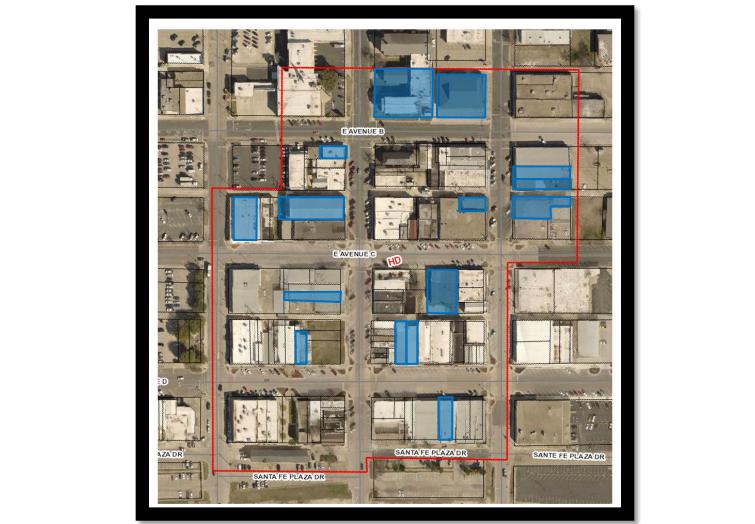


ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 TO ALLOW BARS AND TAVERNS DOWNTOWN

January 11, 2022

Background

- The Historic District Overlay (HOD) is currently zoned "B-5" (Business District), which does not allow bars and taverns by-right.
- Per Killeen Code of Ordinances Sec. 31-351(3), "Business establishments dispensing alcoholic beverages may not be within three hundred (300) feet of a church, public or private school, or public or private hospital."



- □ If approved, the proposed ordinance would allow bars and taverns to be located within 300 feet of a church or school within the HOD.
- Per Council's direction during the Workshop on January 4th, the proposed ordinance does not change the underlying zoning within the HOD to "B-C-1".
- □ As presented, the underlying zoning within the HOD will remain "B-5".
- In order to open a bar or tavern within the HOD, prospective business owners would need to submit a request to rezone their property to "B-C-1" (General Business and Alcohol Sales District).

- □ The City Council has three (3) alternatives. The Council may:
 - Disapprove the proposed ordinance;
 - Approve the ordinance with modifications; or
 - Approve the ordinance as presented.

- Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as presented.
- At their regular meeting on December 6, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the initial draft ordinance – which included changing the underlying zoning to "B-C-1" – by a vote of 6 to 0.