OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
DECEMBER 1, 2026 AGENDA

Subject:	**Action Required:**	**Approved By:**
Citizen Initiated Petition for Sunday Alcohol Sales	√ **Ordinance** Resolution	
Submitted By: Director Antwan Phillips		Delphone Hubbard City Manager

SYNOPSIS	A resolution to express Little Rock City Board of Directors' Support of a Citizen-initiated Petition per Ark. Code Ann. § 3-3-210(b), to the question of whether Sunday Alcohol Sales for off-premises consumption should be referred to City voters without calling an election.
FISCAL IMPACT	Tax income from Sunday Alcohol Sales would increase tax revenue.
RECOMMENDATION	Adopt the Resolution.
BACKGROUND	Except where authorized by law, k. Code Ann. § 3-3-210(a) generally prohibits the sale of intoxicating alcoholic liquor on Sunday. However, Ark. Code Ann. § 3-3-210(b)(1)(A) provides that cities may refer to the voters at an election the question of whether to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on Sundays under the referendum election. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 3-3-210(b), Little Rock City Board of Directors has no authority to place this question on the ballot on its own motion, by resolution or by ordinance, and a sufficient citizen petition is the only means by which the referendum election may be triggered. Voter approved authorization would be limited to businesses within the City that hold a current and valid license for the sale of alcoholic beverages issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, as provided in Ark. Code Ann. § 3-3-210(b)(1)(B) and does not apply to permit wholesale distributors to sell or deliver alcoholic beverages to retailers on Sunday.