



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#18-0703

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 10, 2018

TITLE: Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale
Relating to the Permitted Hours of Sale, Consumption and Service of Alcohol
after Midnight

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance amending Section 5-29 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale relating to the permitted hours of sale, consumption and service of alcohol to allow for the sale of alcohol from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on weekdays and from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and as otherwise not prohibited in the special entertainment overlay district; and to eliminate permits required for premises to remain open past midnight.

Background

Currently, vendors licensed under the state beverage laws desiring to remain open for business past midnight for the purposes of selling, offering for sale, delivering, serving or permitting consumption of alcoholic beverages must obtain an extended hours permit. The permit allows the vendor to remain open until 2:00 a.m. on weekdays and 3:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and in the special entertainment overlay district, on or off premises of establishments designated by the district representative, the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on weekdays and Saturdays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. The extended hours application process does not generate revenue for the City and expends a significant amount of staff time and resources.

The amendment to the ordinance will permit convenience stores, bottle clubs, package stores, and vendors licensed under the state beverage laws to sell beer, wine or alcoholic beverages regardless of alcohol content between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. (3:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays), and as otherwise provided in Section 5-56 of the Code of Ordinances in the special entertainment overlay district without an extended hours permit.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.
- Objective 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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