PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 4.

DATE OF MEETING: September 3, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Tim Holloman, Manager/Mayor Howard Braxton

SHORT TITLE: Discussion of Resolution Requesting Pender County to Hold an Election to Remove the Class A Restrictions for Malt Beverage On-Off Premises Permitting

BACKGROUND: Mr. Holloman has requested to address the Board on the matter of Class A restrictions for malt beverage on-off premises permitting. The Town Board would like for Pender County to consider action on the resolution they approved on August 14, 2013. A copy of the resolution is attached.

TOWN OF TOPSAIL BEACH NORTH CAROLINA

Resolution No. 8-8-14-a-13

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PENDER COUNTY TO HOLD AN ELECTION TO REMOVE THE CLASS A RESTRICTIONS FOR MALT BEVERAGE ON-OFF PERMISES PERMITTING

WHEREAS, Pender County on March 5, 1963 held a voter referendum to establish the ABC permitting of malt beverages restricted to Hotels, Motels and Restaurants (Class A Establishments); and

WHEREAS, Pender County in the very same voter referendum on March 5, 1963 established that any retail business (no Class A restrictions) would be allowed to apply for a Wine Shop Permit that allows for the ON-Premise sale of wine beverages, but not the On-Premise sale of malt beverages; and

WHEREAS, in this day, enjoyment of wine and malt beverages are often consumed and enjoyed in retail establishments together across North Carolina and is permitted by surrounding counties to Pender County; and

WHEREAS, business needs to provide the services needed to be competitive and vibrant. This increases the number of jobs available and further strengthens the business climate; and

WHEREAS, Topsail Beach's and Pender County's economies are heavily dependent on the Tourism business and that Topsail Beach strives to provide guest amenities that are desired and customary;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Topsail Beach does hereby request that Pender County hold a County Voter referendum this November election (as allowed by NCGS 18B-601(b) and NCGS 18B-602(a)(1)) to approve the permitting of eligible places as defined in NCGS 18B-1001(1) allowing retail businesses to apply for ON-OFF Malt Beverage permits.

Adopted this 14th day of August 2013.

Howard M. Braxton, Jr.

Howard M Braxton Jr.
Mayor

Christina Watkins

Christina Watkins
Town Clerk