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AN ORDINANCE

establishing local regulations on hours of operation of businesses licensed to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink at retail for consumption on the premises for the duration of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City of of Columbia, Missouri is authorized to make and enforce ordinances for the regulation and control of the sale of intoxicating liquor by the drink at retail for consumption on the premises; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2025, the Governor of the State of Missouri signed into law House Bill No. 1041, effective August 28, 2025, which enacted a new Section 311.2026, of Chapter 311 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, authorizing businesses licensed to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink at retail for consumption on the premises to operate and sell alcoholic beverages "twenty-four hours a day" for the period beginning June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026, (hereinafter the "duration of the FIFA World Cup Tournament"); and

WHEREAS, Section 311.2026.4, RSMo. Supp. 2025 also provides that "[i]f any city ... objects to the extension of hours within its jurisdiction ... the governing body of such [city] may exempt itself by ordinance from the provisions [Section 311.2026] or may modify by ordinance the hours applicable to such [city] for the temporary period"; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to object to the whole scale extension of hours of operation for all licensees within the City for the sale of intoxicating liquor by the drink; however, desires to authorize and accommodate the operation of special events during the duration of the FIFA World Cup Tournament which may occur outside of the regular operating hours for businesses that are licensed to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink; provided, however, the business demonstrates it is capable of meeting the requirements of the ordinance and standards for special event permit issuance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines it to be in the best interests of the City and citizens and the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents to exempt itself, in part, from the provisions of Section 311.2026.2, RSMo. Supp. 2025 and to modify the hours applicable to the sale of intoxicating liquor by the drink within the City during the duration of the FIFA World Cup Tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri hereby expresses its objection to the whole scale extension of hours of operation for all licensees within the City for the sale of intoxicating liquor by the drink authorized by the provisions of Section 311.2026.2, RSMo. Supp. 2025, and hereby partially exempts the City and its licensees from those extended hours of operation as set forth herein pursuant to the authority of Sec. 311.2026.4, RSMo. Supp. 2025.

SECTION 2. No licensee for the sale of intoxicating liquor by the drink shall extend the hours for sale of intoxicating liquor by the drink during the duration of the FIFA World Cup as authorized by Section 311.2026 RSMo. Supp. 2025 unless such licensee obtains a special event permit specifically authorizing the time and location of such extended hours of sale issued by the city permitting the conduct of such activities on the licensed premises. A special event permit authorizing such extended hours of operation may only be granted on the following dates and may only authorize hours of operation to extend until 2:30 a.m.:

June 14, 2026
June 17, 2026
June 20, 2026
June 21, 2026
June 23, 2026
June 27, 2026
July 3, 2026

An application fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted by the license holder with each application for extended hours of operation.

The application procedures for issuance of a special event permit to engage in the sale of intoxicating liquor by the drink for extended hours of operation during any date(s) during the duration of the FIFA World Cup Tournament shall follow the process set out in Chapter 24, Article IV for issuance of a special event permit for closure of a public street or sidewalk.

The City Manager, upon a recommendation from the special event committee established in Chapter 24, Article IV, shall be authorized to issue a special event permit for extended hours of operation on private property for the sale of intoxicating liquor by the drink for any during the duration of the FIFA World Cup. When considering its recommendation to the City Manager, the special event committee shall consider the following:

- a. Whether the resources required to ensure public safety due to the special event will prevent the police, fire or emergency medical service departments from providing reasonable protections to the remainder of the city; or

b. Whether the concentrations of persons, animals, or vehicles associated with the special event (or any combination of special events) will unduly interfere with the movement of police, fire, ambulance or other emergency vehicles; or

c. Whether the event will substantially interfere with any other special event for which a permit has been granted, or the combination of events, although they do not interfere, diminishes public safety resources to unacceptable levels in the determination of the city; or

d. Whether the event will interfere with scheduled and unscheduled government functions, including, but not limited to, construction of buildings (public and private), road and utility work, street closures, or any other reason to protect safety, health and the public welfare in the city; or

e. Whether the license holder demonstrates an inability or an unwillingness to conduct an event in compliance with the requirements of state or local laws, or to comply with a condition to a permit previously issued; or

f. Whether the license holder conducted a prior special event in a manner that failed to substantially comply with city code requirements.

Issuance of a special event permit to the license holder for such purpose does not obligate or require the City to provide services, equipment or personnel in support of the extended hours of operation. The City Manager may cancel or postpone a special event permit to extend hours of operation if the Manager determines that any denial condition set forth herein exists, or is likely to exist, or to otherwise protect people and property in the city. The burden is on the applicant to submit sufficient information upon which a determination may be made as to whether a license holder should be permitted to extend hours of operation at any time during the duration of the FIFA World Cup. The city event committee may promulgate forms and regulations to assist applicants, but it is not required to do so. If a special event authorized by this ordinance is not conducted entirely on private property, the approval criteria set forth in Chapter 24, Article IV for street and sidewalk closures shall also apply to the application review.

SECTION 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the City Council intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 2nd day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor