

## Legislation Text

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### Authorize Earlier Sales of Alcoholic Beverages on Sundays

#### **Action:**

**Approve the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the City Code, entitled "Businesses and Trade", that authorizes the on- and off-premise sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages on Sundays beginning at 10:00 A.M.**

#### **Committee Chair:**

James Mitchell, Economic Development

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

Debra Campbell, City Manager's Office

Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office

#### **Current State Law**

- In North Carolina, the on- and off-premise sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages is prohibited on Sundays between the hours of 2:00 A.M and 12:00 Noon.
- 2017 Omnibus ABC Legislation (SB 155) allows the on- and off-premise sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays, subject only to local government approval.
- SB 155 was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on June 30, 2017.
- In order to allow sales to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays, the City Council must adopt an Ordinance that would be effective in the corporate limits of the City.
- Any ordinance adopted would not affect the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages sold in any ABC store.

#### **Proposed Changes**

- The recommended Ordinance provides that pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 18B-1004, 160A-205.3, and other applicable law, it shall be lawful on any licensed premises located in the corporate limits of the City of Charlotte to sell malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday pursuant to the licensed premises' permit issued under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18B-1001.

#### **Committee Discussion**

- On July 13, 2017, the Economic Development Committee discussed the advisability of allowing sales of alcoholic beverages beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. The Economic Development Committee voted unanimously (Mitchell, Eiselt, Ajmera, Driggs, and Mayfield) to recommend to City Council the adoption of such an Ordinance.

#### **Attachment(s)**

Ordinance Authorizing Earlier Sales of Alcoholic Beverages on Sundays  
Sunday Sales Ordinance