

**An Ordinance To Allow the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Before Noon on Sundays at Licensed Premises**

**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 county to meet the needs of their customers; and

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

**WHEREAS**, our County 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 Board of Commissioners of Lenoir County, North Carolina that:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to the authority contained in G.S. 153A – 145.7, the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages is allowed in Lenoir County beginning at 10 A.M. on Sunday pursuant to the licensed premises’ permit issued under G.S 18B – 1001.

**Section 2.** This ordinance is effective on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

Craig Hill  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vickie King, Clerk

