



ORDINANCE NUMBER 19 - 2014

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS IN THE CITY OF GREER TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF BEER OR WINE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DAYS OR HOURS OF SALE.

WHEREAS, certain businesses located in the City of Greer desire to sell beer and wine for off-premises consumption regardless of the days or hours of sale so as to maintain competitiveness with other businesses in other nearby municipalities that allow such sales; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 61-4-510(A) and § 61-6-2010(C) (1), permits authorizing the sale of beer or wine for off-premises consumption regardless of the days or hours of sale may only be issued to these businesses in the City of Greer when a majority of the qualified electors voting in a referendum held during the next general election vote in favor of authorizing the issuance such permits; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 61-6-2010(C)(4), council may call for a referendum on the question of authorizing the issuance of permits allowing the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption regardless of the days and hours of sale; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, a Referendum passed pursuant to Ordinance Number 19 – 2010, which permitted Sunday alcohol sales in bars and restaurants in the City of Greer.

WHEREAS, City Council desires to place the following referendum on the ballot at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Greer, that:

The City of Greer Municipal Election Commission is hereby directed to place the following question on the ballot at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2014, and to cause a notice to be published in the newspaper of general circulation at least seven (7) days before the referendum.


The form of the question on the ballot shall be as follows:

“Shall the South Carolina Department of Revenue be authorized to issue temporary permits in this municipality for a period not to exceed twenty-four hours to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days and hours of sales?”

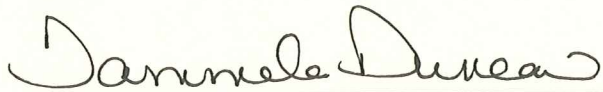
NOW THEREFORE, be it further ordained by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Greer, that this Ordinance and Referendum is not intended to and does not have any effect upon the Referendum passed pursuant to Ordinance 19-2010 allowing Sunday alcohol sales in bars and restaurants. The Referendum passed pursuant to Ordinance 19-2010 shall remain in full force and effect whether or not a Referendum passes pursuant to this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon second reading approval thereof.

CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA


Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Attest:

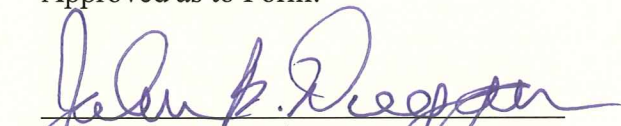

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

Introduced By: Councilman Wryley Bettis

First Reading: July 22, 2014

Second and
Final Reading: August 12, 2014

Approved as to Form:


John B. Duggan, City Attorney