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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Michael Starling, Director of Economic Development

**Date:** 7/27/2020

**Subject:** **Permanent Package Sales of Beer and Wine with Food Orders**

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### **ITEM DESCRIPTION**

Discussion of possible Ordinance Amendment to Allow Package Sales of Beer and Wine by Restaurants with Food orders.

### **BACKGROUND**

It's an understatement to say the food industry is in transition, almost overnight we've witnessed a seismic shift in how and where we eat. The restaurant industry is struggling, but small – locally owned restaurants are in particular peril due to Covid-19.

Take out will continue to be an important part of the revenue stream for restaurants for the foreseeable future and it's important to allow restaurants to compete on a level playing field with Grocery Stores and Grocery Delivery Companies by allowing them to permanently sell beer and wine with to-go food purchases.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff respectfully requests Council to consider an Ordinance Amendment to Allow the Permanent Package Sales of Beer and Wine with Food Orders at the next Council Meeting.