ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE ENABLING THE ISSUANCE OF LIQUOR RETAILER'S PERMITS IN THE TOWN OF GENEVA, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Geneva, Indiana (the "Town"), is an incorporated town that has a population of less than five thousand (5,000) people according to the last preceding decennial census conducted by the United States Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town (the "Town Council") is authorized by Indiana Code § 7.1-3-9-3 to enact an enabling ordinance consenting that liquor retailer's permits may be issued to applicants in respect to premises located within the Town; and

WHEREAS, I.C. § 7.1-3-9-4 requires that an enabling ordinance authorized by I.C. § 7.1-3-9-3 shall be a general ordinance containing no conditions, exceptions or limitations; and after the enabling ordinance has been duly enacted, it may not be altered, amended, or repealed for a period of two (2) years and sixty (60) days after the date of its enactment; and that during said period, no other ordinance on the subject may be enacted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined it appropriate and advisable to adopt an ordinance to enable the issuance of liquor retailer's permits to applicants for premises located within the Town pursuant to I.C. § 7.1-3-9-3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Geneva, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION I

Pursuant to I.C. § 7.1-3-9-3, the Town of Geneva, Indiana, hereby consents to the issuance of liquor retailer's permits to applicants in respect to premises located within the Town of Geneva.

SECTION II

Pursuant to I.C. § 7.1-3-9-4, this enabling ordinance shall be a general ordinance containing no conditions, exceptions or limitations; and after it has been duly enacted, it may not be altered, amended, or repealed for a period of two (2) years and sixty (60) days after the date of its enactment; and that during the period of two (2) years and sixty (60) days after the enactment of

this enabling ordinance consenting to the issuance of liquor retailer's permits, no other ordinance on the subject may be enacted.

SECTION III

Pursuant to I.C. § 7.1-3-9-5, the holder of a liquor retailer's permit issued prior to the repeal, amendment, or expiration of this enabling ordinance may continue to operate under the holder's permit, during the time that the holder's permit is in force, for a period of ninety (90) days after the enactment of a conflicting ordinance or the repeal of this enabling ordinance unless the sale of alcoholic beverages again becomes lawful by the enactment of another enabling ordinance, in which case the holder may continue to operate under the holder's permit during the unexpired term of such permit.

SECTION IV

All ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION V

If any section, clause, provision, paragraph, or sentence of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the validity of the other remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION VI

This ordinance shall become and remain in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly passed, adopted, and ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Geneva, Indiana, on February 11, 2025.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GENEVA

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