

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-892

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Peluso

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2024

Type of Action: Expression of support for legislative “J-bill”; direction to Duval Delegation Coordinator

Bill Summary: The bill expresses support to the Duval County Legislative Delegation for the passage of local legislative bill J-1 by the Florida Legislature which would create a special event center zone called the “Urban Transition Area North of Park Street” to provide an exception to Section 561.20, *Florida Statutes*, for event centers which have an occupant capacity between 1,100 and 1,500 people and derive no less than 51 percent of annual gross income from sale of event center tickets and food and nonalcoholic beverages that are prepared, served, and consumed on such premises within the Urban Transition Area North of Park Street. It directs the Duval Delegation Coordinator to forward the state law change, if approved by the 2025 Florida Legislature, to the City’s codifier to be included in the City Charter Part B – Related Laws.

Background Information: Section 561.20, *Florida Statutes*, regulates the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses, including factors such as minimum facility size, seating capacity and percentage of revenue derived from food versus alcoholic beverages. This resolution expresses support for legislative bill J-1 filed by the Rep. Wyman Duggan to create a “special event center zone” in Jacksonville that would permit an exception to the liquor license regulations to permit issuance of a license for an “event center” for the former Five Points Theater/Sun Ray Cinema building on Park Street in Five Points. The designation would permit the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license to the facility which the new owners – Union South Partners – plan to renovate and operate as a live music venue with adjoining retail and office space.

Policy Impact Area: Alcoholic beverage licensing

Fiscal Impact: Some additional tax revenue from additional alcoholic beverage sales

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