



Memorandum

Date: May 8, 2024

To: Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve
Councilwoman Digna Cabral
Councilman Rafael Pineyro
Councilwoman Maureen Porras

From: Mayor Christi Fraga

Subject: **Ordinance Proposal for Alcohol Beverages**

Introduction

I propose an ordinance aimed at amending the current Alcohol Beverages provisions in the City of Doral Land Development Code, Chapter 74, Article IV, "Alcoholic Beverages."

Background

The City consistently looks for ways to protect the health and safety of its residents. The City has determined that additional parameters are required to preserve public safety and proposes changes to the current provisions regulating Alcoholic Beverages including hours of operation and ability to obtain extended hours permit. The proposed text amendments seek, among other things, to:

1. Modify hours of sale and consumption for all Entertainment establishments.
2. Modify New Year's Eve hours of sale and consumption.
3. Modify the requirements for extended hours permit holders and limit them to qualifying restaurants.
4. Modify the regulations and fines for permit suspension or imposition of conditions.

The proposed amendments require that no intoxicating liquors or intoxicating beverages, including all malt beverages and wine, be sold at select businesses or venues between 1:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and that venues close at 2:00 a.m.

The proposed amendments require for New Year's Eve, December 31, the prohibited hours of sale shall be 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on the following day, January 1.

The proposed amendments amend the type of establishments that qualify as entertainment establishments and alcoholic beverage establishments and require that they have a safety and security plan developed by a Class B Security Company that includes enhanced public safety measures set forth in Sec. 74-184(b) such as security cameras, off-duty police requirement and/or private security, a weapons detection system, identification checks, a secured area, training and occupancy load monitoring.

The proposed amendments limit the extended hours permit to restaurants located in the DMU or satisfying the requirements in Sec. 74-194(4). The extended hours permit allows permit holders to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premise until 1:30 a.m. and remain open until 2:00 a.m.

The proposed amendments require an extend hours permit holder to comply with public safety measures from 10:00 p.m. until closing which are set forth in Sec. 74-194(5)(e) and include requirements for security cameras, off-duty police requirement and/or private security, a weapons detection system, identification checks, a secured area, training and occupancy load monitoring.

The proposed amendments provide for additional grounds for permit suspension or imposition of permit conditions and increased fines all set forth in Sec. 74-194.

The proposed amendments reiterate that all permits expire annually on September 30 and must be timely renewed by October 1.

The proposed amendments prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in private parking lots.

Additionally, my office has received a request to recognize this ordinance in memory “**George Castellanos** a 23-year-old devoted father, son, friend, soon-to-be graduate of FIU and a security guard, which lost his life tragically on April 6, 2024 his memory leaves a lasting impact on our community, we remember his life and take steps to further enhance the safety and security of our community through these changes

This measure is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Doral, Florida.

Recommendation

I ask my colleagues to support this item. Thank you in advance. Approval by the Doral City Council would reaffirm the City’s commitment to public health and safety.