

AN ORDINANCE

CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND BEER AND WINE AT PERMITTED OFF-PREMISES LOCATIONS ON SUNDAYS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY OF GREENVILLE.

WHEREAS, certain businesses located in the unincorporated areas of the County of Greenville (the "County") desire to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays so as to maintain competitiveness with other businesses in municipalities in the County that allow the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays;

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §61-6-2010(C)(4), a county council by ordinance is authorized to call for a referendum to be conducted at the next general election on the issue of allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, County Council desires to place the following referendum on the ballot at the next general election to be held on November 8, 2016.

BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Referendum. The Greenville County Election Commission is hereby directed to place the following question on the ballot at the next general election to be held on November 8, 2016, and to cause a notice to be published in the newspaper of general circulation at least seven (7) days before the referendum. The form of the question on the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall the South Carolina Department of Revenue be authorized to issue temporary permits in this county for a period not to exceed twenty-four hours to allow the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption-on-premises sales and to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales?"

Yes _____

No _____

Section 2. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Bob Taylor, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Theresa B. Kizer
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator