

RESOLUTION NO. 26-R-5

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MORATORIUM
ON THE APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR
BARS AND TAVERNS**

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Anniston desires to attract and retain a diverse combination of business enterprises within the city;

WHEREAS, the Council desires to evaluate its zoning laws to address the location, number, and concentration of businesses that serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption and where such sales exceed 50% of the gross revenue of the business engaged in on-premises alcohol sales (referred to herein as “Bars and Taverns”);

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the addition of new Bars and Taverns threatens to frustrate and impair the Council’s long-range, comprehensive land use planning and economic development goals;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that a six (6) month moratorium on the issuance of new business licenses for Bars and Taverns is necessary to provide the time needed for the Council to properly evaluate and implement its land use planning with respect to the location, number and concentration of Bars and Taverns within the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, as follows:

Effective immediately upon the passage and adoption of this resolution, the City of Anniston shall adhere to a six-month moratorium on the issuance of business licenses for Bars and Taverns, as defined above, except that licenses issued to existing Bars and Taverns may be renewed or transferred for use in the business’s current location, only.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 6th day of January, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ANNISTON, ALABAMA


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