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**Mayor Ralph Becker Proposes Modernized Alcohol Changes for Downtown
Salt Lake City**

Economic Development and Revitalization Drive Recommended Revisions

SALT LAKE CITY – Emphasizing economic development and downtown revitalization as key goals of his Administration, Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker forwarded a proposed revision of the Downtown area alcohol regulations to the City Council. The Becker Administration’s transmittal marks the beginning of the process to modernize the Capital City’s restrictive and complicated municipal alcohol regulations.

The proposed revision lifts Salt Lake City’s two-per-blockface regulations within the Downtown zones in Liquor License District A; removes the requirement of one brewpub and microbrewery per major street; and allows alcohol establishments on the interior and exterior of any block within Downtown Salt Lake City. The change is consistent with state regulation of alcohol establishments and the City’s zoning code and licensing requirements.

Today’s announcement follows a lengthy public comment period that is ongoing as the Administration explores additional changes to commercial zones outside of Downtown.

“I believe it is time to lift the two-per-blockface restriction in our Downtown area,” said Mayor Ralph Becker. “Much of the feedback we have received from residents, visitors, and business owners supports these changes.”

“We are excited to see these proposed changes of Downtown alcohol regulations from the Mayor and recognize the common sense they offer as our City continues to evolve,” added Jason Mathis, executive director of the Downtown Alliance. “Mayor Becker’s commitment to revitalizing downtown and further positioning Salt Lake City for growth and development is evident as he champions our city.”

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