



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve Participating Establishments in the Main Street Social District

Last year, the state legislature amended section 551 of 1998 Public Act 58 to create the Social District program. This program allows municipalities to designate a common area where license holding establishments may share space to serve alcoholic beverages to patrons, and the patrons may move freely within that space while consuming alcoholic beverages.

At the Council meeting on August 16, 2021 the Council adopted resolution R-21-321, which approved the creation of a social district in the Main Street area. Pursuant to this resolution, the City must seek an application from the State of Michigan to create the district. In addition, each license holder in the district must seek application from the state with a resolution affixed from Council that approves of their application.

This resolution provides that permission for each license holder in the district so they may apply to the MLCC.

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Whereas, Michigan Public Act 124 of 2020 (the Act) was signed into law on July 1, 2020 allowing municipalities to designate Social Districts, wherein license holding establishments could share outdoor dining space and patrons could move freely within the district while consuming an alcoholic beverage;

Whereas, On August 16, 2021 the Ann Arbor City Council approved the creation of the Main Street area social district;

Whereas, Each license holder in the district must make application to the MLCC and affixed to that application must be a resolution from council approving their application;

Whereas, This resolution will provide approval for each license holder to participate in the program;

RESOLVED, That the license holders listed in the attachment to this resolution are hereby approved for participation in the Main Street area social district, and the City of Ann Arbor recommends their application to the MLCC.