

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-27

COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR 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.

WHEREAS, certain businesses located in Cherokee County desire to sell beer/wine beverages and allow consumption on premises, on Sunday so as to maintain competitiveness with other counties and municipalities that allow the sale of beer/wine beverages and consumption on premises on Sunday;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Council (the "Council") has been informed and believes that Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises and off-premises consumption may allow local restaurants and businesses to remain competitive with restaurants and businesses in other counties and municipalities that allow the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday;

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code Ann. § 61-6-2010 provides methods to call for a referendum to place the question of authorizing the South Carolina Department of Revenue to issue temporary permits under 61-6-2010 which provides that businesses may sell, possess, and permit the consumption of beer and wine on the premises of businesses located in the limits of Cherokee County, SC on the ballot for a vote by qualified electors voting in the general election;

WHEREAS, the Council deems it appropriate that the citizens of the County be given the opportunity to determine this important issue because it relates to the economic development, hospitality, tourism and the health and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, County Council of Cherokee County, SC desires to call for a referendum by ordinance as provided for by South Carolina Code Ann. § 61-6-2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Council of Cherokee County hereby ordains that a referendum is hereby called for as provided for in the South Carolina Code Ann. § 61-6-2010(C)(4) and hereby request that the Cherokee County Election Commission placet the following question on the ballot at the next general election to be held on the November 4, 2025, to be voted on by all qualified voters. 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 Cherokee 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 otherwise 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?"

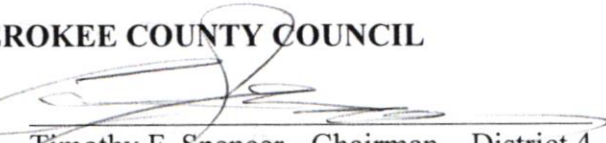
Yes _____ No _____

That the County Council of Cherokee County, SC request that the Cherokee County Election Commission hold the referendum in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina and place the above requested question on the next general election ballot for Cherokee County, SC on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, and that such Commission give public notice as required by the laws of the State of South Carolina including South Carolina Code Ann. § 61-6-2010.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHEROKEE COUNTY ON THIS **11th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.**

CHEROKEE COUNTY COUNCIL

By:

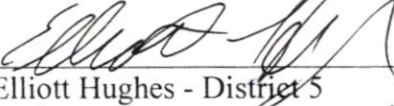

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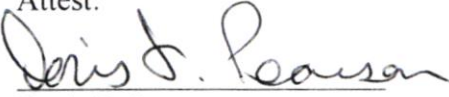

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Attest:


Doris F. Pearson
Master Clerk to Council

1st Reading: 7/21/25

2nd Reading: 7/22/25

Public Hearing: 8/11/25

3rd Reading: 8/11/25

2025-27 Referendum and Ballot Question – Sunday Alcohol Sales