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<b>Version:</b> 1	<b>Reference:</b>	<b>Controlling Body:</b> ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
<b>Lead Referral:</b> ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>File Created Date :</b> 01/10/2018
<b>File Name:</b> Establishing a moratorium on issuance of new alcohol licenses in a high density, high police call area in downtown Madison.		<b>Final Action:</b>
<b>Title:</b> Establishing a moratorium on issuance of new alcohol licenses in a high density, high police call area in downtown Madison.		

**Notes:** Introduction by Title Only

**Code Sections:**

**CC Agenda Date:** 01/16/2018

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**Agenda Number:**

**Sponsors:** Paul R. Soglin

**Effective Date:**

**Attachments:** Map, Alcohol License Moratorium Area\_Density Map With Establishments.pdf

**Enactment Number:**

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**Hearing Date:**

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### Approval History

Version	Date	Approver	Action
1	02/01/2018	Travis J. Martin	Approve

### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Attorney's Office	01/10/2018	Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Action Text:</b>	This Resolution was Referred for Introduction					
	<b>Notes:</b>	Alcohol License Review Committee, Public Safety Review Committee, Common Council Executive Committee					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	01/16/2018	Refer	ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE			Pass

	<b>Action Text:</b>	A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Baldeh, to Refer to the ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.				
	<b>Notes:</b>	Additional referrals to Public Safety Review Committee, Common Council Executive Committee.				
1	ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE	01/16/2018	Refer	PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE		
	<b>Action Text:</b>	This Resolution was Refer to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE				
	<b>Notes:</b>					
1	ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE	01/16/2018	Refer	COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
	<b>Action Text:</b>	This Resolution was Refer to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE				
	<b>Notes:</b>					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	02/06/2018	Add Referral(s)			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	This Resolution was Add Referral(s)				
	<b>Notes:</b>	Additional referrals to Downtown Coordinating Committee, Economic Development Committee, Equal Opportunities Commission				
1	ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE	02/07/2018	Refer	DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE		
	<b>Action Text:</b>	This Resolution was Refer to the DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE				
	<b>Notes:</b>					
1	ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE	02/07/2018	Refer	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		
	<b>Action Text:</b>	This Resolution was Refer to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE				
	<b>Notes:</b>					
1	ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE	02/07/2018	Refer	EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION		
	<b>Action Text:</b>	This Resolution was Refer to the EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION				
	<b>Notes:</b>					
1	PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE	02/14/2018	Refer	PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE	03/14/2018	
	<b>Action Text:</b>	Alder Zellers made a motion to refer agenda item# 50110 to the March PSRC meeting. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. The committee unanimously voted in favor. It was shared Alders have been discussing a companion resolution to establish an ad hoc committee that would focus on alcohol and violence and would be able to look at root causes and address issues.				
1	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	02/21/2018	Referred	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	03/21/2018	Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	A motion was made by Staniszewski, seconded by Morton, to Referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, due back on 3/21/2018. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5 Frank Staniszewski; Wayne R. Harris; Mark R. Greene; Patricia (Pat) A. Schramm and Marianne S. Morton Recused: 1 Susan M. Bulgrin Excused: 4 Rebecca Kemble; Craig P. Stanley; Steve King and Denise DeMarb				
1	ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE	02/21/2018	Refer	ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE		Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	A motion was made by Verveer, seconded by Donnelly, to Refer to the ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.				

**Notes:**

1 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES 03/08/2018 Re-refer ECONOMIC Pass  
COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

**Action Text:** Commissioner Madden motioned for this item to be referred to the meeting following their retreat. The commission is seeking for some data from the Mayor's office regarding who are the people beign detained and who are those being affected. The motion was seconded by Badsing, and passed via voice vote.

1 PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW 03/14/2018 Re-refer PUBLIC SAFETY 04/11/2018  
COMMITTEE REVIEW  
COMMITTEE

**Action Text:** Alder Zellers made a motion to re-refer to the April meeting. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. The request was to discuss in April as there are other moving parts to the resolution. Waiting to April will allow more time to have all of the information available before discussing and forwarding decisions on the resolution. The committee voted unanimsouly in favor of re-referring to the April meeting.

1 ALCOHOL LICENSE 03/21/2018 Refer ALCOHOL Pass  
REVIEW COMMITTEE LICENSE REVIEW  
COMMITTEE

**Action Text:** A motion was made by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Cano Ospina, to Refer to the ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**Notes:**

1 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES 05/10/2018  
COMMISSION

1 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES 06/14/2018  
COMMISSION

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**Text of Legislative File 50110**

**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal note pending.

**Title**

Establishing a moratorium on issuance of new alcohol licenses in a high density, high police call area in downtown Madison.

**Body**

WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of and concentration of bars, taverns, restaurants, and other establishments that serve alcohol in the downtown Madison area; and,

WHEREAS, that concentration has led to increasing numbers of violent fights and injuries, particularly at closing time for the bars and taverns, and particularly on weekends; and,

WHEREAS, videos of incidents show violent fighting between inebriated persons, between inebriated and sober persons, with injuries to them and to innocent bystanders watching the crowds, who are sometimes attacked, and incidents between all persons congregating outside bars and taverns and the Madison Police Department officers, all of which show the extreme risk of injury to citizens, residents and MPD officers; and,

WHEREAS, the City has not adopted a policy to deal with the problems caused by excessive consumption of alcohol, the density of bars and taverns, and the risk to MPD officers and other persons in the downtown area; and,

WHEREAS, the increasing number of calls to MPD for incidents in the downtown area often means other areas of the City have fewer MPD officers available, especially on weekends when

there may be a greater need for officers; and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown the health and social impacts of excessive consumption of alcohol extend beyond the users to others in the area impacted; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to develop long term policies and solutions to the problems presented by the density of bars, taverns, restaurants and other places serving alcohol beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison Common Council adopts a moratorium on issuance of new alcohol licenses in Downtown Madison, as set forth in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the area of "Downtown Madison" as used in this ordinance is the area encompassed by the following boundaries: Commencing at the corner of Lake Street and Langdon Street, thence along Langdon Street to Carroll Street, thence along Carroll Street to Dayton Street, thence along Dayton Street to the intersection of Dayton, State and Fairchild Streets, thence along Fairchild Street to West Washington Avenue, thence along West Washington Avenue to Regent Street, thence along Regent Street to Monroe Street, thence along Monroe Street to Randall Avenue, thence along Randall Avenue to Dayton Street, thence along Dayton Street to Lake Street, thence along Lake Street to the point of beginning (this area being represented in a map attached); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all references to streets and avenues in this resolution includes both sides of the street or avenue; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council finds that due to the problems described in this Resolution, issuing new licenses for the sale of alcohol at retail, whether for consumption on or off the premises, in Downtown Madison is contrary to the public health, safety and welfare, unless done in compliance with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that within Downtown Madison, no expansion of the premises of any existing licensee for the sale of alcohol will be issued, other than a vertical expansion, until such time as this Resolution is repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this moratorium does not apply to any license issued in connection with the construction or alteration of a hotel or other lodging house in Downtown Madison, which issuance is subject to approval of the Madison Alcohol License Review Committee (ALRC) and the Common Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that his moratorium does not apply to the transfer of an existing license or a new license sought in connection with the sale of a business that had a license in Downtown Madison, which transfer or issuance is subject to approval of the ALRC and the Common Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this moratorium will remain in effect for 6 months, and will automatically renew for an additional 6-month period or periods thereafter, until such time as the Council adopts policies to deal with the issues set out in this Resolution, at which time this Resolution may be repealed.