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THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION OF THE CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2026-H
8483 BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH MCNAMARA AND FORTHCOMING SENATE
COMPANION LEGISLATION BY SENATOR LAMMIS VARGAS

Resolution No. 2026-

Passed:

Daniel R. Wall, Council President

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H 8483, introduced by Representative Joseph McNamara, is an Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages — Retail Licenses; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lammis Vargas is expected to introduce companion legislation in the Rhode Island Senate in support of the same enabling authority; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H 8483 would amend Rhode Island General Laws § 3-7-19 to provide limited enabling authority for the City Council of the City of Cranston, after application, to exempt from the provisions of said section any proposed Retailer Class BV license intended to be located at 1814 Broad Street, Plat 2, Lot 3772, of the applicable City of Cranston tax assessment map; and

WHEREAS, the Cranston City Council recognizes that House Bill 2026-H 8483 and the forthcoming Senate companion legislation do not themselves issue, grant, approve, or transfer any liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the legislation merely preserves local control by allowing the property owner, at a future date, to apply to the Cranston City Council for consideration of a Retailer Class BV license in accordance with all applicable state laws, local ordinances, public notice requirements, hearing procedures, and licensing standards; and

WHEREAS, any future application for a Retailer Class BV license at this location would remain subject to the full review, discretion, and approval of the Cranston City Council as the local licensing authority; and

WHEREAS, the Cranston City Council believes that local licensing decisions should remain within the jurisdiction of the City Council, where neighborhood impacts, economic development considerations, public safety, and community input can be evaluated through the normal public process; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H 8483 and the forthcoming Senate companion legislation are narrowly tailored to a specific property within the City of Cranston and provide only the statutory authority necessary for a future application to be heard and considered locally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council hereby supports passage of House Bill 2026-H 8483 by Representative Joseph McNamara and the forthcoming Senate companion legislation by Senator Lammis Vargas; and

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cranston City Council emphasizes that its support for this
52 legislation is limited to supporting enabling authority only, and shall not be construed as approval of any
53 future Retailer Class BV license application, which must be separately filed, noticed, heard, reviewed, and
54 voted upon by the Cranston City Council; and

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified
57 copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Chair of the House
58 Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, the Chair of the Senate committee to which the
59 companion bill is referred, Representative Joseph McNamara, Senator Lammis Vargas, the members of the
60 Cranston delegation to the Rhode Island General Assembly, and the Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

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65 Sponsored by: Councilwoman Graziano

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67 To be referred to Ordinance Committee June 3, 2026

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