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## **ORDINANCE 2023-549**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WAIVER OF MINIMUM DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LIQUOR LICENSE LOCATION WLD-23-13, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 AT 2695 POST STREET, BETWEEN KING STREET AND ACOSTA STREET (R.E. NO. 064199-0010), AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, OWNED BY BREWZSTEAD LLC, REQUESTING TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM DISTANCE FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE LOCATION FROM A CHURCH OR SCHOOL FROM 1,500 FEET TO 900 FEET FOR THE COLAB CAFE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, IN CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL/GENERAL-1 (CCG-1), AS DEFINED AND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; ZONING PROVIDING A DISCLAIMER THAT THE WAIVER GRANTED HEREIN SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN EXEMPTION FROM ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, an application for a waiver of minimum distance requirements for a liquor license location, Revised On File with the City Council Legislative Services Division, was filed by Raymond De Padua of The CoLab Cafe Limited Liability Company on behalf of the owner of property located in Council District 7 at 2695 Post Street, between King Street and Acosta Street (R.E. No. 064199-0010) (the "Subject Property"), requesting to reduce the minimum distance for a liquor license location from a church or school from 1,500 feet to 900 feet for The CoLab Cafe Limited Liability Company, in current

 zoning district Community Commercial/General-1 (CCG-1); and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has considered the application and all attachments thereto and has rendered an advisory recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Zoning Committee, after due notice held a public hearing and having duly considered both the testimonial and documentary evidence presented at the public hearing, has made its recommendation to the Council; and

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the above recommendations and all other evidence entered into the record and testimony taken at the public hearings, the Council finds that the waiver for minimum distance requirements from a church or school for a liquor license location may be granted if there exist one or more circumstances which negate the necessity for compliance with the distance requirements, including, but not limited to the following, and that application WLD-23-13 meets one or more of the following, or as otherwise stated in the record:

- (1) The commercial activity associated with the alcoholic beverage use is of a lesser intensity than the commercial activity associated with the alcoholic beverage use which previously existed; e.g., there has been a reduction in the number of seats or square footage or the type of license; or
- (2) The alcoholic beverage use is designed to be an integral part of a mixed planned unit development; or
- (3) The alcoholic beverage use is located within a shopping center with an aggregate gross leasable area of 50,000 square feet or more, inclusive of all outparcels and meets the definition of a "bona fide restaurant", as defined in Section 656.805(c); or
- (4) The alcoholic beverage use is not directly visible along the line of measurement defined in Section 656.806 and is physically separated from the church or school, thereby negating the distance

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requirement as a result of the extra travel time; or

(5) There are other existing liquor license locations of a similar nature in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location; provided, however, that no waiver shall be granted pursuant to this criterion if the proposed liquor license location is closer to the church or school than other existing locations; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville: Section 1. Adoption of Findings and Conclusions. Council has reviewed the record of proceedings and the Staff Report of the Planning and Development Department and held a public hearing concerning application for waiver of minimum distance requirements for liquor license location WLD-23-13. Based upon the competent, substantial evidence contained in the record, the Council hereby determines that the requested waiver meets the criteria for granting a waiver contained in Chapter 656, Ordinance Code. Therefore, Application WLD-23-13 is hereby approved.

Section 2. Owner and Description. The Subject Property is owned by Brewzstead LLC and is legally described in Exhibit 1, dated July 14, 2023, and graphically depicted in Revised Exhibit 2, both of which are attached hereto. The applicant is Raymond De Padua, The CoLab Cafe Limited Liability Company, 2695 Post Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32204; (904) 327-3616.

Section 3. Distribution Legislative by Services. Legislative Services is hereby directed to mail a copy of this legislation, as enacted, to the applicant and any other parties to this matter who testified before the Land Use and Zoning Committee or otherwise filed a qualifying written statement as defined in Section 656.140(c), Ordinance Code.

Section 4. Disclaimer. The waiver granted herein shall not be construed as an exemption from any other applicable local, state, or federal laws, regulations, requirements, permits or approvals.

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All other applicable local, state or federal permits or approvals shall be obtained before commencement of the development or use and issuance of this waiver of road frontage is based upon acknowledgement, representation and confirmation made by applicant(s), owner(s), developer(s) and/or any authorized agent(s) or designee(s) that the subject business, development and/or use will be operated in strict compliance with all laws. Issuance of this waiver does not approve, promote or condone any practice or act that is prohibited or restricted by any federal, state or local laws.

Section 5. **Effective Date.** The enactment of this Ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the City Council and shall become effective upon signature by the Council President and Council Secretary. Failure to exercise the waiver, if herein granted, by the commencement of the use or action herein approved within one (1) year of the effective date of this legislation shall render this waiver invalid and all rights arising therefrom shall terminate.

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos