AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF ROCKDALE COUNTY GEORGIA TO ALLOW FOR SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOL FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISE OF A LICENSED LOCATION BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM ON SUNDAYS; TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM; TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Rockdale County, Georgia is charged with providing for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners was authorized by a referendum approved by a majority of the voters on November 4, 1986 to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premise on Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight); and

WHEREAS, the County is currently authorized to regulate the sales of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premise of a licensed location in the County, and

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 3-3-7(j.1) (1), requires the local governing authority to pass a Resolution or Ordinance calling for a referendum on the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premise of a licensed location on Sundays for an additional hour and a half from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. (midnight) in any local jurisdiction that desires to; and

WHEREAS, the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners desires to authorize a referendum be placed before the citizens of unincorporated Rockdale County to determine whether the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premise of licensed establishments on Sundays for an additional hour and a half during the period of 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. shall be allowed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to amend the Rockdale County Code to provide for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption between the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and desires to place the question for referendum on the upcoming election ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Election Superintendent shall issue the call for referendum in all aspects complying with the Georgia Election Code and Senate Bill 17.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Elections Superintendent shall cause the following language to be written or printed on the ballot:

( ) YES Shall the governing authority of Rockdale County, Georgia, be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.?

( ) NO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon the passage of the referendum by approval by a majority of the voters on the May 19, 2020 Special Election ballot, the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premise of licensed establishments on Sundays for an additional hour and a half during the time period of 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon approval of the referendum authorizing Rockdale County to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premise of licensed establishments on Sunday for an additional hour and a half during the time period of 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the Code of Rockdale County is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1

That Chapter 10 – Alcoholic Beverages, Article II – Sale, Division 4. Consumption on the Premise, Section 10-135.- Hours of Operation, is hereby amended to read:

(a) Malt beverages, vinous liquors or distilled spirits may be sold for consumption on the premise:

(1) Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. of the following morning on Monday through Friday,

(2) Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and 1:00 am of the following Sunday morning with each and every customer being required to vacate the premise by 2:00 a.m. of said Sunday morning; and

(3) Between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on Sunday.

Section 2

That all ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3

That this Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This 28th day of January, 2020.

ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Oz Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman

Sherri L. Washington, Esq., Commissioner Post I

Dr. Doreen Williams, Commissioner Post II
Attest:
By: 
  Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to form:
By: 
  M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney

First reading: 11/20/2020
Second reading: Waived
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**GEN PRIMARY/ NONPARTISAN/SPECIAL ELECTION May 19, 2020**

- Jurisdiction requesting Special Election (BOC, School Board, City of Conyers) Adopt resolution requesting Board of Elections to call a special election. Also, immediately notify Board of Elections: February 4, 2020
- Board of Elections hold meeting to adopt resolution calling special election: No Later than February 5, 2020
- Send Notice of Call to Paper: No Later than February 6, 2020
- Call Appear in the legal organ. Note: first day of publication is considered the Call Date (at least 90 days before the election § 21-2-540): February 12, 2020 (NLT 2/19)
- Candidate Qualifying Period: 9am, Mar 2 – Noon, Mar 6
- Submit final question/candidates to Ballot Builder: NLT March 9
- Verify Ballot Proofs & Return Changes to SOS: NLT March 12
- Ballot Builder send ballot order to ballot printer: NLT March 16
- Receive Absentee Ballots: NLT March 23
- Absentee /Early Voting Period: Mail: Mar 31 In-Person: Apr 27 Ends: May 15
- Voter Registration Deadline: April 20
- Election Superintendent Publish date and purpose of the election once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the election §21-2-45.1: Apr 22, Apr 29, May 6, May 13
- Election Date: May 19, 2020
- Board of Elections Certify Election (No Later Than the 2nd Friday after the election): NLT May 29, 2020

**GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION Nov 3, 2020**

- No Later than: July 14, 2020
- No Later than: July 16, 2020
- July 22, 2020
- July 29, 2020 (NLT 8/5)
- N/A
- NLT Aug 3
- NLT Aug 17
- NLT Aug 20
- NLT Sept 8
- Mail: Sept 15 In-Person: Oct 12 Ends: Oct 30
- Oct 5
- Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28
- November 3, 2020
- NLT November 13, 2020