

1 Introduced by Council Member Arias and amended by the Neighborhoods,  
2 Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2026-63-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 154.301 (HOURS OF  
7 OPERATION), PART 3 (HOURS OF SALE), CHAPTER 154  
8 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO  
9 EXCLUDE ESTABLISHMENTS REGULATED UNDER CHAPTER  
10 154, PART 5, *ORDINANCE CODE*; CREATING A NEW PART  
11 5 (DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT), CHAPTER 154  
12 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO DEFINE  
13 A DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR  
14 CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN  
15 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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17 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18 **Section 1. Amending Section 154.301 (Hours of Operation),**  
19 **Part 3 (Hours of Sale), Chapter 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ordinance**  
20 **Code.** Section 154.301 (Hours of Operation), Part 3 (Hours of Sale),  
21 Chapter 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended  
22 in part to read as follows:

23 **CHAPTER 154 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

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25 **PART 3. - HOURS OF SALE**

26 **Sec. 154.301. - Hours of Operation.**

27 The sale, consumption and service of all alcoholic beverages,  
28 including liquor, beer and wine, in all establishments licensed by  
29 the State to sell alcoholic beverages is permitted on Monday through  
30 Sunday from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. the following day, local time,  
31 except for those establishments regulated under Part 5, provided,

1 however, and in standing with the provisions of F.S.§ 562.14, such  
2 establishments may remain open and be utilized between the hours of  
3 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. as long as no alcoholic beverages are sold,  
4 served or consumed on the licensed premises during that time period.

5 **Section 2. Creating a new Part 5 (Downtown Entertainment**  
6 **District), Chapter 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), Ordinance Code.** There  
7 is hereby created a new Part 5 (Downtown Entertainment District),  
8 Chapter 154 (Alcoholic Beverages), *Ordinance Code*, to read as follows:

9 **CHAPTER 154 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

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11 **PART 5. - DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT**

12 **Sec. 154.501. - Purpose and intent.**

13 (a) It is important to develop a downtown entertainment  
14 district that will promote the vitality of the downtown to insure the  
15 dominance of the downtown area as the City's entertainment center and  
16 discourage the spread of blighted areas downtown.

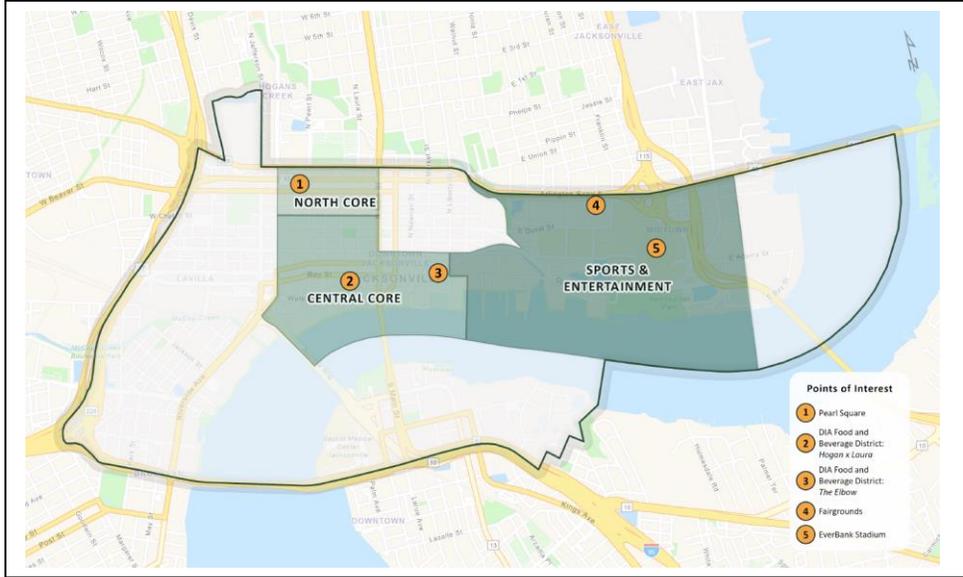
17 (b) Keeping downtown establishments licensed to serve  
18 alcoholic beverages open after 2:00 a.m. will encourage the  
19 centralization of entertainment, retail and restaurant uses within a  
20 defined downtown entertainment district.

21 (c) Concentrating those establishments licensed to sell  
22 alcoholic beverages after 2:00 a.m. in a confined area of the City  
23 can conserve public safety resources and reduce public nuisances and  
24 crime.

25 (d) Extending the hours of operation of establishments serving  
26 alcoholic beverages in a downtown entertainment district will not  
27 adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.

28 **Sec. 154.502. - Downtown Entertainment District boundary.**

29 The boundaries of the Downtown Entertainment District are shown  
30 on the Downtown Entertainment District Map below.  
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The Downtown Entertainment District includes all land within the NorthCore, Central Core and Sports and Entertainment Districts as set forth in Section 656.361.2 and described as set forth below:

*NorthCore District:* Beginning at the centerline of Broad Street and the centerline of State Street; thence easterly along the centerline of State Street to the centerline of Main Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Main Street to the centerline of Church Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Church Street to the centerline of Broad Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Broad Street to the point of beginning.

*Central Core District:* Beginning at the centerline of the St. Johns River and the centerline of the Acosta Bridge; thence run westerly along the centerline of the Acosta Bridge to the centerline of Broad Street; thence run northerly along the centerline of Broad Street to the centerline of Church Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Church Street to the centerline of Main Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Main Street to the centerline of Adams Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Adams Street to the center line of Liberty Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Liberty Street to the centerline of Bay Street; thence

1 easterly along the centerline of Bay Street for a distance of  
2 approximately 425 feet to the centerline of Washington Street as  
3 shown on the Official Map of Jacksonville dated March 5, 1877; thence  
4 proceeding southerly along the centerline of Washington Street as  
5 shown on the Official Map of Jacksonville dated March 5, 1877 to the  
6 St. Johns River; thence southerly along the prolongation of said  
7 centerline to the centerline of the St. Johns River; thence westerly  
8 along the centerline of the St. Johns River to the point of beginning.

9 *Sports and Entertainment District:* Beginning at the centerline  
10 of Liberty Street at the centerline of Adams Street; thence run  
11 southerly along the centerline of Liberty Street to the centerline  
12 of Bay Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Bay Street for  
13 a distance of approximately 425 feet to the centerline of Washington  
14 Street as shown on the Official Map of Jacksonville dated March 5,  
15 1877; thence proceeding southerly along the centerline of Washington  
16 Street to the St. Johns River; thence southerly along the along the  
17 prolongation of said centerline as shown on the Official Map of  
18 Jacksonville dated March 5, 1877 to the centerline of the St. Johns  
19 River; thence easterly along the centerline of the St. Johns River  
20 for a distance of approximately 6,800 feet to an imaginary line drawn  
21 by the prolongation of the centerline of Bryan Street southerly into  
22 the St. Johns River; thence northerly along that imaginary line drawn  
23 to the centerline of Bay Street; thence northerly along the centerline  
24 of Bryan Street to the center line of the Arlington Expressway; thence  
25 proceed westerly along the centerline of the Arlington Expressway to  
26 the centerline Hogan's Creek; thence southerly along the centerline  
27 of Hogan's Creek to the centerline of Adams Street; thence westerly  
28 along the centerline of Adam's Street to the point of beginning.

29 **Sec. 154.503. - Sale, consumption, and service times permitted.**

30 Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 154.301, the sale,  
31 consumption, and service of all alcoholic beverages in all

1 establishments licensed by the State to sell alcoholic beverages is  
2 permitted on Monday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 a.m. the  
3 following day, local time, for all licensed establishments within the  
4 Downtown Entertainment District.

5 **Section 3. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the  
6 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and  
7 division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth  
8 herein. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to  
9 make the Ordinance Code consistent with the intent of this legislation  
10 are approved and directed herein, and changes to the Ordinance Code  
11 shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

12 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
14 without the Mayor's signature.

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Dylan Reingold

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