

1 Introduced by Council Member J. Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-817**

5 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT
6 FOR LOCAL BILL J-2, TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DUVAL
7 COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, WHICH WOULD AMEND
8 CHAPTER 87-471, LAWS OF FLORIDA, AS AMENDED BY
9 CHAPTERS 2011-255, 2016-248, 2017-213, 2022-11
10 259, 2023-342, AND 2025-243, LAWS OF FLORIDA,
11 CREATING THE "PEARL SQUARE OPEN CONTAINER
12 DISTRICT" (THE "DISTRICT") AND PROVIDING AN
13 EXCEPTION TO GENERAL LAW FOR LICENSED ALCOHOLIC
14 BEVERAGE VENDORS LOCATED WITHIN SAID DISTRICT
15 THAT AUTHORIZES PATRONS TO REMOVE ALCOHOLIC
16 BEVERAGES FROM LICENSED VENDOR PREMISES FOR
17 CONSUMPTION WITHIN DESIGNATED COMMON AREAS OF
18 THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE STATE J-BILL
19 PROCESS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL
20 PROPONENT; DIRECTING THE DUVAL DELEGATION
21 COORDINATOR TO FORWARD TO CIVIC PLUS A COPY OF
22 ANY SPECIAL ACT OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT
23 WOULD EFFECTUATE THIS REQUEST; PROVIDING AN
24 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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26 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

27 **Section 1. Support of Local Bill J-2.** The Council hereby
28 expresses its support for Local Bill J-2 to be considered by the
29 Duval County Legislative Delegation for the 2027 State Legislative
30 Session. Said Local Bill J-2 would amend Chapter 87-471, Laws of
31 Florida, as amended by Chapters 2011-255, 2016-248, 2017-213, and

1 2022-259, 2023-342, and 2025-243, Laws of Florida, to create the
2 "Pearl Square Open Container District" (the "District") in the City
3 of Jacksonville so as to provide an exception to the Beverage Law as
4 defined in Section 561.01(6), *Florida Statutes*, authorizing the
5 holder of any alcoholic beverage vendor license that permits sales
6 of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, and for which
7 the designated premises of such license are located on any property
8 within the District, to allow patrons to remove any alcoholic beverage
9 in an open container from the licensed vendor premises for purposes
10 of consumption away from the licensed vendor premises within the
11 District. Such licensed alcoholic beverage vendors located within the
12 District shall be authorized to allow patrons to remove alcoholic
13 beverages from the licensed vendor premises regardless of the class,
14 type, or series of license held and without the need for additional
15 licensure or approval by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and
16 Tobacco. A true and correct copy of said Local Bill J-2 is attached
17 hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

18 **Section 2. State J-Bill Process and Responsibilities of**
19 **Local Proponent.** The House of Representatives sponsor will deliver
20 Local Bill J-2 to House Bill Drafting. The local proponent will be
21 responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Bill Filing
22 Manual including, but not limited to, advertising and public hearing
23 requirements. The Duval Delegation Local Bill hearing will occur on
24 November 13, 2026, in the City Council Chamber.

25 **Section 3. Directing the Duval Delegation Coordinator to**
26 **Forward to Civic Plus a Copy of Any Special Act of the State**
27 **Legislature Which Effectuates this Request.** The Duval Delegation
28 Coordinator is hereby directed to forward to Civic Plus, formerly
29 known as "Municode," a copy of any state law change in the 2027 State
30 Legislative Session that effectuates this request so that, if
31 approved, the new law shall also be placed in Part B - Related Laws,

1 of the Charter and Related Laws of the City of Jacksonville so it can
2 be catalogued with other changes affecting the City of Jacksonville
3 approved by special act of the Legislature.

4 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
5 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
6 without the Mayor's signature.

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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CHAPTER 2027-____

House Bill No.: _____

An act relating to the City of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida; amending ch. 87-471, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing an exception to general law for licensed alcoholic beverage vendors located within a specified area of the City of Jacksonville; authorizing patrons to remove alcoholic beverages from licensed vendor premises for consumption within designated common areas of the development; providing that licensed alcoholic beverage vendors within the specified area must comply with all ordinances, statutes, and rules not inconsistent with specified provisions; defining the specified area of the City of Jacksonville to which such exception applies; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage Law as defined in s. 561.01(6), Florida Statutes, the holder of any alcoholic beverage vendor license that permits sales of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, and for which the designated premises of such license are located on any property within the Pearl Square Open Container District of the City of Jacksonville, shall be authorized to allow patrons to remove any alcoholic beverage in an open container from the licensed vendor premises for purposes of consumption away from the licensed vendor premises within the district. Such licensed alcoholic beverage vendors located within the district shall be authorized to allow patrons to remove alcoholic beverages from the licensed vendor premises regardless of the class, type, or series of license held and without the need for additional licensure or approval by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. This act does not authorize a patron to bring an alcoholic beverage purchased outside the district into the district.

Section 2. The holder of any alcoholic beverage vendor license located within the district shall comply with all other local ordinances, state alcoholic beverage laws, and rules of the division not inconsistent herewith.

Section 3. For the purposes of this act, the Pearl Square Open Container District means all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 57, as depicted on Harts Map of Jacksonville, Recorded in Deed Book "Y", Pages 428 and 429 of the former public records of Duval County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 Block 57, as depicted on Harts Map of Jacksonville, recorded in Deed Book "Y", pages 428 and 429, of the former Public Records of Duval County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Beginning, commence at the Northeast corner of Lot 6, Block 57, as depicted on said Harts Map of Jacksonville, said corner lying on the Southerly right of way line of Ashley Street, a 70 foot right of way and the Westerly right of way line of Julia Street, a 70 foot right of way, both as presently established;

thence South 14°21'32" West, departing said Southerly right of way line of Ashley Street and along the Westerly right of way line of said Julia Street of said Harts Map of Jacksonville, a distance of 209.69 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 3, said corner lying on the Northerly right of way line of Church Street, a 70 foot right of way as presently established and said Westerly right of way line;

thence North 75°27'02" West, departing said Westerly right of way line and along said Northerly right of way line, 317.62 feet to a point lying on the Easterly right of way line of Pearl Street, a 60 foot right of way as presently established, said point being the Southwest corner of said Lot 1;

thence North 14°30'11" East, departing said Northerly right of way line and along said Easterly right of way line, 208.14 feet to a point lying on said Southerly right of way line of Ashley Street, said point being the Northwest corner of said Lot 4;

thence South 75°43'47" East, departing said Easterly right of way line and along said Southerly right of way line, 317.10 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.