

**ORDINANCE
#20-16**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA TO EXTEND THE HOURS FOR SUNDAY ON PREMISES SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS BY THE DRINK FROM 11:00 A.M. to 12:30PM PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 3-3-7(j.1); TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL ELECTION REFERENDUM; TO APPOINT AN ELECTIONS SUPERINTENDENT; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Dublin, Georgia is charged with providing for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to regulate on premises by-the-drink sale of alcoholic beverages in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously passed Ordinance NO. 16-12, which authorized the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink between the hours of 12:30 P.M. and midnight and was duly authorized and approved by subsequent referendum vote of the citizens of the City of Dublin; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §3-3-7 (j.1) authorizes local governing authorities to extend the time for Sunday consumption on the premises by-the-drink sales of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. in licensed establishments in any local government jurisdiction that desires to place the same on a referendum for a vote on a general election ballot, where the referendum receives majority approval; and

WHEREAS, that in order to place the question on a referendum, a local governing authority must pass an ordinance permitting the same and, and forward a certified copy of same to the Elections Superintendent for placing on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend City Code to provide for Sunday consumption on premises sales of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits and desires to place the question for a referendum on the November 3, 2020 election ballot.

THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION ONE

Section 4-14.1(a) "Sunday consumption on premises" of Chapter 4, "Alcoholic Beverages" which currently reads:

- (a) Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary, in particular Code sections 4-14 and 4-15, any establishment holding a license for consumption on the premises which derives at least fifty percent (50%) of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or food in all of the combined retail outlets of the individual establishment where food is served, and any such licensed establishment which derives at least fifty percent (50%) of its total annual gross income from the rental of rooms for overnight lodging is authorized to apply for a Sunday sales permit to sell and serve distilled spirits, wine or malt beverages by the drink on Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.