



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 15-19

City Council

5/16/2019

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Ann Hill

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 15-19 AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA RELATED TO THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOTTLE CLUBS

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 15-19 on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, RELATED TO THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOTTLE CLUBS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Currently the City permits bottle club establishments within the City to remain open from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Monday through Sunday.

The sale of alcoholic beverages at other establishments such as saloons, barrooms, cocktail lounges and clubs as set forth in City Code 7-4-2(b) is between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., Monday through Sunday.

A correlation has been shown between the sale, distribution and consumption of alcohol during the early morning hours and influx of crime, noise and disturbances in areas where large groups of persons gather and alcohol is consumed, such as occurs at bottle clubs.

The City's desire is to protect public welfare and reduce criminal behavior and disturbances occurring during the extended early morning hours. A reduction in criminal activity and disturbances in areas surrounding a bottle club, which draws a large number of persons after the close of other commercial businesses, will reduce the amount of law enforcement manpower required in those areas during that time and permit more officers to be available for responses to other criminal activity. This will increase the ability to conduct more proactive law enforcement activities throughout the City. The proposed amendment will put the hours for bottle clubs in line with other establishments where alcohol is served and/or consumed.

PRIOR ACTION:

March 28, 1986 - City Council amended Sections 7-4-1 through 7-4-15.
June 26, 1986 - City Council amended ordinance.
August 28, 1986 - City Council amended, adding Bottle Clubs and others.
August 10, 1989 - City Council amended regarding hours for sale of alcoholic beverages.
September 27, 2012 - City Council amended regarding hours for sale.
April 25, 2019 - City Council voted to approve Ordinance No. 15-19 on first reading.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Proposed Ordinance No. 15-19

PRESENTATION: Yes