

Resolution Extending a Temporary Moratorium on Applications for Alcoholic 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 is creating substantial problems for the surrounding neighborhoods, increasing the amount of litter, loitering, unruly behavior, traffic congestion, and diminishing the quality of life in these 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 OCGA Sec. 3-3-2(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen find that time is needed in order to study, assess, review, consider, and determine the densities and location 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 deem 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 Savannah City Council passed a Resolution enacting a moratorium, applicable to the specific area of the City defined below, for a period of 90 days, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah desires to extend this moratorium to complete studies and recommendations addressing alcoholic beverage license densities in the defined area;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, that the City does extend a moratorium, applicable to the specific area of the City defined below, for a period of 90 days, to bar acceptance or receipt by the City's agencies and departments of applications for new alcoholic beverage licenses, or for processing of 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 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 90 days from the date of its adoption.

Approved, this 25th day of May, 2017.

Eddie Deloach, Mayor

Clerk of Council