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ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 0614-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6 CAPTIONED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 6-10 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 6-10; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is authorized under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to adopt reasonable ordinances to protect and improve the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the citizens of the City of Ringgold, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6 captioned "Alcoholic Beverages" by striking, deleting and repealing Section 6-10 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 6-10 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-10. - Package sales prohibited in certain establishments; exceptions.

The sale of alcoholic beverages by the package to be carried off the premises shall be prohibited in any establishment other than in a properly licensed retail store, grocery store, hotel or motel, except for (i) the removal of partially consumed bottles of wine as permitted by O.C.G.A. § 3-6-4, and (ii) mixed drinks for off-premises consumption in approved containers sold by any food service establishment which is licensed to sell distilled spirits for consumption on the premises as permitted by O.C.G.A. § 3-3-11.

Section 2.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Ringgold that the section, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance.

Section 4.

The adoption date of this Ordinance shall be June 14, 2021. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be its adoption date

SO ORDAINED, this 14th day of June, 2021.

CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA

NICK MILLWOOD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK