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MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO: PC2025-040

TO: Tyler Richards, City Manager

FROM: Jamie Finley, City Planner

DATE: December 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Board of Directors agenda item for 1/5/26. Amend ordinance 20-2019 to alter operating parameters for the Entertainment District for the sake of public safety.

REASON FOR REQUEST: The TAPD has seen an increase in violations related to underage drinking, public intoxication, disturbing the peace, etc. in the Entertainment District specifically. A review was requested of the current operating parameters of the District. A joint public workshop of the Planning Commission and the Board of Directors was held on November 12, 2025. Workshop was heavily attended by local Entertainment District business owners. Three immediate changes were agreed upon; 1) ban the consumption of alcohol purchased outside the District, 2) reduce the operating hours for the District and 3) remove Rock Store Liquor from the District. It was also decided the responsibility for periodic reviews would lie with the City Planner.

OPPOSITION: None

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ACTIONS: The Board of Directors is expected to hear this request at the January 1, 2026 meeting. State code requires the ordinance be read three (3) times. All three readings may occur at the same meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION CERTIFICATION:

The Planning commission met on December 9, 2025 and certified recommendation for the ordinance regulating Accessory Dwelling Units. A motion was made by Commissioner Cori Mobbs and seconded by Commissioner Randall Hickerson. Motion carried with a 5-0 roll call vote with two absent.

Anderson Neal, Chairperson	Yes
“Boots” Thomas, Vice Chairperson	Absent
Cori Mobbs	Yes
Chris Owens	Yes

Jason Dupree
Randall Hickeson
Anita Pickett

Absent
Yes
Yes

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: Planning Commission request the Board of Directors approve revision of ordinance 20-2019.