

WARREN COUNTY

**ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR THE SALE OR CONSUMPTION OF
ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES BEFORE NOON ON SUNDAY MORNING**

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly AMENDED NC.G.S. §18B-1004 entitled, "Hours for sale and consumption," which sets forth the allowed times for sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, section (c) of N.C.G.S. §18B-1004 provides it shall be unlawful to sell or consume alcoholic beverages on any licensed premises from the time at which sale or consumption must cease on Sunday morning until 12:00 Noon on that day; and

WHEREAS, as amended section (c) of G.S. §18B-1004, now reads, "Except as authorized pursuant to G.S. §18B-112(bl), G.S. §153A-145. 7 or G.S. §160A-205.3, it shall be unlawful to sell or consume alcoholic beverages on any licensed premises from the time at which sale or consumption must cease on Sunday morning until 12:00 noon on that day;" and

WHEREAS, Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes was amended to add a new section, NC.G.S. §153A-145.7, entitled "Hours of certain alcohol sales," which now reads "In accordance with G.S. 18B-1004(c), a county may adopt an ordinance allowing for the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday pursuant to the licensed premises' permit issued under G.S. §18B-1001;" and

WHEREAS, G.S. §153A-122, authorizes the board of commissioners to make any ordinance adopted pursuant to this Article applicable to any part of the county not within a city.

Now, therefore be it

ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Warren County, under the authority of N.C.G.S. §153A-122 and NC.G.S. §153A-145.7 that it shall be lawful to sell or consume alcoholic beverages beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday morning in any unincorporated areas within Warren County pursuant to NC.G.S. §18B-1004(c) as authorized by the licensed premises' permit issued under N.C.G.S. § 18B-1001.

This ordinance is adopted and shall take effect on the 7th day of August, 2017.

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Victor M. Hunt, Chair

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk

***Counties:* 153A-45. Adoption of ordinances.**

To be adopted at the meeting at which it is first introduced, an ordinance or any action having the effect of an ordinance (except the budget ordinance, any bond order, or any other ordinance on which a public hearing must be held before the ordinance may be adopted) must receive the approval of all the members of the board of commissioners.

If the ordinance is approved by a majority of those voting but not by all the members of the board, or if the ordinance is not voted on at that meeting, it shall be considered at the next regular meeting of the board. If it then or at any time thereafter within 100 days of its introduction receives a majority of the votes cast, a quorum being present, the ordinance is adopted.

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July 20, 2017

Dear Commissioner Davis:

On behalf of our restaurant members located in Warren County and other interested businesses, the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of the "brunch bill," which will allow for, among other things, city and county elected officials to vote to move back the Sunday start time for liquor sales to as early as 10 a.m. (see below).

SECTION 4.(b) Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read: "§ 153A-145.7. Hours of certain alcohol sales. In accordance with G.S. 18B-1004(c), a county may adopt an ordinance allowing for the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday pursuant to the licensed premises' permit issued under G.S. 18B-1001."

Restaurant owners have long sought the Sunday morning sales to cater to customers who like to have drinks with Sunday breakfast or brunch. Warren County's approval of the brunch bill is especially impactful here at Lake Gaston, where our economy is so heavily dependent on tourism.

According to the president and CEO of the North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association Lynn Minges, "For North Carolina cities and towns where business is driven heavily by tourism, or where local residents demand more choices, this bill offers a positive option that can help restaurants meet customer demands, grow business, create jobs, increase tax revenue and bring patrons into business districts earlier in the day."

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Warren County Commissioners include the brunch bill on the agenda of the August meeting.

Sincerely,



Nancy Bulluck, chairman