

# Supplemental Memorandum Regarding Amended Council Bill No. 2025-37.

## Background:

At the City Council's November 25, 2025, regular meeting, Council Bill No. 2025-37 (the "Bill") was presented by staff and had its first reading by the Council. The Bill, if approved, would establish limits on when intoxicating liquor can be sold in the City limits and would opt the City out of the FIFA World Cup extended sale hours for intoxicating liquor.

Councilmember Lucas requested that staff prepare an amendment to the Bill to remove the language regarding the FIFA World Cup question so that the Council can discuss and decide that issue separately.

In the interim period between the Bill's first and its scheduled second reading on December 9, 2025, staff have prepared Amended Council Bill No. 2025-37 (the "Amended Bill").

## Analysis:

While the Amended Bill modifies the Title and Recitals, the substantive change to the Code is the deletion of Section 4-3(d)(4), appearing between lines 101 and 106 of the Bill.

The intent is to remove language regarding the FIFA World Cup question so that the Council can hold a separate discussion on that question. This amendment effectively severs the FIFA World Cup decision from the operating hours regulations, allowing the Council to consider the hours immediately while reserving the FIFA question for a future, separate determination.

#### Recommendation:

To effectuate this proposed amendment, any member of Council may move for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. If the Amendment is approved by the Council, then the Council may proceed with the approval of the Bill as amended.

Should any member of Council desire to adopt Amendment No. 1, the following motion can be made: "I move to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill 2025-37." This motion would need to be seconded and then approved by a majority vote of those members of City Council present at the meeting.



## MEMO SUBMITTED BY:

Nick Woodman | City Attorney

## Attachments:

Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 2025-37 (Motion to amend); and Amended Council Bill No. 2025-37.



#### **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-37**

#### A MOTION:

To amend Council Bill No. 2025-37 (the "Bill") by:

(1) Striking out the following language appearing between lines 3 and 4 of said Bill:

"AND OPTING OUT OF SECTION 311,2026 RSMO."

(2) Striking out the following language appearing between lines 13 and 16 of said Bill:

"WHEREAS the Missouri General Assembly passed House Bill 1041, which enacted Section 311.2026, RSMo, temporarily allowing licensed establishments

(3) Striking out the following language appearing between lines 18 and 20 of said Bill:

"WHEREAS Section 311.2026.4, RSMo, expressly grants a city's governing body the authority to exempt itself from this temporary extension of hours by passing an ordinance; and"

(4) Striking out the following language appearing between lines 23 and 25 of said Bill:

"and to exercise its authority to opt out of the temporary extension of hours provided in Section 311.2026, RSMo, temporarily allowing licensed establishments to sell intoxicating liquor for extended hours between June 11, 2026, and July 19, 2026, during the FIFA World Cup Tournament; and"

(5) Striking out the following language appearing between lines 101 and 106 of said Bill:

"Pursuant to Section 311.2026.4 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the City hereby exempts itself from the provisions of Section 311.2026 RSMo. The temporary extension of hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor during the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament, scheduled from June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026, is prohibited within the city. All licensees shall adhere to the operating hours established in this section."

Said Motion was provided to the City Council for review prior to the December 9, 2025, Council meeting and was published as part of the agenda for the December 9, 2025, City Council meeting. Further, said Motion was adopted by the required majority of City Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025 and said Council Bill was therefore amended and modified as set forth herein.

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ATTEST:	
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 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA AMENDING SECTION 4-3 OF THE NIXA CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC HOURS WHEN ALCOHOL SALES ARE PROHIBITED.

**WHEREAS** Chapter 4 of the Nixa City Code governs the sale of alcoholic beverages within the City; and

**WHEREAS** Section 4-3(d) of the Nixa City Code currently defers to state law regarding the hours of operation for the sale of intoxicating liquor, which can be unclear for licensees and for enforcement purposes; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to codify specific, uniform hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor; and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to modify the City Code as set forth herein.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

**SECTION 1:** Chapter 4, Article I, Section 4-3 of the Nixa City Code is hereby amended by repealing Section 4-3 in its entirety and adopting in lieu thereof a new Section 4-3, which said section shall read as follows (Explanation: Language in bold-face type (e.g., **thus**) is language to be added. Language in bold-faced brackets (e.g., **[thus]**) is not enacted and is intended to be omitted or deleted.):

### Sec. 4-3. License regulations.

- (a) Package sales, limitations. No license shall be issued for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the original package, not to be consumed upon the premises where sold, except to a person engaged in, and to be used in connection with, the operation of one or more of the following businesses: a drug store, a cigar and tobacco store, a grocery store, a general merchandise store, a confectionery or delicatessen store, nor to any such person who does not have and keep in their store a stock of goods having a value according to invoices of at least \$1,000.00, exclusive of fixtures and intoxicating liquors. Under such license, no intoxicating liquor shall be consumed on the premises where sold nor shall any original package be opened on the premises of the vendor except as otherwise provided in this chapter or law.
- (b) Newly-opened restaurant bars. Any new restaurant bar having been in operation for less than 90 days and having received temporary license in accordance with the state rules and regulations may be issued a temporary license, for a period not to exceed 90 days, to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink at retail for consumption on the premises between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 1:30 A.M. on weekdays and between the hours of 6:00 A.M. on Saturdays until 1:30 A.M. on Sundays. No intoxicating liquor may be sold on Sundays except in accordance with the provisions of section 4-2(c).

- (c) Temporary permit for sale by drink—Certain organizations.
  - (1) The city administrator or their designee may issue a permit for the sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on premises where sold to any church, school, civic, service, fraternal, veteran, political or charitable club or organization for sale at a picnic, bazaar, fair or similar gathering. The permit shall be issued only for the day or days named therein and it shall not authorize the sale of intoxicating liquor for more than seven days by any such organization.
  - (2) If the event will be held on a Sunday, the permit shall authorize the sale of intoxicating liquor on that day beginning at 6:00 A.M.
  - (3) At the same time that an applicant applies for a permit under the provisions of this subsection, the applicant shall notify the director of revenue of the holding of the event by certified mail and by such notification shall accept responsibility for the collection and payment of any applicable sales tax.
  - (4) No provision of law or rule or regulation of the city shall be interpreted as preventing any wholesaler or distributor from providing customary storage, cooling or dispensing equipment for use by the permit holder at such picnic, bazaar, fair or similar gathering.
- (d) Operating hours, days.
  - (1) No licensee or any employee of such licensee shall sell, give away or otherwise dispose of, or allow the same to be done, on or about the premises, any intoxicating liquor in any quantity [except] between the hours of 1:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. [as outlined in RSMo chapter 311].
  - (2) The sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays is permitted between the hours of 6:00 a.m. on Sunday and 1:30 a.m. on Monday for any licensee possessing a valid Sunday sales license as provided in Section 4-2(c) of this chapter.
- [(2)] (3) When January 1, March 17, July 4 or December 31 falls on Sunday and on the Sundays prior to Memorial Day and Labor Day and on the Sunday on which the national championship game of the National Football League is played, commonly known as "Super Bowl Sunday", any person having a license to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink may be open for business and sell intoxicating liquor by the drink under the provisions of their license on that day from the time and until the time which would be lawful on another day of the week, notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the contrary.
  - (e) General license regulations.
    - (1) Each license issued hereunder shall be conspicuously posted on the premises for which the license has been issued.

(2) A separate license shall be required for each place of business. Every license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall particularly describe the premises at which intoxicating liquor may be sold thereunder, and such license shall not be deemed to authorize or permit the sale of intoxicating liquor at any place other than that described therein.

- (3) No license issued under this chapter shall be transferable or assignable except as herein provided. In the event of the death of the licensee, the widow or widower or the next of kin of such deceased licensee, who shall meet the other requirements of this chapter, may make application and the city administrator or their designee may transfer such license to permit the operation of the business of the deceased for the remainder of the period for which a license fee has been paid by the deceased. Whenever one or more members of a partnership withdraws from the partnership, the city administrator or their designee, upon being requested, shall permit the remaining partner or partners originally licensed, to continue to operate for the remainder of the period for which the license fee has been paid, without obtaining a new license.
- (4) In the event any licensee desires to change the location of their place of business in the city, it shall be necessary for them to file an application in the same manner as herein provided for an original application, except that no additional fee shall be charged and the amended license, describing the new location, shall be issued immediately upon the approval of the application by the city administrator or their designee. Any change of location of the enterprise prior to issuance of such an amended license shall constitute a violation of this section.

**SECTION 2:** The City Clerk, when codifying the provisions of this Ordinance, is authorized to provide for different section numbers, subsection numbers, and different internal citation references than those provided herein when such section numbers, subsection numbers, or internal citation references are in error or are contrary to the intent of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** Savings Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights acquired, or liability incurred nor any cause or causes of action occurred or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby.

**SECTION 4:** Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

## AMENDED COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-37

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

138	SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final	
139		proval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions
140	of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.	
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143	ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 9th DAY OF December 2025.	
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151	APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS	DAY OF 2025.
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156	MAYOR	CITY CLERK
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159	APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
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162	CITY ATTORNEY	