AGENDA

Independence City Commission

July 14, 2020

Civic Center Memorial Hall 6:00 PM

To participate by conference call:
1 785-289-4727 Conference ID: 519 670 744#

I. SPECIAL SESSION

Documents:

NOTICE - SPEC COMM MTG NOTICE - JULY 14 2020-SIGNED.PDF

A. Call To Order

II. DISCUSSION

A. Public Forum Regarding Whether Or Not To Adopt An Ordinance Expanding The Sale At Retail Of Cereal Malt Beverage And Alcoholic Liquor On Sundays.

Documents:

SUNDAY SALES-07142020.PDF

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. For The Purpose Of Reviewing And Considering City Manager Applications.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the board of commissioners of the City of Independence, Kansas, will be held in the Civic Center of the Memorial Hall, Penn and Chestnut, Independence, Kansas, at 6:00 p.m., on July 14, 2020, for the following purpose (s):

Discussion

A. Public forum regarding whether or not to adopt an ordinance expanding the sale at retail of cereal malt beverage and alcohol liquor on Sundays.

Executive Session

A. For the purpose of reviewing and considering City Manager applications.

PLEASE NOTE:

To participate by conference call:

+1 785-289-4727 United States, Topeka (Toll)
Conference ID: 519 670 744#

Date: July 14, 2020

Kelly Passauer
Kelly Passauer, Acting City Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE
I, Kelly Passauer, the duly appointed, qualified and Acting City Manager of the City of Independence, do hereby certify that on this 14th day of July 2020, I served a true copy of the Notice of Special Meeting on each and every member of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Independence in the manner provided by law.

Date: July 14, 2020

Kelly Passauer
Kelly Passauer, Acting City Manager

WAIVER OF REGULAR NOTICE OF AND CONSENT TO SPECIAL MEETING
We, the undersigned members of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Independence do hereby accept service of the notice of special meeting waiving any and all irregularities in such service and in such notice and consent and agree that the said members of said Board of Commissioners shall meet at the time and place named in such notice and for the purpose stated therein.

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Mayor

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

PUBLIC FORUM
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
July 14, 2020

Department Administration **Director Approval** Kelly Passauer

AGENDA ITEM Public Forum regarding whether or not to adopt an ordinance expanding the sale at retail of cereal malt beverage and alcoholic liquor on Sundays.

BACKGROUND The Commission previously set the date for a public forum for July 14, 2020 at 6 PM regarding whether or not to adopt an ordinance expanding the sale at retail of cereal malt beverage and alcoholic liquor on Sundays. After the public forum, City staff will place this item on the July 23, 2020 agenda for further consideration and possible action.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. May 14, 2020 RCA
2. Ordinance prepared by the City Attorney
3. Facebook comments
4. Correspondence received

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
May 14, 2020

Department Administration **Director Approval** Kelly Passauer

AGENDA ITEM Consider an ordinance expanding the sale at retail of cereal malt beverage and alcoholic liquor on Sundays.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Adopt the ordinance.

BACKGROUND Previously the City Commission has discussed opening up the sale of cereal malt beverage and alcoholic liquor on Sundays. At that time the Commission requested to receive feedback from business owners. We have heard through Main Street that there is interest from some business owners to allow for Sunday sales. There are other business owners who have indicated they prefer not to be open on Sundays, as this would increase their overhead. However, this ordinance would not mandate that they be open on Sundays. By adopting this ordinance it provides the option to business owners to sell alcohol on Sundays if they so choose.

The ordinance would expand the sale at retail of cereal malt beverage in the original package to include any Sunday, except Easter, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM; and it would expand the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor in the original package to include any Sunday, except Easter, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM, and on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

Once the ordinance is adopted it is required to be published once per week for two consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper. The ordinance does not go into effect until 60 days after its publication if a valid petition is not filed. If a valid petition is filed it must be placed on the ballot for a public vote.

BUDGET IMPACT The City receives sales tax and liquor tax from the sale of alcohol. By adopting this ordinance it would reduce the leakage caused by those that travel to neighboring cities to purchase cereal malt beverages or alcohol on Sundays.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to adopt an ordinance expanding the sale at retail of cereal malt beverage and alcoholic liquor on Sundays.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS Ordinance prepared by the City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An Ordinance Expanding the Sale at Retail of Cereal Malt Beverage and Alcoholic Liquor on Sundays

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas:

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 41-2911, the sale at retail of cereal malt beverage in the original package is hereby expanded to include any Sunday, except Easter, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 P.M.

Section 2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 41-2911, the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor in the original package is hereby expanded to include any Sunday, except Easter, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 P.M., and on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be published once per week for two consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper. The Ordinance shall then not become effective earlier than sixty (60) days following the date of its publication. If, within sixty (60) days following publication of this Ordinance, a petition is submitted according to law, this Ordinance shall not become effective until the proposition is submitted to and approved at an election conducted in accordance with applicable Kansas statutes. Upon the expiration of sixty (60) days following publication, if no petition has been submitted as permitted by law, this Ordinance shall take effect.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas, on the 14th day of May, 2020.

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LEONHARD CAFLISCH, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DAVID W. SCHWENKER, City Clerk

Comments on May 14, 2020 Facebook Live Commission Meeting

Debbie Dunlap · 32:00 Just because liquor is approved for sale on Sunday in Independence liquor stores , does not mean all individual liquor stores have to open them on Sunday. It should be up to the individual owner.

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Tammy Good · 42:56 Charley Hixon exactly. I guess we will still drive to Neodesha and get groceries, gas and visit Bly's

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Amanda Melle · 44:30 Indy you are loosing more money by not doing Sunday sales people will always go to there favorite places

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Tammy Good · 44:43 True story

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Charley Hixon · 58:41 But they aren't being told what to do, they all have a choice (if Sunday sales passes) of whether or not they choose to open on Sunday..

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Charley Hixon · 24:30 Commission, dont shoot us all in the foot... bring us into 2020 and not leave us back in 1965

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Mike Branstine · 29:08 have all the people off in other businesses now work on Sundays

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Charley Hixon · 45:57 So the commission works for 3 or four liquor stores and not the entire population of the city?
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Amanda Melle · 17:45 Looks like it how crappy is that
Like · Reply · 1w

T Lumley Overton · 46:31 Yep
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Amanda Melle · 33:07 Lots of people drive to Oklahoma on Sunday or go to other counties to get it
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Charley Hixon · 1:00:01 " I'm sure if you were a business owner you wouldn't want to be told what do. "
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Melinda Miller · 1:09:38 I'm glad you got a laugh...
Like · Reply · 1w

Reply as City of Independence Kansas

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Charley Hixon · 31:16 Then spend your time with your family.. just dont try to dictate what others wish to do with theirs..
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Melinda Miller · 36:10 Consumers can be impatient.
Like · Reply · 1w

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Timothy Patrick Hardy · 42:54 Seems like an awful lot of work to restrict options for businesses
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Comments on May 14, 2020 Facebook Live Commission Meeting

Jeremy Hallett · 0:00 I dont know for sure but I would assume that no one commenting on this post works 14hrs a day 7days a week 365 days a year and I sure dont want to either.

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Joshua Hirschenhofer · 25:04 Allow our business owners to draw business from walmart

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Melinda Miller · 30:42 Maybe they need to speak with the owners and table it.

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Amanda Melle · 46:19 How can everyone attend when it's still no groups larger then 10

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Charley Hixon · 1:02:45 minus Ricks BBQ Mr Mayor..

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Melinda Miller · 46:08 Charley it is their business not yours.

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Charley Hixon · 49:47 The commission represents us all, or at least they are supposed to

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T Lumley Overton · 44:18 I would think they would want to keep the business here..

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Melinda Miller · 42:00 Charley Hixon, it's not that easy.

Like · Reply · 1w · 1

Mike Branstine · 29:50 I like my Sundays off to be with family

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Comments on May 14, 2020 Facebook Live Commission Meeting

Teressa Henry Kolb · 1:03:04 Shouldn't they have had that stuff already printed?
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Melinda Miller · 28:45 No, Tammy Good. Dont need open.
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JeffJo Rinne · It seems to me one could plan ahead and buy all the alcohol you need on Saturday maybe. Just a thought.
Like · Reply · 1w

Teressa Henry Kolb · 13:41 They go to Neodesha on Sunday
Like · Reply · 1w
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Mike Branstine · 32:34 we are at present closed on Sundays
Like · Reply · 1w

Melinda Miller · 24:13 We dont need them open on Sunday
Like · Reply · 1w

T Lumley Overton · 19:57 Neodesha is open on Sunday
Like · Reply · 1w

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Charley Hixon · 41:17 This isn't a hard choice.. why work so hard to make it one?
Like · Reply · 1w
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T Lumley Overton · 10:02 Watching
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Tammy Good · 28:17 Yes open them on Sunday
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Joshua Hirschenhofer · 10:33 Watching
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Tammy Good · 30:11 Melinda You don't need to go to them if you choose not to....
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Mike Branstine · 2:18 watching
Like · Reply · 1w

Melinda Miller · 59:06 I totally know that....
Like · Reply · 1w

Mike Branstine · 31:54 I work at a liquor store ..
Like · Reply · 1w

Teressa Henry Kolb · 1:09:17 So it's just guess work
Like · Reply · 1w

David A Ward · 1:52:38 Watching
Like · Reply · 1w

Haley Barker Dunn · 47:47 Watching
Like · Reply · 1w

Teressa Henry Kolb · 10:49 Give them a choice
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Charley Hixon · 27:52 good grief...
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Charlotte Caflisch · 0:47 Watching
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Sara Hoffman · 1:51:34 Watching
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Joshua Hirschenhofer · 29:00 Yes we do
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Charley Hixon · 33:29 Amanda exactly
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Charley Hixon · 43:35 So many do...
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Charley Hixon · 42:26 are you kidding?
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Charley Hixon · 32:10 and?
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City of Independence Kansas · 2:08:41 Contact LaceyL@IndependenceKs.gov for questions regarding the CDBG grant.
Like · Reply · Commented on by Kelly Blaes Passauer [?] · 1w · Edited

Teressa Henry Kolb · 46:28 Drag it out
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Jessica Britton Yes they should be open at the owners discretion. I saw two points in post that stuck out for me. One..the question of revenue. From the very first days of operation that the stores have not been open on Sundays..and Oklahoma has..the citizens of Kansas have been loading up and driving "cross the line". Taking with them their hard earned heavily taxed..revenue. Open on Sundays..keep the revenue here.
Point 2..the "Blue law" to keep the citizens..who earn the revenue..see point 1..to "restrict the activities" of above stated citizens..have we not had enough of that kind thinking lately? How can this County continue to force an antiquated way of thinking on today's people? Shame on that crap. If Borovetz doesn't want to be open on Sundays..he does not have to be! If Hallets wants to be open and enjoy the profit..let them! They are the "WE" in we the people too.

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Jessica Britton Deborah Ryan-Hardy they list Mike as the owner.

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Kevin Elias By NOT opening on sundays, you're losing local business to coffeyville & cherryvale. If he doent want to be open he doesnt have to be, but give the other stores the option

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Phyllis L. Clark-Satran Kevin Elias Cherryvale does not have a liquor store only through the grocery store

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Melissa Winebrenner Kevin Elias neodesha and Fredonia also have liquor store sales on Sunday.

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Kevin Elias Phyllis Ok, but thas still lost revenue for the local stores in Indy

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Tracy Cunningham Cherryvale will be allowing Sunday sales soon if it passes. Its being discussed now

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Jeremy Hallett Kevin Elias losing what money???? We collect a 8% state excise tax that only about 2% comes back to the city. Last year that 2% was about $40k which the city can do nothing with. It goes straight out the four county for alcohol related classes.

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Kevin Elias Jeremy Hallett ah, ok. Well it saves Indy residents gas money dangit!!!😂

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Jennifer Alumbaugh Yes, I think it should be allowed!

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Rhonda Jo Do regular stores sell the same percentage of alcohol in beverages as the actual liquor store?
Does that matter to anyone?
I rarely drink alcohol, but if I was going to, I'd probably prefer to go to the liquor store store no matter what day it is.

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Kristen Torrey Rhonda Jo the beer and other drinks that can be found in grocery stores and such is the same as what's at the liquor store since last year, but they can't sell hard liquor.

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Amanda Melle Yes!!!!
It should open it would also help with the people that come to elk city lake to camp form out of town or state to be able to purchase on a Sunday. I know when I worked retail you would hear people from out of town get so mad/upset that they couldn't buy alcoholic beverages from the stores on Sunday. Why would they get mad/upset it's do to other town/states having Sunday sales.

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Sharon Ward I hate that our society has decided there is no need for a holy day, but what amazes me even more is that people are unable to plan ahead and buy what they "need" a day early. 🤦‍♀️

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Kevin Elias Sharon Ward not everyone deems it a "holy day". What you're essentially sayin is shut down EVERY business on sundays. Have you never shopped at WM or DG, or ordered fast food on Sunday?

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Sharon Ward Kevin Elias did you read the rest of my comment?

Like · Reply · 1w

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Kevin Elias Yes i did. Explain to me where i misunderstood you please?

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Sharon Ward Kevin Elias I'm just surprised that anything being closed one day a week is such a big deal to everyone. I do business at LOTS of places that are closed one or two days a week. I just plan ahead and go there when they are open. Not sure why it doesn't work in this case. 🤷‍♀️

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Kristen Torrey It isn't that they aren't open every day, it's that they aren't allowed to be.

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Rachel Kight My holy day is on Saturday. Adjusting my behavior around it is my job, not that of government. If there is enough business on a given day, business owners should have the option to be open.

Like · Reply · 1w 7

Andy Barron Sharon Ward it's not about the liquor and or being able to get it. It's worked fine for years. What I know in my heart is it's about attacking a tradition. A holy tradition to lots of people. The left can't sit by anymore and let any form of the God!... See More

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Stephen Catlin Andy Barron this isn't a liberal thing, by any means. I absolutely loathe liberal ideology, yet am glad I will be afforded the opportunity to buy beer on Sunday, at least here in Cherryvale.

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Write a reply...

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Charley Hixon The Liquor Store owners would simply have the right to set whatever business hours they wish. Open it up and allow sales on Sundays, This is not a hard decision that needs several days thought ... Stop weighing 5 or 6 people against an entire city PLEASE!

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Michael J Camargo According to pandemic rules, liqour stores have been deemed an essential business. How is that different on Sunday? For those claiming it is a burden due to increased overhead, your point is null and void because nobody is forcing you to open on Sunday. It's your CHOICE and if you open and make more in sales than spent on overhead, well I'll let you figure that one out.

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Anthony Royse I would be interesting how the $500,000 was calculated. Hard to believe citys the size of Indy would sell that much booze on a Sunday.

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Kelly Passauer Tony, after the May 14, 2020 agenda packet and staff report was published regarding this topic, a question was asked regarding whether there was leakage of retail sales of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption to other communities. When demand exceeds supply, the difference is referred to as leakage. City staff asked MCAC for assistance with this research and they generated an ESRI 2017 Retail Marketplace Profile Report within a 15-minute radius of Independence. The report showed in the category of Beer, Wine & Liquor Stores there was a retail gap (leakage) of over $500,000 or 10%. This does not reflect just Sunday sales. This represents total annual retail sales from Beer, Wine & Liquor Stores. It should also be noted that the City does not receive any sales tax revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages sold in liquor stores. The City does receive sales tax from the sale of cereal malt beverages sold in non-liquor stores, such as convenience stores or grocery stores. This same report showed a retail gap (leakage) of over $2.5 million or 5% in grocery store sales within a 15-minute radius. However, that amount includes all products sold by grocery stores and does not provide insight on the volume of cereal malt beverage products sold verses other products sold. For more information on the Retail MarketPlace data, please click the link below to view the Methodology Statement.
http://www.esri.com/.../esri-data-retail-marketplace.pdf

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Amanda McClaren-Miller If they pass this all the liquor stores will close. Happened in Oklahoma. They are shutting down one by one

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John Lane Amanda McClaren-Miller are you saying if they let them open for business on Sundays, they will go out of business? What's the reasoning with that? (Just asking a question)

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Amanda McClaren-Miller John Lane no if they let other places besides liquor store sell liquor the liquor store will go outbof business

Like · Reply · 1w

John Lane Ahhh...I see

Like · Reply · 1w

John Lane Im not a drinker, so I didn't realize Walmart sold liquor, or them selling liquor on Sunday was even part of the equation here.

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Amanda Melle It would save lots of independence residents from supporting the out of town liquor stores or convenience/ grocery stores in Coffeyville, Neodesha, Cherryvale and Oklahoma. Why not put the money back into Indy.

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Kristen Torrey I don't really understand the counter argument? I'm not degrading it, just asking for further information. Why would the option for Sunday sales be any different for the liquor stores or tax revenue than any other day?

I understand sales might not be high enough to support the overhead, but just like other days, they aren't forced to be open. So I don't get the reasoning behind not letting the dude that wants to be open do it.

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John Lane Looks likes a pretty simple solution.....the business owners that are opposed just need to keep their doors locked on Sunday. No reason to hold everyone else back that's willing to take the risk.

Like · Reply · 1w · 43

T Lumley Overton John Lane that makes too much sence.....let's just keep everything in the 50's around independence..

Like · Reply · 1w · Edited · 7

Brett Trotter What do you mean?! You're wanting to give people the option to make their own decisions?! You could never run for office!

Like · Reply · 1w · 6

John Lane Brett Trotter I know I know, it's a weird and unimaginable concept, my brain goes astray sometimes....I apologise.

Like · Reply · 1w · Edited · 3

John Lane Brett Trotter I'm better now, thank you.
Just who the hell do these Conway people think they are??? 😠😠😠 They shouldn't be able to invest their own time and money trying to expand a business that they already invested thousands of dollars in, and try to make it a little more profitable... especially in America. Their way of thinking PISSES ME OFF!!!!! 😠😠😠😠

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Debbie Dunlap T Lumley Overton I agree

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Brett Trotter John its ridiculous. For being the land of the "free" there's an awful lot of rules, regulations and executive orders.....

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Debbie Dunlap A The ISSUE is do we allow liquor be sold in independence on Sunday. B. each liquor store makes their decision to open or not if this gets approved. Those are the real issues. C.The owners do not want to open on Sunday, because of overhead costs to operate. If the owner decides not to open, there will always be someone else willing to come to town and open a liquor store and take over Sunday sales.

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Mike Hinds Yes they should. Every other town and township within a 30 mile radius does it and it would be beneficial to the locals because everyone is always saying keep it local. So if they sell it on Sunday we don't have to go out of town. We can keep it local

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Terry Whittet Just saying over the years. I know people that would drive to South Coffeyville or Bartlesville on Sundays to buy alcohol. They would fill up there gas tanks buy alcohol Because its cheaper down South and you can't buy alcohol in Independence on Sundays. I never understood the sales on Sundays because that's when most peopk

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Kimmie Barber Califonia sells liquor 7days a week until 2am.
I believe this law was created years ago. The times has now changed. I believe this law was created to honor Sundays connected with religion. Times has changed. I believe Independence may be one of the only non sunday sellers in the U.S.
Is it matter of Respect for Sundays or the opposite

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Mindy VanBuren Yessss might as well every other town is 🤦‍♀️ why not keep the sale local

Like · Reply · 1w 3

Melissa Arnwine Ward Mindy VanBuren Noooooooo

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Jeremy Hallett It's easy to want Sundays sales when you dont have a Liquor Store. That is my only day off.

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Brett Skinner Jeremy Hallett still your decision to open up or not. Just because they allow sales, doesn't mean you have to operate.

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Jeremy Hallett Brett Skinner if you have ever owned a retail buisness you know that you work your butt off to build up your customer base and you dont want them shopping at other places. If you are closed that is exactly what is going to happen. I dont expect anyone who doesnt own there own retail buisness to understand that.

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Brett Skinner Jeremy Hallett um that's any business is it not? I'm sure the focus is more restaurant's, Walmart, etc.Just because you don't open up on Sunday, doesn't discredit your business, especially in a small town like Indy. You're more likely to lose a customer in that town based on your political view than you staying closed on a Sunday.

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Jeremy Hallett Brett Skinner Political views huh??? I'm simply saying that puts me working 365 days a year now because my #1 priority is my customers and keeping them happy because that is what being a small buisness is all about. If it passes I will be open but that doesnt mean I want to be.

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Jamie Reister Jeremy Hallett stay home then....🤣

Like · Reply · 1w

Jeremy Hallett Jamie Reister lol you know me better that. I'll be there. It's not going to bring anymore revenue to the city.

Like · Reply · 1w

Jamie Reister Jeremy Hallett I hate driving to Coffeyville on sundays because of my poor planning... lol

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Facebook Comments from 05/16/2020 Montgomery County Chronicle Post about Sunday Sales

Jeremy Hallett Jamie Reister you got me on here buddy shoot me a message.

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Jamie Reister Jeremy Hallett 😉

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Jeremy Hallett Jamie Reister it works for coffeyville because they have a casino. I would much rather vote to get a casino put in indy.

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Jeremy Hallett Ah it's no big deal. It is what it is. I'll be open if it comes to that.

Like · Reply · 1w

John Lane Jeremy Hallett unlock the doors early morning, leave, and let people shop on the "honor system". Surely everyone would be honest about it. 🤣🤣🤣

Like · Reply · 1w

Jeremy Hallett John Lane 🤣🤣🤣🤣 I'm sure it would be ok

Like · Reply · 1w

Write a reply...

MiKala Kirk If you don't sell it in your town, they will just go to another to buy it. Might as well get the tax in your own town 🤦‍♀️

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Tom Crittenden We're in the 21 century come on Independence, Neodsha and Coffeyville has been doing for awhile now also that doesn't mean all liquor stores have to open, you have that right convenient and grocery stores can do the business

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Margie Miller Surely folks can go one day without liquor or beer. I think it is unnecessary to sell it on Sunday. They can always buy it on Saturday or any other day of the week.

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Facebook Comments from 05/16/2020 Montgomery County Chronicle Post about Sunday Sales

Melissa Russell McDaniel Yes! Especially, with summer coming on. Campers and boater will definitely increase our hard hit economy.

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Diane Parker Yes, there's no reason not to. Local stores should be able to sell beer on Sundays!

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Bobbi Huck If they are actually losing 500,000 dollars of revenue? How many addresses would this pertain to?

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Allan Warren As long as it's after 12 noon, it should be allowed.

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Randy Burghart Why only after 12 noon?

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Allan Warren Randy Burghart really? we're in the bible belt...

Like · Reply · 1w

Randy Burghart Then there church on Sunday night and Wednesday. Mass for Catholics on Saturday. I am not sure if you are serious or sarcastic? No matter, God gives everyone free will so some might chose church, some might chose the liquor store, and some might stop by the liquor store on the way to church. Free will, no one should have to wait until church is over to buy liquor.

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Allan Warren Randy Burghart don't get snippy! In states that aren't in the "bible belt" would sell spirits after 12 noon on Sundays. This was partly because of blue laws that didn't allow the sale on Sundays at all. Regarding the night church reference: This BUD, is not for you. I won't even address the Catholic mass reference... Yes I will! Saturday mass was started 40+ years as a convenience so you could meet your obligation to attend mass... Regarding my previously sarcastic statement: if you have to ask, then ask. Don't make an assumption based on ignorance. It makes you look stupid. We'll let the free will rant go. Your statement makes no sense. So "REALLY", Mr. History Channel. Lighten up, read a book, there will be a quiz! On worse days you wouldn't stand a chance in a debate. It's almost noon. I think I'll drive to South Coffeyville or Deering to buy 12 pack... LMAO

Like · Reply · 1w

Randy Burghart Whatever, enjoy your beer.

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Allan Warren Randy Burghart you buying?... LMAO

Like · Reply · 1w

Shawn Davis People drive to surrounding towns to purchase alcohol on sunday look at that tax money your loosing out on every Sunday

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Jack Bell It's really great to have the liquor store open in Coffeyville. If the owner wants to stay closed then let them stay closed.

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Like · Reply · 1w

Steve Lewman People drink on Sunday's anyways. Might as well allow stores to open on Sunday's if they want

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Linda Hills They sale it in Idaho. They even sale wine. I was shocked when I saw that in stores. I don't buy it but a lot of people do.

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Terry Whittet I think its funny. Someone commented you can't buy alcolol on Sundays because its a holy day. Every day is a holy day. And several different churches drink alcohol on Sundays, wake up people.

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Roger Powell It would save gas. People wouldn't have to drive to Dearing .

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Kevin Elias Roger Powell dearing's closed a while back

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Shawn Neary Kevin Elias the convenience store sells it

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Vanessa Haberly Way to be a trend setter for indy, Michelle & Patrick!

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Rachel Kight It should not be the role of government to decide when stores can or cannot be open.

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Mary Vining It should be a choice!! Not mandatory. Anyone that works retail!

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David Andrew S Kleier Yet Sunday is church day but yet the lord is above us every day but yet church is also on Wednesday so yes alcohol should be sold 7 days a week

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Marcus Kastler Coffeyville has this, if your store doesn't want to do it, don't.
Sunday is a day like any other

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JeffJo Rinne Allow Sunday sales and whoever wants to be open can be. Seems simple to me.

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Michael J Camargo Being simple apparently doesn't mean the simpletons in office get it.

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Shawn Neary I've wondered why this hasn't happened in independence for a while now since everywhere else sells on Sundays

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Terry Whittet Didn't finish with comment. When most people are off work and enjoying the weekend. Lost dollars for Independence I say.

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Jeff Weimer Let them sell beer on Sunday. I don't like to drive to buy beer.

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Sheldon Hinton Plan ahead...if you can't purchase your alcohol the other 6 days a week, you may have impulse control issues.

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Melissa Winebrenner I think they'd be surprised how many people buy o. Sunday

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Deanna Williams I don't see what difference it makes what day it's sold on.

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Leslie Sklamberg I once had a recipe that called for dry red 🍷 and because it was a Sunday I had to drive to Neodesha.

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Philip Newkirk Neodesha has had Sunday sales for a few years now. The sky has not fallen.

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Facebook Comments from 05/16/2020 Montgomery County Chronicle Post about Sunday Sales

Jason Ryan People have been driving to Oklahoma for years to buy alcohol on Sundays. Yall are missing out.

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George Cagle You can keep the money in Independence or lose it to Dearing or Coffeyville. Take your pick.

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Anthony Royse So. What does everybody think about liquor stores being open on Sunday? Tony.

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Windy Adams Yes they should be able to if they choose to.

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Debbie Dunlap Why is this such a big issue in Independence?

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Michelle Edminson Rutherford Yes like 40 years ago

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Chris Ashford What's so special about the first day of the week anyway ?
Now if it was on the Sabbath, that would make sense.

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From: tom richardson
To: Kelly Passauer
Subject: malt beverages sales
Date: Friday, July 03, 2020 4:05:55 PM

Please do not approve the sale of malt beverages & alcoholic liquor on Sundays. They can buy there liquor on Saturday.

Tom Richardson

From: connie richardson.
To: Kelly Passauer
Subject: Retail sale cereal malt liquor
Date: Friday, July 03, 2020 3:44:12 PM

Please do not approved the sale of malt beverages & alcoholic liquor on Sunday? I personally think this will add to further problems, crime & drunk driving to our city. Let's keep our small town safe and desirable to outside visitors and show we are a city of pride. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

connie richardson

Sent from my iPad

To whom it may concern,

This letter is written to address the ordinance the city is considering, which would allow the sale of alcohol on Sunday. As the store manager of G&W Foods grocery store I am in favor of the city allowing Sunday alcohol sales. Obviously from a business aspect we are always interested in finding new ways to gain more sales, which in turn will help keep business, sales and taxpayer money in town. I have worked in several retail establishments throughout Kansas and most of these establishments have always bordered another state or town that has allowed Sunday alcohol sales. The one thing that all of these stores have in common is the fact that we would always hear customers talking about going out of town to purchase alcohol on Sundays. Whether this is because they have unexpected guests for the day, are taking a quick run in from the lake, or are having an impromptu Sunday football party. Our location here in Independence is no exception. As someone who has lived in SEK for the past 20 years, I constantly hear of people running to South Coffeyville and now surrounding towns, to purchase their alcohol.

The name of the game for any business is to keep customers coming back. For our city and our county, keeping people in town, shopping local and spending their money here is imperative to our longevity. It is not only crucial to the success of our towns, and our businesses, but the people who reside here.

With the unique events that have shadowed our country over the past several months, I feel the need to mention the current pandemic, that we as a country are dealing with. Keeping people closer to home also needs to be taken into consideration. After all, experts continue to tell us to social distance, wear masks, and wash your hands. Keeping consumers in town and minimizing Covid19 exposure needs to be a priority for our community as well. While this is not the primary reason to consider Sunday alcohol sales, the health and well-being of our citizens should be a consideration at this time.

I appreciate your time in considering my opinion of the aforementioned ordinance that is currently under consideration.

Thank you,

Brad Boyer
Store Manager
G&W Foods

From: Marty Reichenberger
To: Kelly Passauer
Subject: Sunday Sales
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:34:53 AM

Hi Kelly. I, of course, don't live in the city limits, but do all of my business in Indy. I would like the commission to approve Sunday liquor sales. I believe it is time to "get with the times". I understand why some liquor store owners are dragging their feet, but they have the option to be open or closed on Sunday. If they don't feel it will pay, then stay closed. Don't punish the patrons in town who only do their shopping on Sundays because of work and can't pick up beer at Wal-Mart. This is an outdated law, and I feel we need to allow Sunday sales.

Thank you for listening and I appreciate all the commission does. Have a good week.

Marty Reichenberger
Reichenberger Farms
Independence, KS