



## **Town of Yorktown**

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### Ordinance 807 – Riverfront District Establishment

In 2004, the state legislature enacted a law which allows the ability for a municipality through their Redevelopment Commission to provide additional liquor licenses as an economic development tool to perspective restaurants. Unlike a traditional liquor licenses, which is bought by the individual/business and transportable throughout the entire county, the RDC remains the owner of the licenses which is only usable in the prescribed district by a restaurant.

If the Riverfront District is established, the RDC is responsible for establishment of standards in which an individual/business could apply for the license. These standards can range in the essence of things like the amount of food vs alcohol sales, hours of operation, etc. Should the business ultimately close or try to relocate, the permit would not transfer or remain with the owner but would instead revert back to the RDC.

The RDC met in December ultimately advancing their support for the creation and approval of the district. The current ordinance establishes 5 licenses for the district. The Council in December introduced the ordinance, with the understanding that the final exhibits needed to be completed for ultimate approval. Attached to the documents are the exhibits and ordinance. If approved the RDC will set out to begin creation of the standards for obtaining the license. They have requested and received a few different communities' guidelines to review so that they may draft and discuss what the Yorktown Guidelines would look like.

Respectfully,  
Pete Olson  
Town Manager