



Community Development

Item No. 15.

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TO: Rob Hosack, County Manager

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DATE: July 10, 2018

PURPOSE

To adopt a Resolution to call for a special election for the purpose of submitting a referendum to the voters of Cobb County to determine whether Cobb County shall be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales by retailers of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink on Sundays between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. to be effective November 18, 2018; and to notify the County Election Superintendent by forwarding to the Superintendent a copy of the Resolution calling for the referendum.

BACKGROUND

On November 2, 1982, Cobb County voters approved Sunday sales for consumption on the premises in Cobb County from 12:30 p.m. through 12:00 midnight in any licensed establishment which derives at least 50% of its total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared meals or food in all of the combined retail outlets of the individual establishment where food is served and in any licensed establishment which derives at least 50% of its total annual gross income from the rental of rooms for overnight lodging.

In 2018, the General Assembly of the State of Georgia has enacted legislation, codified at O.C.G.A. § 3-3-7 (j.1)(1) and signed into law on May 8, 2018, authorizing counties 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., if such sales are approved in a referendum by the electors of Cobb County.

Approval of this agenda item will authorize the referendum to be placed on the November ballot and it will provide an opportunity for the citizens of Cobb County to vote their desires with respect to the regulation of Sunday Sales between the hours of 11:00A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

FUNDING

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Commissioners approve a Resolution to call for a special election for the purpose of submitting a referendum to the voters of Cobb County to determine whether Cobb County shall be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales by of distilled spirits and alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink on Sundays between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. to be effective November 18, 2018; and to notify the County Election Superintendent by forwarding to the Superintendent a copy of the Resolution calling for the referendum

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution