

Resolution



City Council
City of Wilmington
North Carolina

Introduced By: Rebecca L. Hawke, City Manager

Date: 7/15/2025

Resolution Establishing the Social District Advisory Committee

LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-205.4, the City may adopt an ordinance designating one or more social districts for use in accordance with N.C.G.S. §18B-300.1; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the above legislation allowing municipalities to designate social districts within their jurisdiction to allow alcoholic beverages sold by licensed premises to be consumed within the district, outside of the establishment where the beverage was purchased; and,

WHEREAS, the City has established standards and provisions regarding the creation and management of social districts; and,

WHEREAS, the management and operation of social districts require regular input from stakeholders, including public safety officials, public works officials, local businesses, and the community at large, to ensure their ongoing success and responsiveness to public needs; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a formal body – the Social District Advisory Committee – to monitor and ensure that each approved social district complies with the authorizing resolution approved by City Council, as well as all applicable local and state laws and regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the Social District Advisory Committee (“Committee”) is hereby established to monitor and ensure that each approved social district complies with the authorizing resolution approved by City Council, as well as all applicable local and state laws and regulations.

THAT, the Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more often as needed, as determined by the City Manager.

THAT, the Committee will be responsible for reviewing policies, maintaining operational standards, and reporting to the City Manager and City Council, as needed or requested.

THAT, the voting members of the Committee shall consist of the following City staff:

- Police Chief, or designee
- Fire Chief, or designee
- City Manager, or designee
- Parking and Downtown Services Coordinator
- Parks and Recreation Director
- Public Works Director

THAT, a quorum shall be a simple majority of four (4) of the voting members.

THAT, ex-officio, non-voting members of the Committee shall include the following individuals:

- 1 Local ABC Commission Representative
- Executive Director, Wilmington Downtown, Inc.
- 1 Participating, Non-ABC Permitted Establishment Business Owner from Each Approved Social District
- 1 Participating, ABC Permitted Establishment Business Owner from Each Approved Social District

THAT, the Committee shall be responsible for the annual review of all approved districts and providing an annual report to the City Council.

Adopted at a _____ meeting

On _____ 2025

Attest:

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk

Bill Saffo, Mayor

Approved As To Form:

City Attorney