



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Council Session

Item F-5

#9859 - Consideration of Amending Chapter 4-9 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Hours of Alcohol Sales

Staff Contact: Stacy Nonhof, Interim City Attorney

Council Agenda Memo

From: Stacy R. Nonhof, Interim City Attorney

Meeting: October 26, 2021

Subject: Amending Chapter 4 of City Code to change hours of alcohol sales

Presenter(s): Stacy R. Nonhof, Interim City Attorney

Background

A request was made by some bar owners in the City of Grand Island via their attorney and through their Council member to extend the hours of sale of alcohol from 1 am until 2 am.

Discussion

The proposed Ordinance will allow for the sale of alcohol in all establishments until 2 a.m. Upon receipt of the request for the proposed City Code change, a request was made to the Grand Island Police Department and Grand Island Fire Department for their input on this proposed change. Both are opposed to extending alcohol sales from 1:00 am to 2:00 am.

Given these concerns of the Police and Fire Departments, City Administration does not support extending alcohol sales from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration does not recommend approval of Ordinance #9859 amending Chapter 4 of City Code extending alcohol sales by one hour.

Sample Motion

Move to deny the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 9859

An ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of Grand Island City Code; to amend Section 4-9; to clarify and/or make general corrections to various code sections, to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 4-9 of the Grand Island City Code Chapter 4 is amended to read as follows:

§4-9. Hours of Operation; Retail Establishment

(A) No alcoholic liquor, including beer, shall be sold at retail or dispensed on any day between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(B) No alcoholic liquor, including beer, shall be sold at retail or dispensed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sunday.

(C) Alcoholic liquor, including beer, may be sold and dispensed for on-site consumption only from 9:00 a.m. on Sunday until 2:00 a.m. the following Monday.

(D) Alcoholic liquor, including beer, may be sold at retail and dispensed for anything other than on-site consumption from 12:00 noon on Sunday until 2:00 a.m. the following Monday.

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect fifteen (15) days from and after its passage and publication pursuant to law.

Enacted: October 26, 2021.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 19, 2021	☐ City Attorney