

**CALLED MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, APRIL 13, 2020, 2 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Susie Keck, Council members: Kenneth Morgan, Anthony Henderson, Fleeta Baggett, and Don T. Floyd, City Manager Scott Andrews, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present. Council member Hawnethia Williams was absent.

Mayor Horton called the meeting to order.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve an amended and restated resolution regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages by on-premises consumption licensees during the term of certain Executive Orders of Governor Brian P. Kemp, subject to state law.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Horton clarified the amendment by stating unless state law changes with regards to distilled spirits, the City will only allow the sale of *beer and wine* by on-premises consumption license holders to carry-out customers.

A question was asked by a caller regarding the definition of an essential business.

The City Attorney stated neither City nor the Covington Police Department has the authority to shut down businesses. The City Attorney further stated per the Governor, only the Georgia State Patrol or the Sheriff's Department has that authority.

Mayor Horton stated there is a hotline to call with questions regarding essential businesses - 1 (844) 442-2681.

Mayor Horton stated the City sent letters to the Department of Revenue and Governor Kemp asking to relax state laws for distilled spirits.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk