



CITY OF DURHAM | DURHAM COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA



**Date:** August 7, 2017  
**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Patrick O. Young, AICP, Planning Director  
**Subject:** City Code Amendment – Sunday Morning Alcoholic Beverage Sales

**Summary.** This proposed amendment to the Durham City Code is to add a new Section 46-152, allowing the sale and service of alcoholic beverages on Sunday morning beginning at 10 am, as authorized by state law.

**Recommendation.** Staff recommends approval of the City Code amendment.

**Background.** On June 29, 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 155. Section 4(c) of the bill authorized the Durham City Council to adopt an ordinance to allow alcohol sales beginning at 10 am on Sundays. The bill was signed into law on by Governor Roy Cooper on June 30, 2017. As directed by the City Council, the City Attorney’s Office has drafted an amendment to the Durham City Code, new Section 46-152, which authorizes any establishment with proper licenses and permits to sell and serve alcoholic beverages at 10 am on Sundays (Attachment A).

**Issues.** The Planning Department is not responsible for monitoring or enforcing the provisions of the proposed amendment to City Code. Law enforcement will remain consistent with current policies and procedures, as described in Attachment B.

**Fiscal Impact.** The bill is expected to benefit Durham’s small business community, bring people into business districts earlier in the day, and generate increased tax revenues.

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**Attachments**

- Attachment A,** City Code Amendment- Sunday Morning Alcoholic Beverage Sales
- Attachment B,** Enforcement Responsibility for New City Code 46-152