

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS, ADOPTING EXTENDED SALE HOURS FOR ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE DURING THE FIFA 2026 WORLD CUP BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. AND 5:00 A.M. ON THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DAY FROM JUNE 11, 2026, THROUGH JULY 19, 2026, AS AUTHORIZED BY HB 2481.

Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

(a) The FIFA 2026 World Cup is an international sporting event that will generate significant public interest and economic activity throughout the State of Kansas.

(b) Kansas House Bill 2481, enacted during the 2026 Legislative Session and effective upon publication in the Kansas Register on April 23, 2026, authorizes cities to permit extended alcoholic beverage and cereal malt beverage sale hours during the tournament period.

(c) Adoption of extended sale hours will support local licensed establishments, promote economic development, and enhance the community's participation in this global event.

(d) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by House Bill 2481.

Section 2. Extended Alcoholic Beverage and Cereal Malt Beverage Sale Hours Authorized.

(a) As used in this Ordinance, "Licensed Establishment" means any business or entity located within the corporate limits of the City of Valley Falls that holds a valid license or permit issued by the State of Kansas under the Kansas liquor control act, the club and drinking establishment act, or the Kansas cereal malt beverage act to sell alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages, whether in the original package or for consumption on the premises.

(b) Beginning June 11, 2026, and continuing through July 19, 2026, all Licensed Establishments within the corporate limits of the City of Valley Falls are hereby authorized and permitted to sell, serve, and dispense alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on the immediately following day, seven (7) days a week, in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 2481.

(c) The extended sale hours authorized by this Section shall apply in lieu of any more restrictive hours of sale otherwise established by City ordinance or regulation during the extended sale period.

Section 3. Compliance with State and Local Law.

(a) Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to authorize any Licensed Establishment to sell, serve, or dispense alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages in any manner not otherwise permitted by its State license or permit, or to waive or modify any other requirement of State law or City ordinance other than the hours of sale.

(b) All Licensed Establishments operating under the extended hours authorized by this Ordinance shall remain subject to all applicable provisions of State statutes and regulations, as well as all applicable City ordinances and regulations not inconsistent with this Ordinance.

Section 4. Notice to Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

In accordance with the requirements of House Bill 2481, the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control promptly following its adoption and publication.

Section 5. Sunset Provision.

The extended sale hours authorized by this Ordinance shall automatically expire and have no further force or effect as of 5:00 a.m. on July 20, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 2481. Upon expiration, all previously applicable hours-of-sale restrictions under City ordinance and State law shall be restored without further action of the Governing Body.

Section 6. Effective Date.

A summary of this Ordinance shall be published in the official City newspaper on May 27, 2026, and shall run for two (2) consecutive weeks. The full text of this Ordinance shall be available at the office of the City Clerk, and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after publication in the official City newspaper.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Valley Falls, Kansas, at the regular meeting held on the 20th day of May, 2026.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS


Dawn Kennedy, Mayor

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ATTEST:


Destiny Schrick, City Clerk