

23R-09

Sponsor: Dan Spitale, Councilman at Large  
Dave Woerpel, 5th District  
Janet Venecz, Council at Large  
William Emerson, 4th District

RESOLUTION NO.   R09  

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION PROPOSING A ONE PERCENT MUNICIPAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX IN THE CITY OF HAMMOND**

WHEREAS, the Indiana legislature will be considering a bill to amend the Indiana Code to add a section entitled I.C. 6-9-58 Hammond Food and Beverage Tax that includes legislation allowing the City of Hammond ("Hammond") to adopt a food and beverage tax applicable to certain food and beverage items within its municipal boundaries ("Food and Beverage Tax"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said legislation, if the bill is passed and signed into law, the Hammond Common Council may adopt an ordinance to enact a food and beverage tax; and

WHEREAS, to encourage and support the continued growth of the city and increased tourism by supporting the South Shore Westlake Corridor Commuter Rail Project Downtown Hammond Station, the Hammond Sportsplex and Community Center, the Wolf Lake Pavilion at Wolf Lake Memorial Park, and the continued development of the downtown, the City of Hammond now desires to adopt a Resolution in favor of the legislation allowing the enactment of a Food and Beverage Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council is supportive of legislation allowing the enactment of a one percent (1%) Food and Beverage Tax that will support continued growth in the city and increased tourism specifically to assist funding for the South Shore Westlake Corridor Commuter Rail Project Downtown Hammond Station, the Hammond Sportsplex and Community Center, the Wolf Lake Pavilion at Wolf Lake Memorial Park, and the continued development of the downtown.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.



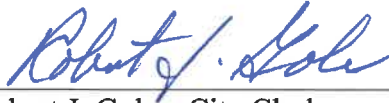
Scott Rakos, President  
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:



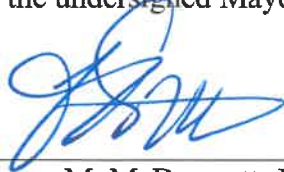
Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Resolution No. RD9 consisting of two (2) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor  
City of Hammond, Indiana

Approved PASSED by the Common Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023 and by the Mayor on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk,  
Hammond, Indiana