

ORDINANCE NO. 22-220

**An Ordinance to Allow the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Before
Noon on Sundays at Licensed Premises**

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 155, entitled “An Act to Make Various Changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Laws”; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Ratified Senate Bill 155 authorizes city and county governments to adopt an ordinance to allow alcohol sales beginning at 10 am on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, Ratified Senate Bill 155 was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on the 30th day of June 2017 and became effective on that date (Session Law 2017, Chapter 87); and

WHEREAS, by enacting Senate Bill 155, North Carolina joins 47 other States in allowing alcohol service before noon on Sunday; and

WHEREAS, Sunday morning alcohol service will allow the hospitality community and retail merchants in our community to meet the needs of their customers; and

WHEREAS, Sunday morning alcohol service will benefit our small business community, bring people into business districts earlier in the day, and generate increased tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, our community has a diverse and growing population with different religious beliefs, each of which has various times and multiple days for worship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Fairmont, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A new subsection 110.02 of the Fairmont Code of Ordinances, Title XI Business Regulations, Chapter 110 General Provisions, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§ 110.02 WINE, FORTIFIED WINE, AND MIXED BEVERAGES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.

The sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages shall be allowed within the corporate limits of the town at any premises licensed pursuant to G.S. § 18B-1001 on Sundays beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Section 2. All laws and clauses of law in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section 3. This ordinance is adopted and effective on the 15th day of November, 2022.

Charles Kemp, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer H. Larson, Town Clerk