

RESOLUTION NO.: 111-2025

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas and Council President Jordan

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS TO WINSTON MARSHALL INVESTMENTS LLC AT 5180 WILSON MILLS ROAD IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, REQUESTING A HEARING BEFORE THE OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio, has been notified by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that all Class C and D retail permits to sell alcoholic beverages in the municipality will expire on October 1, 2025, and for a permit holder to maintain its permit privileges it must file an application to renew with the Division;

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 4303.271(B) provides this Council with the right to object to the renewal of retail liquor permits and to request a hearing thereon for those permit holder's premises which are a problem in the municipality and to do so by passage of a resolution that specifies the problems at the liquor permit premises and the legal grounds for the objection as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4303.292(A), along with an opinion statement from the chief legal officer of the municipality that the objection is based on substantial legal grounds within the meaning and intent of Ohio Revised Code 4303.292(A);

WHEREAS, this Council finds that at and associated with the premises of the holder of Class D-1, D-2, D-3, D-3A, and D-6 retail permits, Winston Marshall Investments, LLC, at 5180 Wilson Mills Road in the City, dba Parallel Lounge, there have been: approximately 144 calls for service to the City of Richmond Heights Division of Police from February 2024 through July 2025 and ranging from complaints of assaults, fighting, noise disturbances, weapon discharges, bomb threat, motor vehicle accidents, parking complaints, alarm drops, damage to a police vehicle, etc.; in 2024 and 2025 there have been seven (7) misdemeanor criminal charges filed against persons for disorderly conduct and/or fighting/threatening others; and driving under the influence criminal charges filed and convictions thereon of drivers who were served alcohol at the subject premises;

WHEREAS, due to the incidents set forth in the forgoing paragraph, law enforcement support has been required forty-three (43) times at the subject premises from police departments of the Cities of Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, and South Euclid; the Ohio Investigative Unit has investigated the subject premises for liquor law violations; and the City of Richmond Heights Division of Fire has been called to the subject premises over the past twenty (20) months for the following: 10 - emergency medical services incidents; 2 - fire alarm system activations; 1 - bomb threat; 1 - police assistance matter; and 1 - citizen complaint;

WHEREAS, the incidents cited herein have and continue to constitute a public nuisance within the City of Richmond Heights and a burden upon and nuisance to abutting municipal governments and their residents.

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to exercise its statutory right to object to the retail liquor permits of the permit holder at 5180 Wilson Mills Road for the establishment doing business as Parallel Lounge

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Council of the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio, does hereby object to the renewal of the Class D-1, D-2, D-3, D-3A, and D-6 retail liquor permits being held by Winston Marshall Investments, LLC, at 5180 Wilson Mills Road in the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio, dba Parallel Lounge and requests a hearing thereon before the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

Section 2: This Council incorporates the recitals of this Resolution herein as the bases for its objection to the renewal of the retail liquor permits set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution under Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.292(A) and incorporates the contents of the separate statement of the Chief Legal Officer of the City of Richmond Heights, Director of Law R. Todd Hunt, that the objection of this Council is based on substantial legal grounds within the meaning and intent of Ohio Revised Code 4303.292(A).

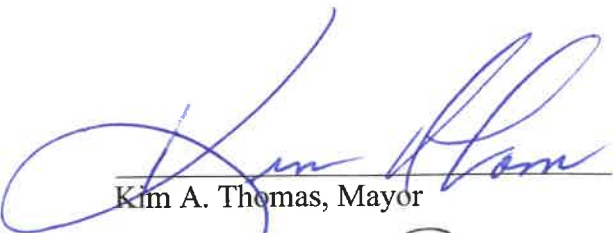
Section 3: The Clerk with the assistance of the Director of Law is authorized to submit this Resolution to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control by September 2, 2025.

Section 4: All formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council were done in compliance with the law, including R.C. Section 121.22.


Section 5: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate furtherance of the public health, safety and general welfare and for the additional reason that this Resolution must be submitted to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control by September 2, 2025; wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage by the Council and signature of the Mayor.

PASSED: AUGUST 27, 2025

APPROVED: AUGUST 27, 2025


Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: Tracey Blair
Tracey Blair
Clerk of Council


Bobby Jordan
President of Council