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TAYLOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09

Ordinance No. 2020-07 will allow possession of an open container or consumption of an alcoholic beverage in the central business district of the City of Taylor

TAYLOR, Texas – On Wednesday, May 20, during a special called Council meeting, Taylor City Council voted to temporarily suspend portions of Ordinance No. 2018-09 to allow possession of an open container or consumption of an alcoholic beverage in the central business district of the City of Taylor.

The temporary suspension is a measure being taken in response to the ongoing situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Suspending the ordinance will allow businesses in the central business district that are able to reopen under Governor Greg Abbott's plan to reopen Texas the ability to achieve greater social distancing and to allow businesses to serve more customers than the indoor occupancy limits of a business's building would allow.

The ordinance provides the ability to possess and consume open containers of alcoholic beverages in the central business district so long as: the alcoholic beverage is sold to the public by a business licensed by TABC authorizing the public sale of such alcoholic beverage, the consumption of any alcoholic beverage in the central business district does not violate any other ordinance or law and the alcoholic beverage or open container is not on the grounds of Heritage Square Park or Pierce Park (unless otherwise allowed by a special permit of the City).

Businesses are encouraged to not allow customers to leave the business or area adjacent to the business with a glass container and to provide plastic or paper cups to customers. Unless further action is taken by Council to extend the suspension, the suspension of the ordinance will expire on Tuesday, September 29.

The City of Taylor continues to monitor the ongoing and fluid COVID-19 situation closely with Williamson County and the Williamson County and Cities Health District. Updates will be posted at taylortx.gov and on social media as they become available. For more information, please visit www.taylortx.gov

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