

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF MORROW**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MORROW MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL STATING ITS INTENT TO AUTHORIZE AND  
REGULATE RETAIL PACKAGE SALES OF DISTILLED SPIRITS  
IN THE CITY UPON FILING OF PROPER PETITION AND  
PASSAGE OF REFERENDUM AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City of Morrow, Georgia (the "City")  
is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council are charged with preserving the health,  
safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the current alcoholic beverages regulations of the City do not  
authorize package sales of distilled spirits in the City and the same is also not authorized  
in Clayton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council believe in the encouragement of  
economic development in the City and the positioning of the City of Morrow as a  
genuine retail destination for visitors and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, authorizing retail package sales of distilled spirits in the City will  
contribute to said development and allow for vibrant business activity and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to authorize and regulate the retail package sales of  
distilled spirits in the City, a Petition must be filed with the City's election superintendent  
calling for a Referendum for same in the City and containing the signatures of at least  
35% of the registered and qualified voters of the municipality based on the list of those  
voters registered and qualified to vote in the general election immediately preceding the  
submission of a completed Petition and those signing the Petition must also be qualified  
and registered to vote in the following Referendum election; and

**WHEREAS**, upon certification that the Petition is complete in accordance with  
provisions of Title 3, Chapter 4 of the O.C.G.A., the City's election superintendent would  
issue a call for the Referendum election to be held at the next available scheduled general  
or special election.

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING  
BODY OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**, and by the authority thereof:

**Section 1.** That should a complete and proper Petition pursuant to Title 3, Chapter 4 of the Georgia Code relating to retail package sales of distilled spirits, be filed with the City and is then approved by a majority of the qualified and registered voters in a subsequent Referendum, the Mayor and City Council intend to adopt regulations providing for retail package sales of distilled spirits in the City and regulating same.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor and City Council intend to structure the regulations for retail package sales of distilled spirits as follows:

- The establishment intending to sell distilled spirits at retail by the package must be a free-standing building that is a minimum 15,000 square feet, is new, but in any case, not older than 20 years old since original construction and must be located in the General Business zoning district, requiring a conditional use permit.
- The Mayor and City Council intend that said retail establishments be located in commercial corridors south of Interstate 75.
- The retail package distilled spirits license shall be limited by population of the City according to the most recent decennial census, with one (1) such establishment allowed in the City for each 3,500 residents.
- Such additional regulations as would safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City.

**Section 3.** The Mayor and City Council hereby direct the City's Election Superintendent to issue a call for said Referendum as soon as a complete Petition is certified by the Elections Superintendent and do all that is required by Title 3, Chapter 4 of the O.C.G.A. to place the question on the next available general election ballot.


**Section 4.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage.

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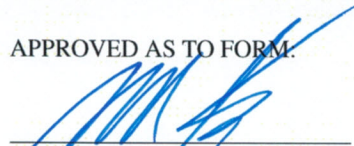
SO RESOLVED this 27th day of March, 2018.

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA

  
JEFFREY A. DETAR  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
YASMIN JULIO  
CITY CLERK

(THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF  
MORROW, GEORGIA)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
CITY ATTORNEY

