

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE  
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION  
ON-PREMISES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024**

**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 alcoholic 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 March 17<sup>th</sup> holiday falls on a Sunday in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Aldermen wish to avoid inequities that may result from allowing certain alcoholic beverage licensees to operate on Sunday, March 17, 2024, 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 the Council intends 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 12:30 p.m. and 12 midnight., Sunday, March 17, 2024, is hereby authorized for all establishments that possess a Class C alcoholic beverage license, issued under Article H, Chapter 2, Section 6-1211(a) of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of 2023.

Adopted and approved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, on this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Van Johnson II

Mayor of Savannah

ATTEST:

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Mark Massey  
Clerk of City Council