

ORDINANCE NO. 1593

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUSTON,
REGARDING THE HOURS OF SALE OF LIQUOR,
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1585 TO REMOVE
THE SUNSET CLAUSE AT SECTION 3 TO MAKE
PERMANENT THE CHANGES TO RUSTON
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.02.010; PROVIDING
FOR SEVERABILITY AND CORRECTIONS; AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Ruston had been experiencing an increase in incidents related to public intoxication, leading to disruptions of the public peace, offenses of public urination and assault, damage to property, littering, driving under the influence, speeding, and general disregard for other local laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that it was in the public interest, health, and safety to pass legislation in an effort to reduce the impacts of public intoxication on the community; and

WHEREAS, after much study, public comment and careful consideration, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 1585 which updated RMC 9.02.010 and limited the hours in Ruston where liquor could be sold; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Ordinance No. 1585 was with the goal of reducing the effects of public intoxication on the larger community; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1585 contained a “sunset clause” (Section 3) which stated that “Unless the City Council passes an ordinance extending or amending this Ordinance No. 1585, this Ordinance shall expire and no longer be in effect as of November 16, 2025, at 6:00 AM”; and

WHEREAS, during the time since the passage of Ordinance No. 1585, the City has enjoyed improved quality of life without the loss of significant revenue from late-night liquor

sales; and

WHEREAS, the Ruston City Council finds that the passage of this Ordinance supports and furthers the interest in the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, by a vote of a majority plus one of the Ruston City Council, the Council waived first reading of this Ordinance on November 4, 2025, moved straight into Second Reading, and adopted this Ordinance at Second Reading on November 4, 2025; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The findings and recitals set forth above are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 1585 is hereby amended as follows:

A. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1585 “Sunset of Legislation” is hereby repealed. Thus, Ordinance No. 1585 shall become permanently effective as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or unconstitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

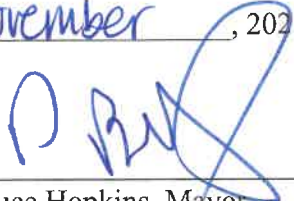
Section 5. Corrections. Upon the approval of the city attorney, and/or the city clerk, the code publisher is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this ordinance,

including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance number, section/subsection, and any reference thereto.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the City council of the City of Ruston and attested by the City Clerk in authentication of such passage on this 4th day of November, 2025.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 4th day of November, 2025.



Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Mario Ortega, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jennifer S. Robertson, City Attorney

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