

# City of Woonsocket Rhode Island



January 8, A.D. 2024

## Resolution

### IN SUPPORT OF REQUESTING LEGISLATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PERTAINING TO RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES

**WHEREAS,** Rhode Island General Law § 3-7-16.8 restricts the sale of alcoholic beverages within two hundred feet (200") of any public, private, or parochial school, or a place of public worship; and,

**WHEREAS,** several hospitality uses have expressed interest in locating in the Downtown Area of Main Street in the City of Woonsocket which would require this exemption to be waived by the Rhode Island General Assembly; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Woonsocket City Council is in support of legislation granting an exemption that will bring in new businesses as well as decrease vacancy, increase foot traffic, and bring in new commerce to the downtown area.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** We respectfully request that the Woonsocket delegation to the General Assembly draft, support, and advocate strongly for passage of legislation to exempt certain portions of North Main Street and Main Street (see Exhibit A) in the City of Woonsocket from the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages within 200 feet (200") of church and school property and that, if this legislation is passed and transmitted to the Honorable Governor for his approval, that Governor McKee sign any such legislative bills, since its enactment is in the best interests of the citizens of Woonsocket.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward an electronic copy of this resolution to all Representatives and Senators representing the City of Woonsocket, the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi (Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives), the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio (President of the Rhode Island Senate) and the Honorable Governor Daniel J. McKee.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

  
Brian J. Thompson  
City Council

  
Garrett S. Mancieri  
City Council

  
Scott McGee  
City Council

IN CITY COUNCIL January 8, 2024 – Read by title, amended and passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT: In Section 1 delete "certain portions of North Main Street and Main Street" and in its place insert "all plat & lot parcels located in the Downtown Overlay District as well as any amendments" & amend attached Exhibit A.

# **EXHIBIT A**



