

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE CITY CODE
OF THE CITY OF EDEN

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation in 2021 and clarifying legislation in 2022 allowing municipalities to designate social districts within their jurisdiction to allow alcoholic beverages sold by licensed premises to be consumed within the district, outside of the establishment where the beverage was purchased; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden, the downtown Leaksville Merchants Association and the Eden Downtown Development Inc., worked together to propose a social district in the Leaksville commercial district because they believe that a social district is a valuable tool to increase economic activity and the vibrancy of the Leaksville commercial district; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden voted to approve the establishment of the Leaksville Social District on February 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the participating merchants have observed positive effects in Uptown Eden over the past two years due to the Social District and have submitted a letter petitioning the City to extend the Social District's currently established hours of operation; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned community partners have worked together to propose an amended schedule of hours for the existing Social District to continue and expand the economic activity and vibrancy of the Leaksville commercial district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that subsection §13-9 (C) 3 (A) of the Eden City Code is amended as follows:

3. Application.

(A) The provisions and terms contained in this subchapter shall be applicable between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Sunday-Saturday. At all other times, the provisions and terms contained in this subchapter are not in effect and all provisions of State and local laws concerning the possession and consumption of alcohol shall be in full force and effect.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 16th day of June, 2026.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall
Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna Hunt
Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

