CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution 2013-71

Resolution Requesting the General Assembly to Remove the Sunset Provision Regarding Class B On and Off-Sale License Availability in Takoma Park As Specified in Proposed Bill MC 18-14

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City of Takoma Park requested the General Assembly to allow the sales of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off-site in Takoma Park pursuant to a Class B beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant license providing an applicant was approved by both the City Council and the Montgomery County Board of Liquor Control; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill was not approved in the 2011 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, a revised bill was approved in the 2012 Legislative Session that did not include the authority of the City Council to approve the licenses but instead included a two-year sunset provision to give time to see if the community would have problems generating from carry out sales of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, in the two-year period, no Takoma Park business has obtained a Class B On and Off-Sale license; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to have the Class B On and Off-Sale license continue to be available indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, proposed bill MC 18-14 would remove the sunset provision and allow Class B On and Off-Sale licenses to be available in Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the Council supports proposed bill MC 18-14 and the continuation of the Class B On and Off-Sale license in Takoma Park.

Adopted this 25th day of November, 2013.