

CITY OF VIDALIA, GEORGIA ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF VIDALIA, GEORGIA TO ALLOW FOR SUNDAY SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT; TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Vidalia, Georgia is charged with providing for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to regulate sales of alcoholic beverages in the City for consumption on the premises of licensed establishments; and

WHEREAS, SB17, APPROVED BY THE 2018 Legislative Session was signed by the Governor and became effective on May 8, 2018, authorizes sales of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits to be sold on Sundays for consumption on the premises of licensed establishments in any local government jurisdiction that desires to place same on a referendum for a vote on a general election ballot and the referendum receives a majority approval; and

WHEREAS, that in order to place the question on a referendum, a local governing authority must pass a Resolution or Ordinance permitting sales of alcohol on Sundays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and forward a certified copy of same to the Elections Superintendent for placing on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend City Code to provide for Sunday sales of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits and desires to place the question for a referendum on the November 6, 2018 election ballot.

THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIDALIA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION ONE

That Part II, Chapter 4, (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Vidalia, Georgia, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4-61. Hours of Sale.

- (a) No licensee shall permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on any day or during any time of day when such sales are prohibited by state law.
- (b) Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold for consumption on the premises except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday and on Sunday between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this section, no alcoholic beverages shall be sold on Thanksgiving Day between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., or at any time on Christmas Day.

SECTION TWO

Upon adoption of this Ordinance, the same shall be forwarded to the City's Election Superintendent for inclusion on the November 6, 2018 election ballot as a question as follows:

- () YES Shall the governing authority of City of Vidalia be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.?
- () NO

SECTION THREE

That the Election Superintendent is further authorized and directed to place an advertisement in THE ADVANCE newspaper once a week for two weeks prior to the date of the November 6, 2018 election where the above question shall be placed on the ballot, stating the date and purpose of this Referendum to be placed on the ballot in the advertisement.

SECTION FOUR

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION FIVE

This ordinance shall become effective on JANUARY 1, 2019 so long as the Referendum authorized by the ordinance is approved by the majority of the voters on the November 6, 2018 election ballot. If the Referendum is not approved by a majority of the voters, this ordinance shall be null and void.

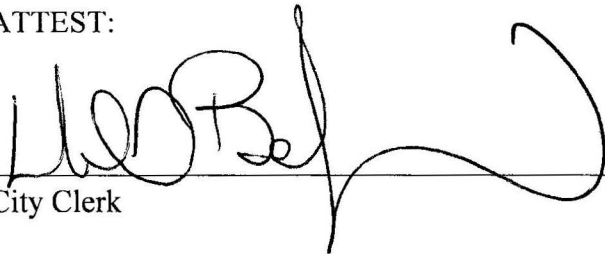
SO ORDAINED, this 13th day of August, 2018.

Approved:



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk (SEAL)