

RESOLUTION 2021-08-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY URGING THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A J-BILL TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DUVAL DELEGATION, WHICH WOULD AMEND CHAPTER 87-471, LAWS OF FLORIDA, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 2011-255, 2016-248 AND 2017-213, LAWS OF FLORIDA, TO ADD SPECIAL ZONES TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO §561.20(1), *FLORIDA STATUTES*, FOR SPACE AND SEATING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES FOR RESTAURANTS IN THE COMBINED NORTHBANK CRA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AUTHORIZING THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND OTHERWISE TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Investment Authority (“DIA”) was designated the Community Redevelopment Agency and the City’s economic development agency for Downtown by Ordinance 2014-0560-E; and

WHEREAS, the DIA believes more restaurants are essential to a healthy and vital downtown Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, the DIA believes more restaurants can complement and aid existing retail establishments by bringing more people to downtown; and

WHEREAS, the DIA believes current restaurant laws hinder the development of smaller, full service restaurants that can help revitalize a downtown area and bring more people to downtown; and

WHEREAS, the DIA believes current restaurant laws hinder the preservation of smaller, more spatially constricted confines that historic properties present in the Northbank CRA; and

WHEREAS, the DIA believes incentives and fewer regulatory restrictions for restaurants can help encourage development in the Northbank CRA; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Downtown Investment Authority

Section 1. The DIA finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

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Section 2. The DIA supports the reduction in seating and service area minimum requirements for the Northbank CRA to 50 seats and 900 square feet.

Section 3. The DIA urges to the City Council to adopt a Resolution in support of the foregoing and forward the same to the Duval Delegation.

Section 3. The DIA authorizes its Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents and otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 4. The Effective Date of this Resolution is the date upon execution of the Resolution by the Chair of the DIA Board.

WITNESS:

DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY




W. Braxton Gillam, Esq., Chairman

8/18/21
Date

VOTE: In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0