



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Second Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Sale of Malt Beverages, Unfortified Wine, Fortified Wine, and Mixed Beverages in Unincorporated Chatham County Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and Vote on a request to approve Ordinance allowing such sales.

Action Requested:

Receive public comment and vote to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages before noon on Sundays at licensed premises.

Introduction & Background:

At the October 16, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board voted 4-1 in favor of the Ordinance which would allow the sale of alcohol beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. However N.C.G. S. 153A-45 requires that if the ordinance does not receive a unanimous vote at the meeting of its introduction (but is not defeated), it must be considered at the board's next regular meeting. The Board may adopt the ordinance by a simple majority of those present and voting.

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". Section 4 of Ratified Senate Bill 155 authorizes city and county governments to adopt an ordinance to allow alcohol sales beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays pursuant to the licensed premises' permit issued under G.S. 18B-1001. Ratified Senate Bill 155 was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on June 30, 2017.

The county has received requests from the Chatham County Tourism Advisory Committee and Chatham County Economic Development Corporation urging the adoption of the bill. The Town of Pittsboro's Board of Commissioners adopted its ordinance on August 28, 2017.

The county is required to "opt-in" by adopting an ordinance.

Discussion & Analysis:

Budgetary Impact: N/A

Recommendation:

Receive public comment and vote to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages before noon on Sundays at licensed premises.