

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2026-0063

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Arias

**Date of Introduction:** January 27, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R

**Date of Analysis:** January 29, 2026

**Type of Action:** *Ordinance Code* Amendment

**Bill Summary:** This bill amends Section 154.301 (Hours of Operation), Part 3 (Hours of Sale), Chapter 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), *Ordinance Code*, to exclude establishments under Chapter 154, Part 5, *Ordinance Code*. It creates a new Part 5 (Downtown Entertainment District) in Chapter 154 of the *Ordinance Code* to define the Downtown Entertainment District.

**Background Information:** This bill creates a new Part 5, Chapter 154, of the *Ordinance Code*, establishing the Downtown Entertainment District. The Downtown Entertainment District will include all land within the NorthCore/Church, Central Core, and Sports and Entertainment Districts as set forth in Section 656.361.2, *Ordinance Code*. The creation of this district is intended to promote the vitality of the downtown, ensure its dominance as the City's entertainment center, and discourage the spread of blighted areas.

This bill also amends Section 154.301, *Ordinance Code*, to exempt those businesses in the Downtown Entertainment District from the requirement that alcohol sales occur Monday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. The newly created Section 154.503, *Ordinance Code*, permits establishments within the boundaries of the Downtown Entertainment District to sell alcohol Monday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Keeping downtown establishments licensed to serve alcoholic beverages open after 2:00 a.m. is intended to encourage the centralization of entertainment, retail, and restaurant uses within the district. Additionally, concentrating those establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages after 2:00 a.m. in a confined area of the City is intended to conserve public safety resources and reduce public nuisances and crime.

**Policy Impact Area:** Downtown Entertainment District, sale of alcoholic beverages

**Fiscal Impact:** No cost to City.

**Analyst:** Russell