



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 17, 2018

Agenda Item 2

Voting Session

Resolution Supporting Request of TJ Beer, Wine and Liquor for Sunday Sales (Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners Resolution 97-53)

Recommended Council Action

Approve resolution.

Context with Key Issues

At the Work Session of January 10, the City Council discussed the request of the owners of TJ Beer, Wine and Liquor to allow alcoholic beverage sales on Sundays. The business is located at 7669 New Hampshire Ave. The restriction on Sunday sales was carried over from the regulations placed on it by Prince George's County before the County line was moved in 1997. Today, liquor stores in both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties are permitted to sell alcohol on Sundays.

Recently, the owners of the liquor store petitioned the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to allow them to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays. The Board of License Commissioners is scheduled to consider the request at its meeting of January 18. The Takoma Park City Council was invited to make a recommendation regarding the request. At the Work Session, the Council requested a resolution be prepared in support of the request to allow Sunday sales.

In checking with the Takoma Park Police Department, there are no concerns about the store selling on Sundays and there is not a history of problems with this business. Updated citywide information on how the Police Department responds to persons who are inebriated is being provided to the City Council, per the request of Councilmember Seamens.

Council Priority

Advance Economic Development Efforts

Environmental Impact of Action

There may be a small negative environmental impact from increased business in the shopping center on Sundays if Sunday sales are allowed; although patrons of other stores would be able to shop at the liquor store without driving to another location to do so.

Fiscal Impact of Action

There should be a small positive economic impact to the City from allowing increased sales at this business.

Racial Equity Impact

The racial equity impact of this action is unknown.

Attachments and Links

- Draft resolution
- Request from TJ Beer, Wine and Liquor

Introduced by: Councilmember

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2018-

**Resolution Recommending Approval of Request to Allow Sunday Sales.
TJ Beer, Wine and Liquor**

WHEREAS, TJ Beer, Wine and Liquor is a business located at 7669 New Hampshire Avenue in Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, under Prince George's County alcoholic beverage regulations, the business was closed on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, a binding referendum was held which moved the County line to the eastern boundary of the City of Takoma Park, effective July 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 1997, the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners adopted Resolution 97-53, specifying the regulations for the newly-created Class A-TP, Beer, Wine & Liquor License, applicable only to this business; and

WHEREAS, the days and hours of operation adopted for this business were the same as those that the business had under its Prince George's license; and

WHEREAS, since that time, alcoholic beverage laws have been changed to permit sales on Sundays and the owners of TJ Beer, Wine and Liquor wish to be able to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays, as its competitors do; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Police Department reports no history of problems with the business; and

WHEREAS, as part of its goal to advance economic development efforts, the City Council looks to ways to support existing small businesses in the community and therefore supports the request of this business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, supports the request of the owners of TJ Beer, Wine and Liquor to the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to be permitted to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter City Clerk