

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2015-1

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE TYPES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES AVAILABLE IN THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK AND REGARDING WHOLESALE PURCHASE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council is charged with setting policy and pursuing legislative changes in the best interests of the Takoma Park community; and

WHEREAS, few alcoholic beverage licenses are available to businesses and organizations within the boundaries of the City of Takoma Park that permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages to carry off the premises; and

WHEREAS, residents expressed their strong interest in purchasing beer and wine to carry out from businesses in Takoma Park in the 2014 Residents Survey; and

WHEREAS, some businesses and organizations are interested in being allowed to apply for Montgomery County alcoholic beverage licenses not currently available in Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, some business owners and organization managers have expressed their interest in staying in Takoma Park and diversifying their businesses through establishment of micro-brewery operations and/or the sale of specialty beers and wines, including organic and biodynamic wines; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the efforts of Takoma Park businesses and organizations to thrive and serve the expressed interests of Takoma Park residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports proposed local bill MC 18-15, allowing the availability of a Class BD-BWL License in Montgomery County, and supports an amendment to the bill that would allow the availability of the license for businesses and organizations in Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Council requests State legislation to remove restrictions on the types of Montgomery County alcoholic beverage licenses available in Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to retain the availability of the Montgomery County “-TP” alcoholic beverage licenses that were created for businesses and organizations that sold alcoholic beverages under Prince George’s County alcoholic beverage licenses before the County line was moved in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to see the law changed that requires businesses and organizations with alcoholic beverage licenses in Montgomery County to purchase alcoholic beverages only through the Montgomery County government and instead allow them to purchase alcoholic beverages from distributors, breweries, distilleries, wineries and other producers and sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park supports Montgomery County Delegation bill MC 18-15, Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverage – Class BD-BWL License and urges that the bill be amended to allow the availability of the license to businesses and organizations in Takoma Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park supports legislation to remove restrictions on the types of Montgomery County alcoholic beverage licenses available to businesses and organizations in Takoma Park while retaining the existing “-TP” alcoholic beverage licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park supports Montgomery County action to allow business and organizations to purchase alcoholic beverages directly from distributors; breweries, distilleries, wineries, and other producers; and other sources other than Montgomery County government outlets, for on- and off-premises consumption as allowed by establishments’ alcoholic beverage licenses.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,
THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.**

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk