

## CHAPTER 2022-253

### House Bill No. 1429

An act relating to City of Ocala, Marion County; creating and designating boundaries of an entertainment event zone within the downtown area of the city; providing an exception to general law; requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue a special permit to bona fide licensed vendors operating within the entertainment event zone for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises and on public rights-of-way and public park property during city-approved special events; requiring adoption of a resolution approving such special events by the Ocala City Council during an advertised public hearing; providing that special permits are in addition to certain other authorized temporary permits; requiring bona fide licensed vendors to comply with all other statutory requirements; providing an exemption from general law; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. There is created a special zone in the City of Ocala to be known as the “Downtown Ocala Event Zone,” more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the corner of NW 2nd Avenue and NW 1st Street; thence east along the center line of NW and NE 1st Street to the center line of NE Watula Avenue; thence south along the center line of NE and SE Watula Ave to the center line of SE 5th Street; thence west along the center line of SE 5th Street to the center line of SE Osceola Avenue; thence north along the center line of SE Osceola Avenue to the center line of SE 3rd Street; thence west along the center line of SE and SW 3rd Street to the center line of SW 2nd Avenue; thence north along Center line of SW and NW 2nd Avenue to the point of beginning.

Section 2. Notwithstanding chapter 561, Florida Statutes, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall issue a special permit to bona fide licensed vendors for consumption on the premises, operating a licensed premises within the Downtown Ocala Event Zone, upon adoption of a resolution approving a special event and street closure by the Ocala City Council during an advertised public hearing, to temporarily sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in open containers that may be removed from the premises by patrons and consumed within the Downtown Ocala Event Zone. The type and color of the open container shall be identified in the resolution approved by the Ocala City Council. Such special permit may be authorized for no more than 12 outdoor events per calendar year and is

valid only for the duration of each special event approved by the Ocala City Council.

Section 3. The special permits authorized by this act shall be granted in addition to any other temporary permits authorized pursuant to chapter 561, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. Bona fide licensed vendors shall comply with all other requirements of chapter 561, Florida Statutes, while conducting business pursuant to special permits authorized by this act.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 18, 2022.

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