

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR LIQUOR STORES AND OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Montgomery envisions the City of Montgomery attracting and retaining a diverse combination of business enterprises; and

**WHEREAS**, in contrast to objectives and visions of the City Council, the City of Montgomery has experienced a proliferation and excessive growth of liquor stores, and other similar business operations in concentrated areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the excessive concentration of these types of businesses within the territorial confines of the Montgomery City limits, effectively limits the ability of the City of Montgomery to attract various and different types of businesses which would conform to the City’s long-range comprehensive land use plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Montgomery finds that it is in its best interest to have diversity in the types of businesses operating within its city limits, and that a proliferation of the similar or substantially similar types of businesses as described hereto in the Ordinance title frustrates and impairs the best interest of the City in having business operation diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Montgomery finds and determines that the concentration of the types of businesses described in the title of this Ordinance is nearing an unacceptable number and conflicts with the City’s objectives for business diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, AS FOLLOWS:

That a three (3) month moratorium is hereby declared on the issuance of any further approvals of business licenses for any businesses as described in the title of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage, approval and publication or as otherwise provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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**STEVEN L. REED, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**BRENDA GALE BLALOCK, CITY CLERK**