

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALES
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION
ON PREMISES ON SUNDAY, March 15, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, bars, nightclubs and similar such establishments, defined by exclusion; to wit, establishments that do not derive at least fifty percent of their annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or food or those that do not derive at least fifty percent of their total annual gross income from the rental of rooms for overnight lodging, are prohibited from selling or dispensing alcohol beverages for on-premises consumption on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, effective March 13, 2015, the state legislature enacted an exception to the foregoing general prohibition at O.C.G.A. § 3-3-7(r) whereby a municipality may, by resolution or ordinance, authorize that class of alcoholic beverage licensees otherwise prohibited from engaging in Sunday sales to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption on one specifically designated Sunday each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Festival period has been set as Friday, March 13th through Sunday, March 15th; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen wish to avoid inequities that may result from allowing certain alcoholic beverage licensees to operate on Sunday, March 15th, 2020, while others will be prevented from doing so under the state Sunday sales provision; and

WHEREAS, state law empowers the Mayor and Aldermen to adjust for any inequities by adopting a resolution allowing for Sunday sales on one designated Sunday per year and it is the Council's intent to invoke and rely upon that authorization in the adoption of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia hereby resolve as follows:

The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises between the hours of 11:00 am. and 12:00 midnight, Sunday, March 15th, 2020 is hereby authorized for all establishments that possess a Class C alcoholic beverage licenses, issued pursuant to Article H, Chapter 2, Section 6-1205 of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of 2017.

Adopted and approved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, on this day of February, 2020.

CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Van R. Johnson II
Mayor of Savannah

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk of Council