO PROBLEM

If you're ever unhappy with any aspect of your service, notify the manager immediately, because we can't solve a problem we don't know about. "Stiffing" your server and slithering away without letting us know there was a problem is not helpful. And neither is leaving a passive-aggressive note on your charge slip instead of a tip. But the most pointless move by far is posting a stupid review on "I'm-a-shitty-whiner-dot-com," because nobody cares what shitty little whiners think. Seriously. Nobody.

TIP OR DIE - OR DRAG YOUR CHEAP ASS TO MICKEY D'S

Tipping for service is the currently accepted custom in this country, and at this bar. It also happens to be how our servers and bartenders make their living. If you think tipping is a scam, then you should probably stay home, microwave yourself a TV dinner, and binge-watch your favorite reality show. Because if you can't afford to tip, then you can't afford to eat at a full-service restaurant. That's real life.

PAYING THE BILL - PAY YOUR SERVER OR BARTENDER

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Amex and Discover credit cards as payment. We also accept Vortex Gift Cards, Vortex Fun Bucks (prize cards), and of course CASH. Cash is great. We do NOT accept any third party pre-paid gift cards, even if they have the aforementioned credit card logos on them. Additionally, we do not accept Diner's Club, Traveler's Checks, personal checks, PayPal, Bitcoin or Apple Pay. Your server will collect your payment, and complete the transaction. Easy.

NO CAMPING - WE KNOW IT'S HARD TO SAY GOODBYE

We always want our patrons to hang-out and enjoy themselves. But, if you have finished eating and drinking, have paid your check, and can see that other people are waiting for tables, be considerate and give up your seat so the next group can enjoy the experience. Come on, you're done. Don't be the clueless table of campers. Someday, when you're the one waiting for a table, you will really appreciate this policy.

OUR FANS ARE THE BEST - WE ♥ YOU HARD!

We rely on our loyal fans to help make sure we keep doing things right, and we appreciate the intelligent feedback we receive through our website. This type of input is invaluable. Being attentive to the concerns of our good customers helps us maintain a high-quality experience for everyone. That's why we love y'all so damn much. Thank you for your continued support!

PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Don't barf in our bar. And don't make us cut you off. We will if you get sloppy. So do everyone a favor and cut yourself off before you start acting like a damned fool. If you're going to be drinking, we suggest you designate a driver, or use a ride sharing service. Impaired driving is dangerous, and DUI's suck.