

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE EXTENDED HOURS OF SALE FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 AND ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Christmas Eve (December 24th) and New Year's Eve (December 31st) both fall on Sunday during 2023; and

WHEREAS, Christmas Eve is customarily a time of family gatherings, both large and small, with those gatherings continuing later in the evening than is customary at many other times of the year, and allowing hours of sales of alcohol to be extended to 12:00 midnight, the customarily closing time the remainder of the week, by those businesses already qualified to sell and serve alcohol on Sunday, avoids unexpected disruption and provides additional time for those gatherings; and

WHEREAS, New Year's Eve is customarily a time of late night celebration for the new year holiday, and is already a date when the City customarily extends the hours of allowable sales of alcohol by those businesses which already qualified to sell and serve alcohol on that date, and provides additional time for gatherings and that celebrations; and

WHEREAS, other local jurisdictions already allow extended hours of sale of alcohol, and the failure by the City to extend the times on these dates will place the businesses of the City at a competitive disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, for various other reasons, these extensions of time are beneficial to the City, its businesses, and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 10-2013, on December 24, 2023, any person holding a Restaurant Establishment Class R license shall be entitled to sell, serve, or allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages of high content or of low content or light wine in conjunction with the service of meals to be consumed on the premises between the hours of 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight;

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that notwithstanding the

provisions of Sec. 10-2013, on December 24, 2023, any person holding a license as a “retail dealer, in beverages of high alcoholic content for off-premises consumption” or as a “retail dealer, in beverages of low alcoholic content for off-premises consumption” shall be entitled to sell alcoholic beverages at retail in bottles, cans or other sealed containers for consumption off the licensed premises between the hours of 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight;

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 10-2013, on December 31, 2023, any person holding a Restaurant Establishment Class R license shall be entitled to sell, serve, or allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages of high content or of low content or light wine in conjunction with the service of meals to be consumed on the premises between the hours of 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight with the on-premises consumption of alcohol on the premises to be terminated by 1:00am on January 1, 2024; and

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 10-2013, on December 31, 2023, any person holding a license as a “retail dealer, in beverages of high alcoholic content for off-premises consumption” or as a “retail dealer, in beverages of low alcoholic content for off-premises consumption” shall be entitled to sell alcoholic beverages at retail in bottles, cans or other sealed containers for consumption off the licensed premises between the hours of 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight.

The above resolution was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened on the 5th day of December, 2023, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2023

CINDY EMORY, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA