

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-2021**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE OPINION OF THE  
MALVERN CITY COUNCIL ON THE *VOTE HOT SPRING  
COUNTY WET* BALLOT INITIATIVE**

to repeal the order of the Hot Spring County Court of September  
10, 1943 abolishing the sale and manufacture of intoxicating  
liquors within Hot Spring County, Arkansas

WHEREAS, the Hot Spring County Court abolished the sale and  
manufacture of intoxicating liquors within Hot Spring County, Arkansas on  
September 10, 1943.

WHEREAS, *VOTE HOT SPRING COUNTY WET*, a citizen led group,  
respectfully request that an election be held to determine whether licenses will be  
granted for the manufacture or sale or bartering, loaning, or giving away of  
intoxicating liquor in Hot Spring County, to the end that the same may be adopted,  
enacted, or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of Hot Spring County.

WHEREAS, The Hot Spring County Economic Development Corporation  
requested an economic impact study from the Arkansas Economic Development  
Institute (AEDI) at UALR in 2018, concerning alcohol sales in Hot Spring County,  
where AEDI produced an evaluation of what economic changes are likely to occur  
in Hot Spring County if the citizens were to decide by ballot to change from Dry  
to Wet. The study indicated increased tax revenue, employment, and development  
in Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

WHEREAS, there are potential economic benefits to the City of Malvern  
with the sale or manufacture of alcoholic beverages occurring in Hot Spring  
County, Arkansas.

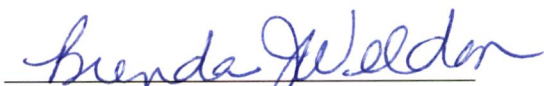
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MALVERN, ARKANSAS:

The Malvern City Council hereby supports the *Vote Hot Spring County  
Wet* petition for placing an issue on the 2022 ballot to repeal the order of the Hot  
Spring County Court of September 10, 1943 abolishing the sale and manufacture  
of intoxicating liquors within Hot Spring County, Arkansas and allow the Director  
of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses for the sale or manufacture of  
intoxicating liquor to include alcoholic beverages of every kind and type including,  
but not limited to beer, vinous, spirituous, and malt liquor within Hot Spring  
County, Arkansas, pursuant to applicable Arkansas state law and regulations  
related to alcoholic beverages. The Malvern City Council supports the efforts to  
promote economic development within the City of Malvern, Arkansas.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
Phyllis Dial, City Clerk/Treasurer

  
Mayor Brenda J. Weldon

