Supplemental Agenda

1-202000551 RESOLUTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, EXPRESSING the City of Cincinnati's support for extending the 2020 deadline for liquor permit holders to transit annual renewal and payment of fees associated with annual renewal to sixty days after Ohio liquor permit holders can sell alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption.
To: Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Solicitor

Subject: Resolution – Extending 2020 Deadline for Liquor Permit Holders COVID-19

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

EXPRESSING the City of Cincinnati’s support for extending the 2020 deadline for liquor permit holders to transmit annual renewal and payment of fees associated with annual renewal to sixty days after Ohio liquor permit holders can sell alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption.
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EXPRESSING the City of Cincinnati’s support for extending the 2020 deadline for liquor permit holders to transmit annual renewal and payment of fees associated with annual renewal to sixty days after Ohio liquor permit holders can sell alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption.

WHEREAS, the United States is facing the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and a critical measure to stop the unnecessary spread of this and other diseases has been to close all non-essential businesses, including bars and similar businesses where beer or intoxicating liquor is available for purchase and consumption on the premises; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio comprehensively regulates the retail sale of beer and intoxicating liquor via issuance of retail liquor permits which are effective for a period of one year and may be renewed annually;

WHEREAS, the Ohio Division of Liquor Control mandates that all retail liquor permits located in Southwest Ohio, including within the City of Cincinnati, expire on the first day of June; and

WHEREAS, the current crisis has had a profound impact on liquor permit premises in Cincinnati that have been forced to significantly curtail operations since the Ohio Department of Health’s March 15, 2020 order to limit beer and intoxication liquor sales to carry out and delivery only; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of Council that extending the annual renewal deadline and the payment of renewal fees would provide meaningful financial relief to struggling businesses in Cincinnati; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council urge the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to afford liquor permit holders located in Cincinnati as well as all similarly situated liquor permit holders an extension of sixty days after retail liquor establishments are legally allowed to sell beer and intoxicating liquor to the public for onsite consumption to file for annual renewal and pay any fees associated with annual renewal.
Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be sent to the following individuals or agencies:

Superintendent Jim Canepa  
Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control  
6606 Tussing Road  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Executive Director Sarah Creedon  
Ohio Liquor Control Commission  
77 South High Street, 18th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Passed: ____________________________, 2020

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: ________________________________  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Vice Mayor Smitherman