

**A RESOLUTION
BY COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL JULIAN BOND**

AN RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF ATLANTA ALCOHOL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP III (ATAG III) FOR THE PUROPOSE OF MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE ATAG II REPORT AND ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA’S ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSING PROCESS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING, SALE AND REGULATION OF ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AS A RESULT OF ITS REVIEW, FOR ATAG III TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF ITS FIRST MEETING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in 2011 the City Council created the Alcohol Technical Advisory Group II (ATAG II) which was charged with the task of reviewing the city’s alcoholic beverage code and providing recommendations to the mayor and council with regard to ways in which the existing process of issuing licenses and enforcing applicable laws could be improved; and

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, ATAG II, consisting of council members and community and industry representatives, proposed a series of ordinance changes to the then alcohol beverage code; and

WHEREAS, new and additional concerns about alcoholic beverage licensing and enforcement are being raised by city council members and community representatives giving rise to the necessity of recreating the ATAG concept; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in regulating, through the lawful exercise of its police powers, the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the city and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, the alcoholic beverage laws, ordinances and regulations should be reviewed so as to ascertain and recommend improvements to the city’s system of alcoholic beverage licensing and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that ATAG III be established to undertake this task.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Alcohol Technical Advisory Group III (ATAG III) is hereby established.

Section 2: ATAG III shall consist of 17 members to be appointed as follows:

1. One member (community representative) appointed by the Mayor
2. One member (community representative) appointed by the President of Council.

3. One member of the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee
4. Two Council members appointed by the full council.
5. One member (community representative) appointed by district council members for districts 1,2,3,4, and post 1 at-large
6. One member (community representative) appointed by district council members for districts 5,6,7,8 and post 2 at-large
7. One member (community representative) appointed by district council members for districts 9,10,11,12 and post 3 at-large
8. One member appointed by the Atlanta Planning Advisory Committee (APAB)
9. One member appointed by the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
10. Four representatives (either owner, attorney, or licensee) from the alcohol beverage industry, one of which will be appointed by the Georgia Alcohol Dealers Association (GADA), one of which shall be appointed by the Georgia Licensed Beverage Association (GALBA) and one of which will be appointed by the Georgia Restaurant Association (GRA).
11. One ex officio non-voting member who is also a member of the License Review Board
12. Two members (one each appointed by the following organizations: the Atlanta Bar Association and the Gate City Bar Association)

The Office of the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to notify the above individuals and organizations and to request that the names of their nominees be submitted to the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Section 3: All members shall be confirmed by the city council.

Section 4: All members shall be residents of the city of Atlanta.

Section 5: All meetings of ATAG III shall be subject to the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

Section 6: ATAG III shall hold at least five (5) public meetings, one (1) in each quadrant of the City. Four (4) to solicit public input during its initial deliberations and one (1) to present its recommendations and to receive comment and reaction to said recommendations.

Section 7: ATAG III shall complete its review and recommendations within six months of its first meeting.

Section 8: Staff support to ATAG III shall be provided by council staff, the Law Department and the License and Permits Unit of the Atlanta Police Department

Section 9: Nothing among the objectives within the purview of ATAG III shall authorize its involvement in hours of operation of alcoholic beverage establishments.

Section 10: The members of ATAG III are hereby authorized to appoint ex-officio members to the Advisory Group via a majority vote of those seated members.

Section 11: The Advisory Group shall forward a written communication to the City Council, via

the Municipal Clerk, which provides the name of the appointee and the organization represented by such appointee.

Section 12: The ex-officio members authorized to be appointed hereunder must reside within the City of Atlanta and shall require City Council confirmation.

Section 13: All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.