

CITY OF ST. JOHNS

ORDINANCE NO. 685

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 111, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING SECTION 111.10, CITY DESIGNATED
SOCIAL DISTRICT**

THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Adoption to Chapter 111, §111.10. Section 111.10 of the City Code of Ordinances is adopted to read as follows:

§ 111.10 CITY DESIGNATED SOCIAL DISTRICT

(a) The city may designate a social district within the city and within the public rights-of-way or on public property and which contains a commons area, upon which qualified licensees that obtain a social district permit may operate. The city shall file any such designation with the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission in compliance with the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998, Act 58 of 1998, as amended (the "Code").

(b) As used in this section, "qualified licensee" means any of the following: (i) a retailer that holds a license issued by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission, other than a special license, to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the licensed premises or (ii) a manufacturer who has been issued an on-premises tasting room permit, an off-premises tasting room license, or a joint off-premises testing room license, issued under section 536 of the Code.

(c) The city shall not designate a social district that would close a road outside its jurisdictional authority without permission from the governing road authority.

(d) The commons area defined by the city within a social district shall be defined and clearly marked with signs. The commons area defined by the city shall be contiguous to at least two qualified licensees.

(e) The city shall maintain the commons area in a manner that protects the health and safety of the city residents and deters public nuisance. The city shall also establish a management and maintenance plan, including hours of operation of the commons area, for each established social district. Maintenance and management plans shall be submitted by the city to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

(f) The city may revoke any social district designation if it determines that the commons area threatens the health, safety, or welfare of the public and has become a public nuisance. Before revoking the designation, the governing body must hold a public hearing. The city shall file any revocation of a social district designation with the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Section 2. Repeal and Replace. Any and all ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent necessary for this Ordinance to be in full force and effect.

Section 3. Publication and Effective Date. The City Clerk shall publish a notice of adoption of this Ordinance within 7 days of its adoption. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its adoption.

YEAS: Hufnagel, Ruestman, Gurski, Dzurka, Hyzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION

As the City Clerk of the City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, I certify that this is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. Johns City Commission at a regular meeting held on March 18, 2024.

Scott Dzurka, Mayor _____

Mindy J. Seavey, Clerk _____

EXHIBIT A
CITY OF ST. JOHNS
DESIGNATION OF LAND TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN
THE SOCIAL DISTRICT

