

RESOLUTION EXTENDING TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON
APPLICATIONS FOR ALCHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES IN THE
WEST BAY STREET CORRIDOR

Whereas, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah have determined that the density of alcoholic beverage licenses in the West Bay Street corridor of Savannah is creating substantial problems for the surrounding neighborhoods, increasing the amount of litter, loitering, unruly behavior, traffic congestion, and diminishing the overall quality of life in those neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Aldermen have the discretion to set forth ascertainable standards in the local licensing ordinance upon which all decisions pertaining to these licenses shall be based, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 3-3-2(a)(2); and

Whereas, the Mayor and Aldermen found that time was needed in order to study, assess, review, consider, and determine the densities and locations for which it would be appropriate to issue new alcoholic beverage licenses in such area and to incorporate such densities and/or locations into ascertainable standards in the Code of Ordinances; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Aldermen deemed it necessary and advisable to enact a moratorium, applicable to the West Bay Street Corridor area exclusively, during a limited period of time, to bar the acceptance or receipt of any applications for new alcoholic beverage licenses; and

Whereas, on March 3, 2017 the Mayor and Aldermen adopted a resolution enacting a moratorium barring acceptance or receipt by the City's agencies and departments of applications for new alcoholic beverage licenses, including processing such license requests, for a period of 90 days, for the area bounded on the East by US-17, on the North by the northern boundary of the City of Savannah on the West by West Lathrop Avenue and SR21/I-516, and on the South by Louisville Road; and

Whereas, additional time is needed to study, assess, review, consider and determine the densities and locations for which it would be appropriate to issue new alcoholic beverage licenses in the subject area; therefore, the Mayor and Aldermen deem it necessary and advisable to extend the moratorium to November 17, 2017;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah that the City does hereby extend the moratorium, applicable to the specific area of the City of Savannah defined below, to November 17, 2017, to bar acceptance or receipt by the City's agencies and departments of applications for new alcoholic beverage licenses, or for processing such license requests related to such area.

The area of the City to which such moratorium shall apply shall be defined as follows: Bounded on the East by US-17, on the North by the northern boundary of the City of Savannah, on the West by West Lathrop Avenue and SR 21/I-516, and on the South by Louisville Road.

This moratorium shall expire November 17, 2017.

Approved this 17th day of August, 2017.

Eddie DeLoach, Mayor

Clerk of Council