



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Brie L. Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer

DATE: July 9, 2019

SUBJECT: **Staff Response to Resolution No. 20190328-042**

On March 28, 2019, Council passed Resolution No. 20190328-042 directing staff to amend the City's state legislative agenda to include support for legislation that would allow to-go retail sales at Texas breweries. This memo is to confirm that staff has amended the City's State Legislative Agenda to reflect the City's support of changing Texas law to allow to-go retail sales at Texas breweries. The language below has been added to the State Legislative Agenda:

"Support legislation that will allow retail to-go sales by manufacturing breweries"

HB 1545 is a "sunset bill" which amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to continue the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and its functions. The bill extends the existence of TABC, under the Texas Sunset Act, to September 1, 2031. HB 1545 also makes several other changes to laws governing the agency including a provision which allows breweries to sell packaged beer. The new law allows individuals to buy one case of craft beer each day.

House Bill 1545 was signed by Governor Abbott on June 15, 2019 and is effective September 1, 2019. This item is now completed. Please contact Brie L. Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, if you have further questions.

Thank you.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
Elaine Hart, Deputy City Manager