



# City of Smyrna

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## Legislation Text

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**WARD:** Citywide

**COMMITTEE:** Administration

**\$ IMPACT:**

Approval to Adopt a Resolution Calling For a Referendum to allow Citizens of Smyrna, Georgia to vote on whether Smyrna is authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of Distilled Spirits or Alcoholic Beverages for Beverage purposes by the Drink from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM and authorizing subsequent sales; to also enter into a contract with Cobb County Elections to conduct Special Election for Alcohol Referendum

**ISSUE:** The Mayor and Council of Smyrna, in compliance with law, wish to provide an opportunity for the citizens of Smyrna to vote their desires with respect to the time such sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink can be purchased on Sundays.

The voters shall determine if Smyrna shall be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales for an additional hour and a half during the time period of 11:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

Smyrna shall conduct a referendum as authorized by O.C.G.A § 3-3-7 (j.1)(1) to determine whether the voters desire Smyrna to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., said referendum to be called in accordance with Title 21 Chapter 2 of the Official code of Georgia and all other applicable laws, and that the elections superintendent shall issue the call and conduct the election on November 6, 2018.

The election shall be held on November 6, 2018, and the polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.. Those qualified to vote in the election shall be determined in accordance with the Constitutions and statutes of the United States and the State of Georgia.

provided more than one-half of the votes cast on the question are for approval, Smyrna shall be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M effective November 18, 2018.

**BACKGROUND:** The General Assembly of the State of Georgia has enacted legislation, codified at O.C.G.A. § 3-3-7 (j.1)(1) and signed into law on May 8, 2018, authorizing Municipalities to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., if such sales are approved in a referendum by the electors of Smyrna in an election called and conducted in the manner set forth in the legislation.

**RECOMMENDATION/REQUESTED ACTION:**