ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2103

Granting One-Time Variance from Chapter 3, Section 3-91 Code of Ordinances

Allow for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Lonnie Green Park During Receptions Related to the City-Partnered Event Known as Umbria in Sugar Land

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Umbria in Sugar Land

- The City of Sugar Land, the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, the Festival del Cinema Cittá di Spello ed I Borghi Umbria, and the Region of Umbria are partnering together to put on a multi-day film festival event known as *Umbria in Sugar Land*,
- Film festival event from Wednesday, September 27, 2017 to Sunday, October 1, 2017,
- Sugar Land Auditorium (FBISD facility) will be the primary location
- Receptions, featuring Italian beer and wine, will be held at nearby Lonnie Green Park
 - Lonnie Green Park is within 300 feet of FBISD facility and International Christian Network Church

Alcohol Consumption at Lonnie Green Park

• Director of Parks & Recreation has the ability to allow alcohol in parks



Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code

• Section 109.33(a) of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code <u>authorizes the</u> <u>governing board of an incorporated city to enact regulations prohibiting</u> <u>the sale of alcoholic beverages by a dealer whose place of business is within three hundred (300) feet of any church, public or private school, or hospital</u>

City of Sugar Land Code of Ordinances

• Section 3-91(a) of the City of Sugar Land Code of Ordinances prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverage within the corporate limits of the city where the place of business of a dealer is within 300 feet of any church, public school, or public hospital

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code

- Section 109.33(e) of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code authorizes the governing board of a city that has enacted a regulation under section 109.33(a) to allow variances to the regulation if the governing body determines that enforcement of the regulation in a particular instance is not in the best interest of the public,
 - Not effective or necessary, among other reasons.
 - Health, safety, and welfare of the public should be considered.

City of Sugar Land Code of Ordinances

• Chapter 3, Section 3-91(e) of the City of Sugar Land Code of Ordinances <u>allows the City Council to allow a variance to the prohibition on the sale of alcohol within 300 feet of any church, public school, or public hospital</u>

Distance

• Because distance to FBISD facility and a church is less than 300 feet, a one-time variance to the City's Code of Ordinances is required

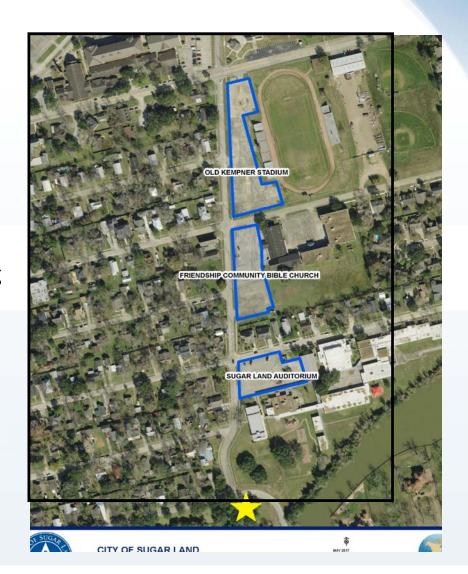


Umbria in Sugar Land

- The sale of alcohol will:
 - Add to the overall appeal of the event
 - Enhance the economic impact of the event
- The sale of alcohol at Lonnie Green Park for *Umbria in Sugar Land-related* receptions is in the best interest of the community
- Note: No receptions at Lonnie Green Park will coincide with any FBSID activities.

Community Outreach & Parking

- Staff contacted Old Sugar Landarea residents and Hill Block Captain's via email
- Park, Auditorium, and supporting parking lots are shown in the corresponding map



AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, GRANTING A ONE-TIME VARIANCE FROM CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-91 OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT LONNIE GREEN PARK DURING RECEPTIONS RELATED TO THE CITY-PARTNERED EVENT KNOWN AS UMBRIA IN SUGAR LAND.

Next Steps

- First Reading (8/15/2017)
- Second Reading (9/5/2017)
- Implement September 27-October 1, 2017

Action

• Staff recommends consideration and approval of the first reading of Ordinance No. 2103, allowing for a one-time variance for the prohibition on the sale of alcoholic beverages at Lonnie Green park during the dates of September 27-October 1, 2017.

