

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

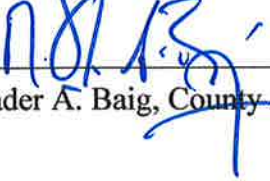


Dr. Doreen Williams, Commissioner Post II

Attest:

By: 
Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

By: 
M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney

First reading: 1/28/2020

Second reading: waived



ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION
2020 SPECIAL ELECTION TIMELINE
PRESENT A QUESTION TO THE VOTERS
AS OF December 20, 2019

ELECTION	ELECTION DATE	VOTER REG. DEADLINE	MAIL VOTING PERIOD	IN-PERSON VOTING PERIOD	SATURDAY IN-PERSON VOTING
Federal/General Primary and Nonpartisan <i>Qualifying</i> 9 am, March 2 – Noon, March 6	May 19, 2020	April 20, 2020	Mar 31 – May 15	April 27 – May 15	May 9
General Election	Nov 3, 2020	Oct 5, 2020	Sept 15 – Oct 30	Oct 12 – Oct 30	Oct 24

	GEN PRIMARY/ NONPARTISAN/SPECIAL ELECTION May 19, 2020	GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION Nov 3, 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	No Later than: July 14, 2020
Board of Elections hold meeting to adopt resolution calling special election	No Later than February 5, 2020	No Later than: July 16, 2020
Send Notice of Call to Paper	No Later than February 6, 2020	July 22, 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)	July 29, 2020 (NLT 8/5)
Candidate Qualifying Period	9am, Mar 2 – Noon, Mar 6	N/A
Submit final question/candidates to Ballot Builder	NLT March 9	NLT Aug 3
Verify Ballot Proofs & Return Changes to SOS	NLT March 12	NLT Aug 17
Ballot Builder send ballot order to ballot printer	NLT March 16	NLT Aug 20
Receive Absentee Ballots	NLT March 23	NLT Sept 8
Absentee /Early Voting Period	Mail: Mar 31 In-Person: Apr 27 Ends: May 15	Mail: Sept 15 In-Person: Oct 12 Ends: Oct 30
Voter Registration Deadline	April 20	Oct 5
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	Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28
Election Date	May 19, 2020	November 3, 2020
Board of Elections Certify Election (No Later Than the 2nd Friday after the election)	NLT May 29, 2020	NLT November 13, 2020