

**EXTENSION OF RESOLUTION IMPOSING TEMPORARY
STAY ON ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE LICENSES WITHIN
CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE FIFTH AND FIRST
ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of 2017 declares that, inter alia, the sale of alcoholic beverages is considered to be a privilege within the City of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of 2017, as amended, was enacted for the purpose of establishing reasonable and ascertainable standards for the regulation and control of alcoholic beverages in a manner designed to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community while giving effect to zoning and land use plans, preserving the residential areas with reasonable consideration for their character and with the general intent of promoting desirable living conditions and sustaining the stability of neighborhoods and property values; 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 OCGA Sec. 3-3-2(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah have been presented with evidence of a proliferation of establishments possessing licenses to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages within certain portions of the Fifth and First Aldermanic Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah find that continued issuance of licenses to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages within certain portions of the Fifth and First Aldermanic Districts presents a condition at variance with the purpose and intent of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah have instructed the City Manager to direct staff to research and propose revisions to the Code of Ordinances to address the issues associated with the continued issuance of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages within certain portions of the Fifth and First Aldermanic Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah wish to temporarily pause the processing of new applications for licenses to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages submitted by persons owning or occupying real property to allow staff adequate time to research and propose amendments to the Code of Ordinances for the area situated in these boundaries:

Fifth Aldermanic District: Bounded on the north by the centerlines of Victory Drive and Ogeechee Road (US Highway 80); on the west by the centerline of Interstate 516 (Lynes Parkway); on the south by the centerlines of Interstate 516 (Lynes Parkway) and DeRenne Avenue; and, on the east by the centerline of Montgomery Street between the centerlines of DeRenne Avenue and 61st St and by the centerline of Bull Street between the centerlines of 61st St and Victory Drive (US Highway 80); and

First Aldermanic District: Bounded on the south by the centerlines of Victory Drive and Ogeechee Road (US Highway 80); on the east by the centerline of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard; on the north by the centerlines of 37th Street, 37th Street Connector, and Interstate 16 between the centerlines of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Stiles Avenue and by the centerline of the Ogeechee Canal between the centerlines of Stiles Avenue and the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and by the centerline of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad between the centerlines of the Ogeechee Canal and Interstate 516 (Lynes Parkway); on the west by the centerline of Interstate 516 (Lynes Parkway) between the centerlines of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and Victory Drive (US Highway 80); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen deem it necessary and advisable to extend the resolution imposing a temporary stay on the processing of applications to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages in certain portions of the Fifth and First Aldermanic Districts for an additional 30-days from April 25, 2019;

WHEREAS, since the temporary stay was enacted, staff has met to analyze data, explore best practices, conducted a community survey and develop options to address the issues associated with the continued issuance of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages within certain portions of the Fifth and First Aldermanic Districts. An additional 30-days is needed to present these strategies to Mayor and Aldermen for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah that the City does hereby adopt a resolution which imposes a stay on the issuance of licenses to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages submitted by persons owning or occupying real property for a period of 30 days for the area situated in these boundaries:

Aldermanic District 5: Bounded on the north by the centerlines of Victory Drive and Ogeechee Road (US Highway 80); on the west by the centerline of Interstate 516 (Lynes Parkway); on the south by the centerlines of Interstate 516 (Lynes Parkway) and DeRenne Avenue; and, on the east by the centerline of Montgomery Street between the centerlines of DeRenne Avenue and 61st St and by the centerline of Bull Street between the centerlines of 61st St and Victory Drive (US Highway 80); and

Aldermanic District 1: Bounded on the south by the centerlines of Victory Drive and Ogeechee Road (US Highway 80); on the east by the centerline of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard; on the north by the centerlines of 37th Street, 37th Street Connector, and Interstate 16 between the centerlines of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Stiles Avenue and by the centerline of the Ogeechee Canal between the centerlines of Stiles Avenue and the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and by the centerline of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad between the centerlines of the Ogeechee Canal and Interstate 516 (Lynes Parkway); on the west by the centerline of Interstate 516 (Lynes Parkway) between the centerlines of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and Victory Drive (US Highway 80);

This resolution shall not apply to any person that has applied for license to sell or dispense alcohol prior to the date of the enactment of this resolution.

This resolution shall expire 30 days from the date of its adoption.

Approved, this ____ day of April, 2019.

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Clerk of Council