

## **Resolution of the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY**

Whereas, the City of Saratoga Springs is called upon by the NYS Liquor Authority to comment on the issuance of new liquor licenses for establishments located within the City limits, and

Whereas, the City of Saratoga Springs has an opportunity to comment on the issuance of periodic NYS Liquor Authority license renewals for establishments located within the City limits, and

Whereas, it is generally recognized that excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages results in an increase of aggressive, disruptive and belligerent behavior, and

Whereas, it is generally recognized that aggressive, disruptive and belligerent behavior becomes progressively enhanced in the late night hours, and

Whereas, the City has a Night Club District, located in an approximately two block area including Caroline Street between Broadway and Henry Street, Putnam Street from Phila Street to Caroline Street, and Maple Avenue from Caroline Street to Lake Avenue, where many businesses provide on-premise alcohol sales until the hour of 4:00 AM, and

Whereas, the City's Police Department has managed to keep order in our Night Club District during late night hours by increasing the presence of on-duty police officers with an additional expense to City taxpayers of well over \$100,000 per year, and

Whereas, establishments in other areas of the City have generally stopped serving alcohol before 2:00 AM, and

Whereas, it strains the City's resources to control late night activities related to excessive alcohol consumption both in our Night Club District and in other parts of the City,

Now therefore, the Saratoga Springs City Council requests that the State Liquor Authority include a 2:00 AM restriction for on premise alcohol sales for new or renewed liquor licenses for all establishments located in the City but outside of the Night Club District.