



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND**

The City has engaged in discussions with the business owner about their business practices, safety measures, and employee procedures, including involvement from the Columbus Division of Police to provide recommendations for security uplifts at the establishment. These discussions have been memorialized into a nuisance abatement agreement between the City and the business owner, and includes requirements for security uplifts (cameras, lighting, hours of operation), employee training, and specific prohibitions on activity at the establishment. The nuisance abatement agreement between the parties was reached in lieu of pursuing the outstanding objection, and the City reserves the right to object to their liquor license in the future or to bring the establishment into Franklin County Environmental Court should they not comply. The Division of Liquor Control requested that the City therefore withdraw this objection via resolution.

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** This establishment has engaged in liquor sales on a temporary basis via the goodwill of the City and the Division of Liquor Control, but it does not yet have a valid 2024 liquor permit until the objection is withdrawn. Now that the agreements are memorialized, and to facilitate the full, legal operation of liquor sales by business as soon as possible, the City requests passage of an emergency resolution.

To withdraw the objection to the renewal of liquor permit number 4103140 held by I Love High LLC, doing business as Julep, located at 1014 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43201; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS**, City Council previously objected to the renewal of liquor permit number 4103140 held by I Love High LLC, doing business as Julep, located at 1014 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43201 in Resolution 0241X-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient evidence from the Columbus Division of Police and the Columbus City Attorney's office was presented to City Council in support of Resolution 0241X-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has engaged in discussions with the business owner about their business practices, safety measures, and employee procedures, including involvement from the Columbus Division of Police to provide recommendations for security uplifts at the establishment; and

**WHEREAS**, a nuisance abatement agreement between the parties was reached in lieu of pursuing the outstanding objections, and the City reserves the right to object to their liquor license in the future or to bring the establishment into Franklin County Environmental Court should they not comply; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Liquor Control requested that the City therefore withdraw this objection via resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the City Council in that it needs to withdraw its objection that was made on December 5, 2022 pursuant to 4303.271 and 4303.292, Ohio Revised Code to the renewal of the liquor permit for Julep, located at 1014 N. High St. to facilitate the full, legal operation of liquor sales by business as soon as possible; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Section 1.** That the Columbus City Council hereby withdraws its objection made on December 5, 2022 in Resolution 0241X-2022, pursuant to state statute to the renewal of the liquor permit for Julep, located at 1014 N. High St.

**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the director of the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.

**Section 3.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.