

RESOLUTION NO. 20131003-054

WHEREAS, through passage of Senate Bills 516, 517, and 518 and House Bills 1764, 1765, and 1766, the 83rd Texas Legislature amended state law to allow Texas craft brewers to sell a limited amount of beer on-site for on-premise consumption; and

WHEREAS, currently, Title 25 of the City Code only allows the sale of beer on-site for on-premise consumption, except for restaurants with 51% food sales, on land zoned Commercial—Liquor Sales (CS-1) and with a Cocktail Lounge use; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 13 craft breweries in Austin who could potentially make use of the new legislation to sell a limited amount of beer on-site for on-premise consumption without opening a full restaurant; and

WHEREAS, most of these Austin breweries are on property with Limited Industrial Services Designation and are operating under Light Manufacturing use because that is the use required for breweries; and

WHEREAS, sale of craft beer as an accessory use to the primary activity of brewing may be less impactful on surrounding neighborhoods than Cocktail Lounge use or CS-1 zoning; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council initiates amendments to Title 25 (Land Development) of the City Code and directs the City Manager to develop an ordinance simplifying the process for breweries to have on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages.

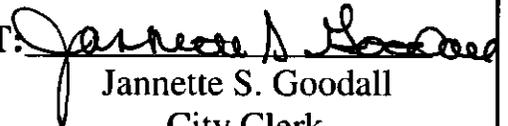
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the amendments include the conditions that:

1. For breweries operating more than 540 feet from any Single Family Residential use, sale of beer on-site for on-premise consumption is to be a permitted use; and
2. For breweries operating less than 540 feet from any Single Family Residential use, sale of beer on-site for on-premise consumption is to be a conditional use.

ADOPTED: October 3, 2013

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk