

RESOLUTION NO. 20-07-012

SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS RON FRENCH, SCOTT KING, JACKIE HILL, MIKE CAYLOR, DAWN REGAN, ROBBIE BENNETT AND NICK BRIGHT

RESOLUTION FOR REFERENDUM FOR LOCAL OPTION ELECTION FOR THE LEGAL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES IN BLOUNT COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in regular session assembled on July 16, 2020.

WHEREAS, the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption is legal in the Cities of Maryville, Alcoa and Townsend all located within Blount County, Tennessee, having previously been approved by legal means; and

WHEREAS, the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises creates significant tax revenue that inures to the benefit of the County and Cities that authorize said sales with a significant portion of the revenue specifically to fund education; and

WHEREAS, the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises is beneficial to residents and other businesses located in Blount County and, in fact, encourages businesses to locate in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent issues with the pandemic, local restaurants and other businesses have suffered significant losses and are struggling to survive; and

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 54-4-103 provides that a county legislative body can authorize an election on the referendum question of approving alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, if the referendum as described above is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body, a local option election will be conducted by referendum pursuant to the method provided in T.C.A. § 57-3-106; and

WHEREAS, this body feels that it is best interest of Blount County to submit the issue of approval of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises to the voters of Blount County for their decision.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, pursuant to T.C.A. § 54-4-103, hereby authorizes and approves a local option election on the referendum to be submitted to the voters on the issue of whether the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises in all areas of Blount County (excluding the areas lying within the municipalities of Maryville, Alcoa and Townsend). This Resolution shall be furnished to the Blount County Election Commission pursuant to law. As provided

by T.C.A. § 57-4-103, the question submitted to the voters in the following form for this election:

- ___ For the legal sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises in Blount County, Tennessee.
- ___ Against the legal sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises in Blount County, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

Duly authorized and approved this 16th day of July, 2020.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____
Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date