



# ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 TO ALLOW BARS AND TAVERNS DOWNTOWN

PH-22-006

January 11, 2022

# Background

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- ❑ 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.”



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- ❑ 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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).

# Alternatives

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- ❑ 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.

# Recommendation

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- 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.