

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260*



Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Prosperity and Livability Committee

*Wesley Hudson - Chair
Michael Holmes
Cyril Jefferson
Monica Peters
Jay Wagner, Mayor (Alternate)*

**Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Wesley Hudson,
Chair**

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

[2022-581](#)

Update-City of High Point's Social District Ordinance

Staff will be providing an update regarding the City of High Point's Social District Ordinance.

Attachments: [Ordinance - Social District 2nd amendment \(12.6.22\)](#)

[Catalyst Map Dec 22](#)

ADJOURNMENT

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-11-1 SOCIAL DISTRICTS
OF THE HIGH POINT CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed and Governor Cooper signed into law on September 10, 2021 An Act To Make Various Changes To The Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”) Commission Laws (“House Bill 890”), which authorizes cities to adopt an ordinance designating social districts in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed and Governor Cooper signed into law on July 7, 2022 Social District/Common Area Clarifications (“House Bill 211”), which provides much needed clarity to some areas of House Bill 890; and

WHEREAS, social districts are defined areas in which a person may consume alcoholic beverages sold by an ABC Permittee (as defined below), with the goal of encouraging foot traffic to downtown businesses; and

WHEREAS, to further this important goal, on March 21, 2022 the City of High Point (“City”) adopted an ordinance designating the Catalyst Social District; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2021 the City amended its ordinance to expand the boundaries of the Catalyst Social District; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend its ordinance in accordance with House Bill 211 and to expand the boundaries of the Catalyst Social District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

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2. **Management.** Social Districts shall be designated, managed, and maintained in accordance with the requirements contained in G.S. 160A-205.4 and G.S. ~~18B-904.1~~ 18B-300.1. The City reserves the right to suspend alcohol consumption in all or part of a social district.
3. **Social Districts.** The City hereby designates the following:
 - (a) Catalyst Social District, which is designated as the area within the City as more particularly described on and attached as Exhibit A to this ordinance.
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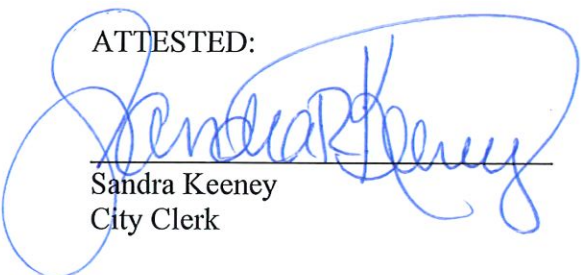
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5. **Customer Possession and Consumption.** If it wishes to do so, an ABC Permittee or non-permittee business may allow a customer to possess and consume on the business's premises alcoholic beverages purchased from any ABC Permittee located in or contiguous to the social district. If it wishes to do so, the ABC Permittee or non-permittee business, during the times when the social district is active, shall clearly post uniform signage stating that it allows possession and consumption on the business's premises of alcoholic beverages purchased from any ABC Permittee located in or contiguous to the social district.
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7. **Violation.** Any violation of this section is punishable as a misdemeanor.

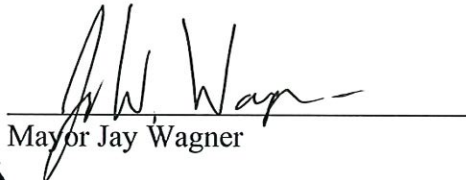
This amendment shall become effective December 19, 2022.

Adopted this the 19th of December, 2022.

ATTESTED:


Sandra Keeney
City Clerk




Mayor Jay Wagner

Catalyst Social District High Point, N.C.

EXHIBIT A

SOCIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY



For more information, visit HighPointNC.gov/SocialDistrict

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