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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Attention Establishment Owner / Management

On July 19th, 2016, Charleston City Council gave final approval to extend the original pilot program (Ord. 2015-117) that enables establishments currently allowed to operate until 2:00 AM the ability to remain open until 3:00 AM. The extended program will run from August 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. Establishments may provide or sell food and non-alcoholic beverages to its patrons during the 2:00 AM to 3:00 AM period. Establishments that voluntarily elect to remain open after 2:00 AM must abide by the following requirements beginning at 2:00 AM (*Please note that these have been updated from the original pilot*):

- The lights within the establishment shall be turned up to fifty percent of their highest level or fifty percent of the house lights in the establishment must be turned to their highest levels.
- The volume of any amplification devices, stereo systems, or like devices shall be turned down to a level that cannot be heard 25 feet from the perimeter of the property at any time for any length of time.
- Patrons shall be permitted to re-enter the establishment, if the establishment has an operational kitchen with a nighttime menu that includes more than the sale of prepackaged foods, single snack packages, and individually wrapped food for consumption. The nighttime menu shall contain menu items that are prepared, cooked, and plated similarly to the establishment's normal daytime menu.
- All alcohol, beer, wine, etc. shall be removed from all tables and patron bar areas within the establishment and there should be no consumption, possession, or sale of alcohol, beer, wine, etc. in the establishment after 2:00 AM.

Establishments that elect to stay open after 2:00 AM may do so after they have sent written notice to the Police Department (kinghe@charleston-sc.gov) at least seven days prior to the first day that the establishment stays open after 2:00 AM.

Please contact Lt. Heath King (kinghe@charleston-sc.gov) ph. 843-720-3924 with the Charleston Police Department with any questions regarding this initiative.