



Legislation Text

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Discussion of issues relating to adoption of an official wet/dry map for the purpose of allowing or prohibiting alcohol sales.

Summary:

A Wet-Dry Map was prepared in October of 2000 administratively under the direction of the then Director of Planning and Development. The map was never officially adopted by ordinance by the City Council. There has been some question as to the placement of the wet-dry line on the East Boulevard Corridor. The research performed indicated the following:

The Incorporated City of Deer Park, Harris County, on December 12, 1956 voted in a Harris County Local Option Election to become dry. This election would cover the then existing areas inside the incorporated boundaries of the City of Deer Park at that time. Areas annexed after this date came into the City as Wet. Millwee and Associates, Consulting Engineers had prepared an annexation map indicating all the annexations the City of Deer Park made along with the dates for each. The map indicated the boundary of each annexation.

The proposed official Wet-Dry Map (see attached) has been prepared from careful analysis of the original Millwee annexation map. The Wet-Dry Map boundaries have been placed on the City of Deer Parks current digital base map for consideration by the City Council to officially adopt.

Note that the ordinance would officially adopt and accept the attached map as the official wet/dry map of the City of Deer Park, Texas for the purpose of allowing or prohibiting alcohol sales except as allowed by prior ordinances or elections. For instance, in 2006, the voters in Deer Park approved a proposition that allows for "The legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only." Such restaurant/food and beverage certificate holders selling mixed beverages need not be located in a wet area on the map but must be zoned appropriately as a restaurant pursuant to the City's zoning ordinance.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: N/A

Discussion only during workshop.