

**RESOLUTION 20-05**

**A RESOLUTION FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL REQUESTING THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX REVENUES**

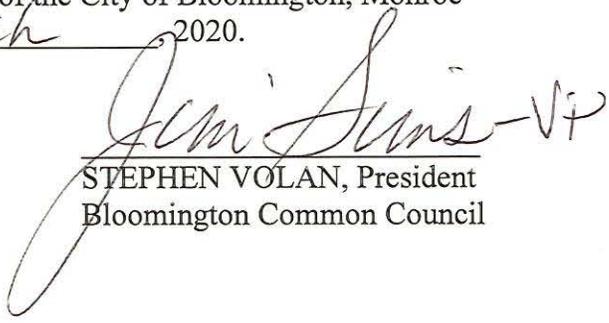
- WHEREAS, both national and state governments have declared that a public health emergency exists due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-04, which, among other actions, ordered food service establishments to close to in-person patrons; and
- WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-08, which, among other actions, ordered all non-essential businesses to close as well; and
- WHEREAS, such closures have created and will continue to create financial hardships on such establishments and businesses within the City of Bloomington; and
- WHEREAS, the food and beverage industry, along with tourism-related businesses, are critical to the attraction of conventions and tourism to the City of Bloomington; and
- WHEREAS, city food and beverage tax revenues are derived from establishments impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting state-ordered closures; and
- WHEREAS, according to Indiana Code § 6-9-41-15, “money deposited in the city food and beverage tax receipts fund may be used only to finance, construct, operate, or maintain a convention center, a conference center, or related tourism or economic development projects;” and
- WHEREAS, the Common Council concludes that the support of these enterprises and their employees is both necessary for the viability of this sector of the local economy and consistent with the statutory purposes set forth above; and
- WHEREAS, according to Indiana Code § 6-9-41-16(b), the Common Council, as legislative body of the City, “must request the advisory commission's recommendations concerning the expenditure of any food and beverage tax funds collected under this chapter... [and]... may not adopt any ordinance or resolution requiring the expenditure of food and beverage tax collected under this chapter without the approval, in writing, of a majority of the members of the advisory commission.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

The Common Council, under Indiana Code § 6-9-41-16(b), hereby requests the Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission to consider and adopt written recommendations regarding expenditures from the City’s portion of food and beverage tax revenues in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.

The City would use such funds to support food and beverage establishments, other businesses that promote tourism, and employees of such establishments and businesses within the City of Bloomington. Such support may include, but is not limited to, grants and/or an interest free loan program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
STEPHEN VOLAN, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Sofia McDowell  
~~NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk~~ Sofia McDowell, Chief Deputy Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 27 day of March, 2020.

Sofia McDowell  
~~NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk~~ Sofia McDowell, Chief Deputy Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution is a request from the Common Council for the Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission to recommend expenditures of Food and Beverage Tax revenues toward the support of food and beverage service or tourism-related establishments and their employees within the City of Bloomington

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