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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

## Item Details

Presenter(s): Joanna Helms, Director

Department(s): Economic Development

### Requested Motion

Motion to adopt an ordinance establishing a Social District in Downtown Apex, effective June 07, 2025.

### Approval Recommended?

Yes

### Item Details

On July 7, 2022, North Carolina General Assembly Session Law 2022-49 was ratified, codifying local governments' authority to establish "Social Districts" within their jurisdictions. These Social Districts allow for shared spaces where on-premises licensed establishments (e.g., bars, breweries, restaurants) may sell alcoholic beverages in designated containers to be taken into the common area for consumption.

Town staff began exploring the option of a social district shortly after the session law passed. In December 2024, the Town Council directed staff to develop a social district plan and ordinance to be considered in 2025.

At the March 25, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting, the governing body provided direction on two outstanding items - business participation signage the authorized container.

Economic Development and Legal staff partnered together to prepare the required ordinance for the proposed social district in Downtown Apex. In addition, staff has prepared a Memo for discussion, direction and clarification on the outstanding items. A Management Plan, which outlines the maintenance and management of the Downtown Apex Social District, as well as an aerial map of the social district boundary has also been prepared by staff.

### Attachments

- CN8-A1: Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 14 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I - Establish Social District - Downtown Apex
- CN8-A2: Management Plan - - Chapter 14 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I - Establish Social District - Downtown Apex
- CN8-A3: Map - Chapter 14 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I - Establish Social District - Downtown Apex
- CN8-A4: Memo - Chapter 14 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I - Establish Social District - Downtown Apex

