

RESOLUTION NO. 21-4
JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
LICENSES FROM ORDER No. 21-03-09-03

Recitals

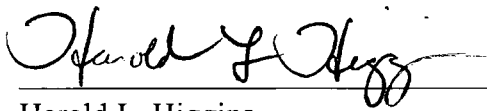
- A. Maryland Code, Alcoholic Beverages §§ 33-201, et seq. establishes the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County (the “Board”) and authorizes it to adopt and enforce regulations related to alcoholic beverages in the County.
- B. Maryland Code, Alcoholic Beverages § 33-1407 authorizes the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland (the “Commissioners”) to regulate alcoholic beverage licenses.
- C. On June 19, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan issued Order No. 21-03-09-03 extending the expiration date of all licenses issued by political subdivisions of the State of Maryland until 30 days after the current state of emergency ends.
- D. The Order allows the head of each unit of local government to exclude certain licenses.
- E. The Board and the Commissioners have determined that the exclusion of renewal of annual alcoholic beverage licenses is necessary to protect the public health, welfare, and safety and can be accomplished in a manner consistent with applicable guidelines.
- F. Renewal of annual alcoholic beverage licenses is necessary because it promotes the general welfare of its residents by controlling the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages. Proper oversight and regulation through the alcoholic beverage license process is particularly important in the COVID-19 atmosphere since executive orders have changed many of the long-standing limitations on the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Adequate oversight is enhanced by maintaining the annual licensing process.
- G. License renewal can be accomplished with in accordance with applicable guidelines by using appropriate social distancing, enhanced sanitation, and wearing masks and other personal protective equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland and the Board of License Commissioners that:

1. Renewal of annual alcoholic beverage licenses is necessary to protect public health, welfare, and safety.
2. Renewal of annual alcoholic beverage licenses can be accomplished by the Board in accordance with applicable guidance published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health.
3. Renewal of annual alcoholic beverage licenses will be excluded from the extension provided by Order No. 21-03-09-03.
4. All licenses will expire on June 1, 2021 unless otherwise renewed by the Board.
5. The Board and the Commissioners will provide reasonable public notice of the exclusion.

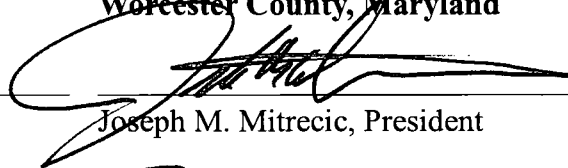
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2021:

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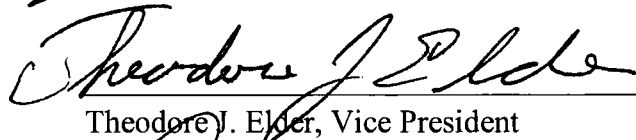


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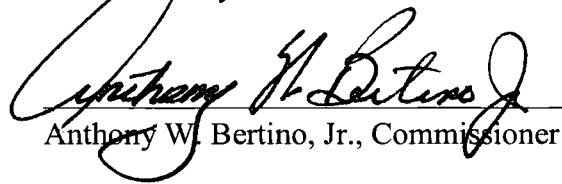
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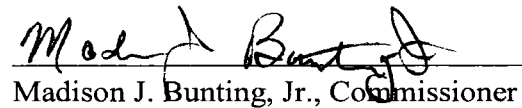
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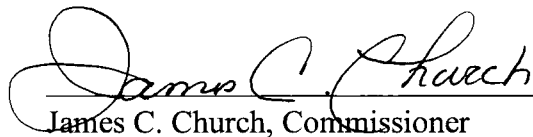
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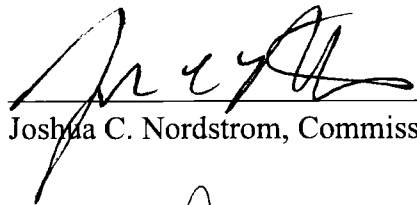
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Madison J. Bunting, Jr., Commissioner



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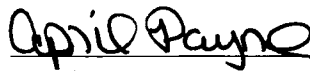
Joshua C. Nordstrom, Commissioner



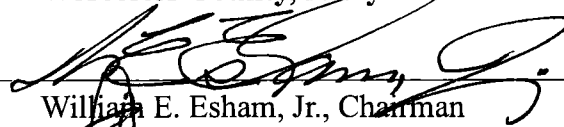
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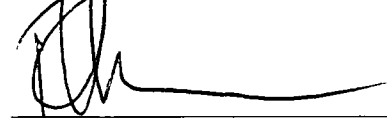
**Board of License Commissioners for
Worcester County, Maryland**



April Payne
Chief Administrative Officer



William E. Esham, Jr., Chairman



R. Charles Nichols, Board Member



Marty W. Pusey, Board Member