

BILL NO. BL 2018-1376 (SYRACUSE) – This ordinance would amend Section 7.16.030 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws (MCL) regarding location restrictions for the sale of liquor.

Currently, MCL Sec. 7.16.030.A.2 restricts liquor stores to locations on or with principal access to major streets or roads as shown on the major street plan adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. (This restriction does not apply to artisan distilleries, as defined by MCL Sec. 17.06.040.)

This ordinance would allow liquor sales at retail locations on or with principal access to an arterial-boulevard, as shown on the major street plan. However, the arterial-boulevard access requirement would not apply to retail locations on collector-avenues or local streets no more than 3,960 feet (3/4 of a mile) in length that intersect, at two or more locations, the same existing arterial boulevard (The current exemption for artisan distilleries would continue to apply.)

It has been estimated by the Metro Planning Department that this amendment would enable few new retail locations for liquor sales -- perhaps as few as two (2) in Davidson County.

An amendment is anticipated from the sponsor, pending a rules suspension, adding further restrictions to the location exemptions.