


AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. BOND

And other code sections
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10-109.1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CHAPTER 10 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES), ARTICLE II (DEALERS AND MANUFACTURER), DIVISION 2 (LICENSE), SUBDIVISION III (RENEWAL, REVOCATION TRANSFER) SO AS TO CREATE MANDATORY PROGRESSIVE PENALTIES FOR "DUE CAUSE" FINDINGS MADE BY THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD AND PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE MAYOR; TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND CODE SECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Amend other code sections

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in regulating, through the lawful exercise of its police powers, the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the city and its visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the alcoholic beverage laws, ordinances and regulations should be reviewed so as to ascertain and recommend improvements to the city's system of alcoholic beverage licensing and enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #11-R-0936, adopted June 20, 2011 and approved June 29, 2011, ATAG II was established; and,

WHEREAS, ATAG II was populated and held its first meeting on November 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, ATAG II has held public input hearings in every quadrant of the city, has had experts from government and the private sector appear before its members, and has discussed, deliberated and debated the myriad of issues involved in the licensing and enforcement of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, one of the issues discussed, deliberated and debated by ATAG II was the imposition of penalties on licensees upon violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2013, ATAG II took a vote on each of the myriad of issues to determine whether to include a recommendation regarding each specific issue in a final report to the City Council;

WHEREAS, during the vote on May 8, 2013, ATAG II voted to approve the inclusion of a recommendation to City Council which addressed the imposition of penalties on licensees upon violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Code of Ordinances; and