



**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2023**

**An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 130 Of the Lowell Code of Ordinances Entitled**

**“General Offenses”**

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 155, entitled “An Act to Make Various Changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Laws”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Ratified Senate Bill 155 authorizes city and county governments to adopt an ordinance to allow alcohol sales beginning at 10 am on Sundays; and

**WHEREAS**, Ratified Senate Bill 155 was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on the 30th day of June, 2017 and became effective on that date (Session Law 2017, Chapter 87); and

**WHEREAS**, by enacting Senate Bill 155, North Carolina joins 47 other States in allowing alcohol service before noon on Sunday; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunday morning alcohol service will allow the hospitality community and retail merchants in our community to meet the needs of their customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunday morning alcohol service will benefit our small business community, bring people into business districts earlier in the day, and generate increased tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, our community has a diverse and growing population with different religious beliefs, each of which has various times and multiple days for worship;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Lowell, North Carolina that:

**Section 130.25.** Chapter 130 “General Offenses” Section 130.25 is hereby added to read as follows:

**Section 130.25 – Sunday Sales of Alcoholic Beverages before Noon on Sundays**


(A) Pursuant to the authority granted by S.L. 2017-87 any establishment located in the corporate limits of the City of Lowell and holding an ABC permit issued pursuant to G.S. 18B - 1001 is permitted to sell beverages allowed by its permit beginning at 10 A.M. on Sundays.

(B). All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Adopted the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023

  
Sandy Railey  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cheryl Ramsey  
City Clerk