



**An Ordinance to Allow the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Before Noon
on Sundays at Licensed Premises**

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 155, entitled "An Act to Make Various Changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Laws"; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Ratified Senate Bill 155 authorizes city and county governments to adopt an ordinance to allow alcoholic sales beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, Ratified Senate Bill 155 was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on the 30th day of June, 2017 and became effective on that date (Session Law 2017, Chapter 87); and

WHEREAS, by enacting Senate Bill 155, North Carolina joins 47 other States in allowing alcohol services before noon on Sunday; and

WHEREAS, Sunday morning alcohol service will allow the hospitality community and retail merchants in our county to meet the needs of their customers; and

WHEREAS, Sunday morning alcohol service will benefit the county's small business community, bring people into business districts earlier in the day, and generate increased tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, our County has a diverse and growing population with different religious beliefs, each of which has various times and multiple days for worship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina that:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority contained in G.S. 153A-145.7, the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages is allowed in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday pursuant to the licensed premises' permit issued under G.S. 18B-1001.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective on the ____ day of November, 2017.

Adopted this ____ day of November, 2017

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

James G. Crawford, Chairman

Attest:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board