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COUNCIL APPROVES 'LATE NIGHT HOURS' ORDINANCE FOR ALCOHOL SALES IN RESTAURANTS; NEW RULE TO TAKE EFFECT AUGUST 31

(August 22, 2007) The Frisco City Council has approved a 'late night hours' ordinance which allows restaurants to extend the hours for alcohol sales to 2 a.m. with approved permits.

Last night, the City Council voted 4 to 3 to approve the 'late night hours' ordinance. The Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit must be acquired from the Texas Alcohol & Beverage Commission (TABC) after review of the permit application by the City. If approved, permit holders may sell alcohol and mixed beverages between midnight and 2 a.m., any day of the week. The ordinance does not apply to store sales.

The ordinance takes effect August 31; however, restaurants may not begin sales until after the business has received permit approval from TABC. TABC will begin accepting permit applications after August 31.

Those who sell alcohol during late night hours without a permit could face penalties and fines of up to \$500, for each separate offense, as authorized by the ordinance and other state law penalties.

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