



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20-2019 in order to revise operating parameters for the entertainment district. (Ward 2) (PWD-PLANNING) City Planner Jamie Finley

The applicant requests an emergency clause. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the board. (Hdbk. Const. Amend 7)

AGENDA DATE: January 5, 2026

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other : _____

DEPARTMENT: PWD-Planning

PREPARED BY: Jamie Finley, City Planner

REQUEST: Amend Ordinance No. 20-2019 in order to revise operating parameters for the entertainment district.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: YES

SUMMARY: TAPD has seen an increase in violations related to underage drinking, public intoxication, disturbing peace, etc. specifically in the Entertainment District. A review was requested of the current operating parameters of the Entertainment District. A joint public workshop of the Planning Commission and the Board of Directors was held on November 12, 2025. Three immediate changes were agreed upon: 1) banning the consumption of alcohol purchased outside the Entertainment District, 2) reducing the operating hours for the Entertainment District and 3) removing Rock Store Liquor from the Entertainment District. It was also decided the responsibility for initiating periodic reviews would lie with the City Planner.

EXPENSE REQUIRED: 0

AMOUNT BUDGETED: 0

APPROPRIATION REQUIRED: 0

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends approval

EXHIBITS: Ordinance and draft ordinance with revisions shown