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A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ENACTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 179 TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL OF CLASS A, OFF-SALE BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSES, AND CLASS E, OFF-SALE BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES, PENDING CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER ADVISABLE TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2011, the County adopted a six (6) month moratorium on the issuance of Class A, off sale beer and light wine licenses, and Class E, off sale beer, wine, and liquor licenses, pursuant to Resolution 179; and,

WHEREAS, during the interim changes to Chapter 11, "Alcoholic Beverages" Talbot County Code, have been considered and discussed by a Committee appointed for that purpose. On August 16, 2011, suggested changes were presented to the general public for comment and have since been formalized into specific recommendations for legislative amendments to Chapter 11; and,

WHEREAS, the original six (6) month moratorium will expire before the effective date of any new legislation that may be adopted although the reasons which prompted the moratorium still exist; and,

WHEREAS, the very purpose of the moratorium may be undermined were the moratorium to expire before the effective date of new legislation being considered; and,

WHEREAS, the legislative changes proposed deserve careful study and consideration by the Council and the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The moratorium previously adopted by Resolution No. 179 shall be and is hereby extended until the earlier of March 1, 2012, or the first business day immediately following the effective date of legislation adopted by the County Council to amend Chapter 11, Talbot County Code, whichever comes first.

- 2. All of the original terms, provisions, and conditions of Resolution No. 179 shall be and are hereby extended accordingly.
 - 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the date of its adoption.

BY THE COUNCIL

ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2011.

By Order:

Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Bartlett - Aye

Hollis – Aye (via absentee ballot)

Asan W. Moran

Pack - Aye

Price - Aye

Duncan - Aye