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To: Charles Penny, City Manager and Leah Harden, City Clerk

From: Cain Smith, City Attorney

Date: June 7, 2021

RE: June 15, 2021 City Council Agenda Items

Policy Issue: Consideration of a resolution to initiate a referendum election to be held on November 2, 2021 to authorize the issuance of licenses for the package sales of distilled spirits.

Recommendation: Consideration

Background: OCGA § 3-4-41 was recently amended to allow referendum elections authorizing the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits to be initiated upon passage of an ordinance or resolution by the governing authority of any municipality. Council voted 3-0 on June 1, 2021 to revisit this issue at today's meeting

Budget Impact: Unknown

Council Person and District: All

Attachments: Proposed resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING VOTER REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR THE PACKAGE SALE OF DISTILLED
SPIRITS**

WHEREAS recent amendment of OCGA § 3-4-41(a) allows for a voter referendum authorizing issuance of licenses for package sales of distilled spirits to be conducted upon resolution of a municipality's governing authority without the written voter petition previously required under state law;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Statesboro, Georgia while in regular session on June 1, 2021 as follows:

That a referendum election be initiated to authorize the issuance of licenses for the package sales of distilled spirits within the City of Statesboro containing the ballot question set out below, as dictated by OCGA § 3-4-42:

“Shall the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits be approved?”

Said referendum election shall be noticed and conducted in conjunction with regularly scheduled City-wide election held on November 2, 2021.

SO RESOLVED this ___ day of June, 2021

City of Statesboro, Georgia

Jonathan J. McCollar, Mayor

Attest:

Leah Harden, City Clerk