

**Burke County
North Carolina**

**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 a.m. 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, Sunday morning alcohol service will allow the hospitality community and retail merchants in the unincorporated areas of Burke County (the County) to meet the needs of their customers; and

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

WHEREAS, Sunday morning alcohol sales are currently allowed in Morganton, Glen Alpine, Valdese, and Connelly Springs; and

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

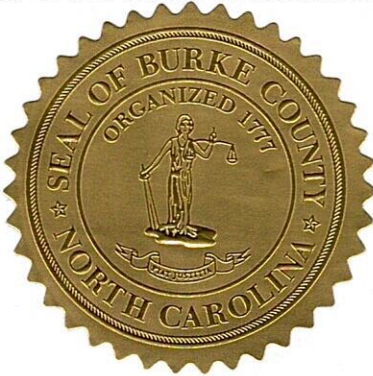
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Burke County, North Carolina that:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority contained in N.C.G.S. §153A-145.7, the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages is allowed in the unincorporated areas of Burke County beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday pursuant to the licensed premises' permit issued under N.C.G.S. §18B-1001.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective on the date that it is adopted in the manner provided by N.C.G.S. §153A-45.

Adopted this 15th day of August 2023 on second reading by approval of a majority of

members of the Board of Commissioners.





Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board