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ORDINANCE NO. 220516

Amending Chapter 10, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 10-211, Number of retail alcoholic beverage licenses, and enacting in lieu thereof a new section of like number and subject matter to align it with other like sections of chapter 10

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 210961 which made many necessary changes and updates to Chapter 10; and

WHEREAS, after working with the newly revised Chapter 10 for a few months it has been found that revisions are needed to prevent future and ongoing exceptions to this section as this has been an ongoing issue for many years; and

WHEREAS, the density model has become antiquated because there are many different types of businesses that have an interest in getting a liquor license that are not simply categorized as a “tavern” or a “package store”; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 10, Code of Ordinances of Kansas City, Missouri, is hereby amended by repealing Section 10-211, Number of retail alcoholic beverage licenses, and replacing it with a new section of like number and subject matter to read as follows:

Sec. 10-211. Number of retail alcoholic beverage licenses.

A significant concentration of alcoholic beverage licenses within any segment of the community is likely to interfere with or be detrimental to the rights or interests of the community. For purposes of this section, it shall be presumed that a proposed license is likely to interfere with or be detrimental to the rights or interests of the neighboring community if the location of the proposed license will exceed the limitations outlined in this section. The number of alcoholic beverage licenses issued by the director shall be limited on the following basis:

- (1) *Retail sales-by-drink licenses.* One retail sales-by-drink license may be issued for population of zero to 1,500, and one additional retail sales-by-drink license may be issued for each additional 1,500 population which exceeds the first 1,500 population, contained within the entire boundaries of any United States census blocks located in the city, and which census blocks are located wholly within or intersected by a 3,000-foot radius from a proposed licensed premise, as measured from the center of the door to be used as the main entrance to the premise. For a premise that is currently in operation, the center of the door for the main entrance to the premise shall be determined by the entrance naturally used by the public frequenting the premise. The applicant shall furnish to the director two coordinates expressed in feet, based on the North

American Datum 1983 Missouri West State Plane Coordinate System, identifying the center of the door for the main entrance to the premise. The limitations provided in this section shall not apply to:

- a. An applicant that proposes to operate a retail sales-by-drink premises and the 3,000-foot radius, as measured from the center of the door for the main entrance of the premise as determined by the entire boundaries of any United States census blocks located in the city and which census blocks are located wholly within or intersected by the radius, has a population of 750 or less.
- b. Retail sales-by-drink licenses issued to hotels, apartment hotels, motels, inns, lodges or similar places providing principally transient residential accommodations and having at least 40 rooms for overnight accommodation.
- c. Retail sales-by-drink licenses issued to a bar-restaurant as defined in this chapter. Upon proper and sufficient evidence submitted to the director, the director shall summarily refuse to renew the license upon the failure of the licensed premise to maintain the business as a bar-restaurant at the time of renewal. The decision of the director to disapprove the renewal of any license issued under the provisions of this subsection shall not be deemed a revocation and shall not disqualify the licensee from applying for and receiving any license granted under the provisions of this chapter. The decision of the director to disapprove the renewal of any license issued under the provisions of this subsection shall be appealable to the board in the manner set forth in [section 10-62](https://library.municode.com/mo/kansas_city/codes/code_of_ordinances?) [<https://library.municode.com/mo/kansas_city/codes/code_of_ordinances?](https://library.municode.com/mo/kansas_city/codes/code_of_ordinances?) (b) of this chapter.
- d. Retail sales-by-drink licenses issued to a manufacturer or microbrewery, as defined in this chapter, to sell only those alcoholic beverages by the drink that are manufactured on the licensed premise.
- e. A licensed premise that will only be used as a storage space where alcoholic beverages are stored, not sold or served, and the general public is not permitted to enter at any time.
- f. Sales-by-drink premises located wholly within the following described locations:
 1. *Central City Area.* That area bounded by, including and beginning from the intersecting point of the block face frontage of the west side of Broadway Boulevard and including the block face frontage of I-70 on the north, thence east along the block face frontage of I-70 on the north to the intersecting point of and including the block face frontage of the east side of Cherry Avenue, thence south along the block face frontage of the east side of Cherry Avenue to the intersecting point of and including the block face frontage of the south side of 8th Street, thence east along the block face frontage of the south side of 8th Street to the intersecting point of and including the block face frontage of the east side of Holmes Avenue, thence south along the block face frontage of the east side of Holmes Avenue to the intersecting point of and including the block face frontage of the south side of 24th Street, thence west along the block face frontage of the south side of 24th Street to the intersecting point of and including the block face frontage of the west side of Broadway Boulevard, thence north along the block face frontage of the west side of

Broadway Boulevard to the intersecting point of and including the block face frontage of the west side of Broadway Boulevard and the block face frontage of I-70 on the north.

2. *18th and Vine District Area.* That area bounded by and beginning from the intersecting point of Lydia Avenue and East Truman Road, thence east along East Truman Road to the intersecting point of Brooklyn Avenue, thence south along Brooklyn Avenue to the intersecting point of East 19th Street, thence west along East 19th Street to the intersecting point of Groves Street, thence north along Groves Street to the intersecting point of East 17th Street, thence west along East 17th Street to the intersecting point of Lydia Avenue, thence north along Lydia Avenue to the intersecting point of East Truman Road. After April 1, 2018, if an applicant proposes to operate a retail sales-by-drink business to be located outside the boundaries of this area, any additional business located within this new area which adds to the density after April 1, 2018 will not be included when considering the limitations of businesses as outlined in subsection (1) of this section.
3. *West Bottoms Area.* That area bounded by and beginning at the intersection of the west city limit and the south bank of the Missouri River, thence south along the west boundary of the city limit to the intersection with the north right-of-way line of 25th Street, thence east along the north right-of-way line of 25th Street to the intersection with the west right-of-way line of Allen Road, thence generally north along the west right-of-way line of Allen Road to the intersection with the west right-of-way line of Holly Avenue, thence north along the west right-of-way line of Holly Avenue to the intersection with the west right-of-way line of Beardsley Road, thence north along the west right-of-way line of Beardsley Road to the intersection with the north right-of-way line of 6th Street, thence east along the north right-of-way line of 6th Street to the intersection with the west right-of-way of Broadway Avenue, thence north along the west right-of-way line of Broadway Avenue to the intersection with the south bank of the Missouri River, thence west along the south bank of the Missouri River to the point of beginning.
4. *Zona Rosa Shopping District Area.* The east and west sides of N.W. Prairie View Road, north of N.W. Barry Road extending north to Missouri Highway 152, on the north and south sides of N.W. Prairie View Road, west of the intersection of Interstate 29 and Highway 152 extending west to N. Congress Avenue, and at the southwest corner of Highway 152 and N. Congress Avenue.
5. *City Market District Area.* That area bounded by, including and beginning from the intersecting point of the Buck O'Neil Bridge and the south bank of the Missouri River, thence east along the south bank of the Missouri River to the intersecting point of the Heart of America Bridge, thence south along the Heart of America Bridge to the intersecting point of I-70, thence west along I-70 to the intersecting point of the Buck O'Neil bridge, thence north along the Buck O'Neil Bridge to the intersecting point of the south bank of the Missouri River.
6. *Tiffany Springs Market Area.* That area bounded by Tiffany Springs Road on the north, Interstate 29 on the west, Missouri Highway 152 on the south and N. Ambassador Drive on the east.

7. *25th and Southwest Blvd. Area.* That area bounded by Southwest Boulevard on the west, West 25th Street on the north, Summit Street on the east and West 26th Street on the south.
 8. *Village at Briarcliff Area.* That area bounded by North Mulberry Drive on the west, the northern boundary of the Briarcliff Village Tract C-1 parcel on the north, the eastern boundary of the Briarcliff Village Tract C-1 parcel on the east and the southern boundary of the Briarcliff Village Tract C-1 parcel on the south.
 9. *East Bottoms Area.* That area bounded by and beginning from the intersecting point of North Garland Avenue and Nicholson Avenue, thence east along Nicholson Avenue to the intersecting point of North Agnes Avenue, thence south along North Agnes Avenue and continuing in a straight line to the intersecting point of the northern border of Kessler Park, thence west along the northern border of Kessler Park to the point where North Garland Avenue would intersect the northern border of Kessler Park, thence north along North Garland Avenue to the intersecting point of Nicholson Avenue. After April 1, 2018, if an applicant proposes to operate a retail sales-by-drink business to be located outside the boundaries of this area, any additional business located within this new area which adds to the density after April 1, 2018 will not be included when considering the limitations of businesses as outlined in subsection (1) of this section.
 10. *Mill Creek Plaza Area.* That area bounded by and beginning from the intersecting point of 103rd Street and the west bank of Indian Creek, thence southwest along the west bank of Indian Creek to the intersecting point of the west bank of Indian Creek and the state line, thence north along the state line to the south line of Lea Manor Subdivision, thence east along the south line of the Lea Manor Subdivision, to the west line of Lot 3, Watts Mill Plaza Subdivision, thence south along the west line of Lot 3, Watts Mill Plaza Subdivision, to the south line of Lot 3, Watts Mill Plaza Subdivision, thence east along the south line of Lot 3, Watts Mill Plaza Subdivision, to the east line of Lot 3, Watts Mill Plaza Subdivision, thence north along the east line of Lot 3, Watts Mill Plaza Subdivision, to the south line of lots 18, 19, and 20 Eden Subdivision, thence southeast along the south line of lots 18, 19, and 20, Eden Subdivision to the east line of lots 18, 19, and 20, Eden subdivision, thence south to the west bank of Indian Creek, thence southwest along the west bank of Indian Creek back to the intersecting point of 103rd Street and the west bank of Indian Creek.
- g. Retail sales-by-drink licenses issued to a wine manufacturer to sell only those alcoholic beverages by the drink produced on a premises in close proximity to the winery.
 - h. Retail sales-by-drink licenses for premises within Kansas City International Airport.
- (2) *Retail sales-by-package licenses.* Two retail sales-by-package licenses may be issued for population of zero to 1,500, and one additional sales-by-package license may be issued for each additional 1,500 population which exceeds the first 1,500 population, contained within the entire boundaries of any United States census blocks located in the city which abut the city limits of the city, and which census blocks are located wholly within or intersected by a 3,000-foot radius from a proposed licensed premise, as measured from the center of the door to be used as the main entrance to the premise. For all other census blocks located in the city that do not abut the city

limit lines as described above, one retail sales-by-package license may be issued for population of zero to 1,500, and one additional sales-by-package license may be issued for each additional 1,500 population which exceeds the first 1,500 population, contained within the entire boundaries of any United States census blocks located in the city, and which census blocks are located wholly within or intersected by a 3,000-foot radius from a proposed licensed premise, as measured from the center of the door to be used as the main entrance to the premise. For a premise that is currently in operation, the center of the door for the main entrance to the premise shall be determined by the entrance naturally used by the public frequenting the premise. The applicant shall furnish to the director two coordinates expressed in feet, based on the North American Datum 1983 Missouri West State Plane Coordinate System, identifying the center of the door for the main entrance to the premise. The limitations provided in this section shall not apply to a liquor license applicant who meets any of the following criteria:

- a. An applicant that proposes to operate a retail sales-by-package premise and the 3,000-foot radius, as measured from the center of the door for the main entrance of the premise as determined by the entire boundaries of any United States census blocks located in the city and which census blocks are located wholly within or intersected by the radius, has a population of 750 or less.
 - b. A licensed premise that will only be used as a storage space where alcoholic beverages are stored, not sold or served, and the general public is not permitted to enter at any time.
 - c. Retail sales-by-package licenses for premises within Kansas City International Airport.
- (3) The determination of population contained within the entire boundaries of any United States census blocks located in the city, and which census blocks are located wholly within or intersected by a 3,000-foot radius as measured from the center of the door of the main entrance of a proposed sales-by-drink or sales-by-package premise, shall be made by adding the total population as determined by the most recent U.S. Decennial Census or, at the applicant's choice, by requesting from the city planning and development department the Kansas City Population Update Report prepared and signed by the city's planning and development department to determine population that is contained within the entire boundaries of each such United States census block. The determination of the number of licenses of a specific category located within the entire boundaries of any United States census blocks located in the city, and which census blocks are located wholly within or intersected by a 3,000-foot radius as measured from the center of the door of the main entrance of a proposed sales-by-drink or sales-by-package premise, shall be made by adding the total number of such licenses located within the entire boundaries of each such United States census block, but excluding those licenses exempted under (1)a., (1)b., and (1)c., located within the entire boundaries of each such United States census block. In connection with any application for a new license regulated under this section, for the purposes of determining the number of licenses in the categories regulated under this section, contained within the entire boundaries of any United States census blocks located in the city, and which census blocks are located wholly within or intersected by a 3,000-foot radius from a proposed licensed premise, as measured from the center of the door for the main entrance to the premise, all such city licenses existing at the time of the determination by the director, whether serving a suspension, under an order of nonrenewal, under an order of

suspension or revocation, or under investigation for, subject to or charged with disqualification from holding a license or a violation of the provisions of this chapter, shall be included in the calculation unless the nonrenewal or revocation is final with all rights of appeal foreclosed.

- (4) If the total number of sales-by-drink or sales-by-package licenses herein issued at the time this chapter becomes effective exceeds the number authorized for that category of license, those licenses, if they meet all other requirements, shall be entitled to renewal on an annual basis. If a license is not renewed or ceases to fulfill all other requirements of this chapter and is thereafter terminated or canceled or expires, then an application for a new license for the previously licensed premise shall be required to fulfill all conditions of this chapter for an original license, including but not limited to the provisions of [section 10-211](#) https://library.municode.com/mo/kansas_city/codes/code_of_ordinances? limiting the number of licenses. Additional licenses in a category shall not be issued until the time as the respective population ratios as calculated and determined under this section exceed the populations provided herein. A new license in a category, if the application meets all other requirements of this chapter, may be issued for a vacancy created by bona fide purchase or transfer of a license to a new premise located in a census block wholly within or intersected by a 3,000-foot radius from the existing licensed premise, as measured from the center of the door for the main entrance to the premise, so long as an application for a new license is filed within 12 months from the date of bona fide purchase or transfer. A licensee whose license has been surrendered, canceled or not renewed as a result of the transfer of the real property where the premise is located to an entity that has the power of eminent domain, and who files an application for a new license within 12 months from the date of the transfer of the real property shall be exempt from the requirements of this section with respect to a new location, but the licensee shall meet all other requirements of this chapter. For the purposes of this chapter, the center of the door for the main entrance to the premise shall be determined by the entrance naturally used by the public frequenting the establishment who shall furnish to the city two coordinates expressed in feet, based on the North American Datum 1983 Missouri West State Plane Coordinate System, identifying the center of the door for the main entrance to the premise.
- (5) An applicant may seek to rebut the presumption that their proposed license is likely to interfere with or be detrimental to the rights or interests of the neighboring community by making a written request to the director describing why they believe a waiver is appropriate. The director may permit waiver if they find that the proposed license is not likely to interfere with or be detrimental to the rights and interests of the neighboring community. In considering a waiver, the director must wait until the conclusion of the eligible neighbor notification period, as outlined in section 10-214, and may consider:
- (a) Whether 50% or more of the eligible neighbors who filed a written response with the director opposed the granting of a license;
 - (b) The physical characteristics of the proposed premises; relevant geography and character of both the premises and the surrounding neighborhood;

- (b) The proximity of the premises to other uses and use types and the effect of the exterior lighting, noise, traffic and parking associated with the operation of the premises, with its patrons or with other persons frequenting the premises on the surrounding area;
 - (c) The type of activity or entertainment to be conducted at the establishment and the days and times during which such activity would take place;
 - (d) Whether any applicable church or school within 300 feet of the proposed premises supports the requested waiver;
 - (e) The history of past use at the proposed premises; and
 - (f) The measures the applicant proposes to implement to maintain quiet and security in conjunction with the establishment.
- (6) The director shall review any request to rebut a presumption, along with any additional information submitted by an eligible neighbor, city department, the Kansas City Police Department, and any other information that the director deems relevant. The director shall not make a decision until the eligible neighbor response period has ended as outlined in section 10-214. The director shall issue the decision in writing to the applicant and all responding eligible neighbors and provide the reasons for their decision.
- (7) The director may grant a conditional license to any applicant whose proposed license is in conflict with this section in order to avoid the proposed premises interfering with or being a detriment to the rights and interests of the neighboring community.

Approved as to form and legality:

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