DATE: November 7, 2023
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Erin Wells, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Alcohol Survey Results
TYPE: General City Management

PURPOSE:
The City Council will consider the results of the resident alcohol survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
City Council take the survey result information into account when deciding on MNG's text amendment application.

PRIOR COUNCIL DIRECTION:
On August 1, 2023, Council first discussed the text amendment application from MNG Highland Development, LLC to amend Section 3-4351 Permitted Uses and Section 3-4352 Prohibited Uses in the Development Code and Section 5.12.020 Beer Sales in the Municipal Code to allow for alcohol sales in the area surrounding their Highland Mains Development. At that meeting, Council continued the item to garner public feedback.

On August 15, 2023, Council directed staff to do a resident survey on the topic. Staff and Council again discussed the survey at the September 5 and 19 meetings. At the September 19 meeting, Council voted to continue the decision on the text amendment request until January so that a newly elected Council would make the decision on this issue. At the October 3 Council Meeting, Council directed staff to leave the survey open through October 20 rather than original due date of October 18 to coincide with the utility bill due date.

BACKGROUND:
Every household in Highland was mailed two physical copies of the survey along with the information sheet. A link and QR code was included in the survey instructions and residents were encouraged to fill the survey out online in order to facilitate a quick turnaround on results.

Each survey was given a unique ID number that individuals had to insert into the online survey to complete the survey. The unique ID number was also used to check for duplicates by staff prior to the survey analysis. (See more on this later.)

As this is a complex topic, staff wanted to ensure that not only did the City receive a high number of responses, but that those responses were informed. To help facilitate that, a community information session was held on September 18, prior to the survey launch on September 27. Further, a detailed information sheet was included along with the survey.
RESULTS

Response Count
A total of 3,423 residents filled out the survey with 79% of those being online responses and 21% of those filling out the paper survey.

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Given the total potential response number of 12,040, if we were to have gotten survey responses from every Highland resident, there is a 99% probability that the results would have been less than 2% different than they are with our sample size of 3,423.

**Question 1:** Should City Council allow restaurants in the commercial area in question to sell alcoholic beverages to patrons, provided such alcoholic beverages are (1) accompanied with a purchase of food, (2) limited to consumption on restaurant property, and (3) follow all other Utah State Code requirements?

Of the 3,423 respondents, 2,119 or 62% said Council should allow restaurants in the area around Highland Mains to sell alcoholic beverages.

![Allow Alcohol Sales in Restaurants in Highland Mains Area](chart)

The response to this question was largely different for those who filled out the survey online in comparison with those who filled out the paper survey.

![Allow Alcohol Sales in Restaurants in Highland Mains Area and Survey Method Breakdown](chart)
Question 2: If you answered yes to question 1, should City Council allow restaurants in commercial areas throughout the City to sell alcoholic beverages to patrons under the restrictions outlined in the previous question?

Those who answered yes to the first question were asked whether alcohol sales should be allowed in restaurants throughout the City. 94% of respondents said yes.

| Allow Alcohol Sales in Restaurants in Highland Mains Area (Response Count) |
|---|---|
|   | Yes | No |
| Online | 1,809 | 899 |
| Paper | 310 | 405 |

Responses to this question were not largely different for individuals who filled out the survey online compared to those who filled out the paper survey.
Question 3: If you answered yes to question 1, what type of alcoholic beverages should the City allow in restaurants?

Those who answered yes to the first question were asked whether alcohol sales should be limited to beer and wine only or whether all legal alcoholic beverages should be served. 87% of respondents said that all types of alcoholic beverages should be allowed.

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Again, the trends on the responses to this question were not largely different for individuals who filled out the survey online compared to those who filled out the paper survey.
Question 4: If you would like to provide a brief explanation on your answers above, please do so here.

1,609 individuals wrote something as a part of their survey response. These responses are included as an attachment to this report.

Excluded Responses
In total, 81 responses were excluded from analysis. Responses were excluded due to individuals using incorrect ID numbers, duplicated ID numbers, or when no response was given for the first question.

Paper Survey Turnout – Potential for a Results Change
Despite the survey instructions saying there was a return envelope included with the survey mailer, there was not. Staff unintentionally neglected to give that instruction to the printing and mailing company. However, the survey instructions did also include the options of returning the survey with residents utility bill, dropping it in our utility drop box on the back of the building, or bringing the survey into City Hall.

There has been some concern that some residents who would have turned in the paper version of the survey were not able to as no return envelope was included in the survey mailer. And because the answer to the main question differed drastically in comparing the online and paper responses, some may wonder if the results could have been different if an envelope was included.

It would have taken an additional 893 residents responding that alcohol sales should not be allowed to change the overall results to 51% of respondents saying that alcohol sales should not be allowed in the Highland Mains area. That would require the number of individuals who turned in paper surveys to more than double.

However, given the fact that not all respondents who filled out a paper survey said alcohol sales should not be allowed (57%), if the response trend held true for additional paper survey responses, an additional 6,916 paper surveys would have to be turned in to change the overall results to 51% of respondents saying that alcohol sales should not be allowed in the Highland Mains area. That is nearly ten times the number of paper surveys that were turned in.

Sources

3. https://www.highlandcity.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2094
4. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rlVK44IRSAneixDYFzaW5bP0GxARwyc_3x70KQIg3

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FISCAL IMPACT:
None

MOTION:
This item is presented for discussion only. No motion is required at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Information Sheet Included with the Survey
2. Physical Survey
3. Open Ended Survey Comments
Before filling out the included survey, we ask that you review the information below to better understand this complex issue

**Background**
The commercial property Highland Mains, northeast of CVS and north of Quick Quack Car Wash, is approved for retail and office development. The property owner, MNG Highland Development (MNG), is asking for a change to the City’s laws to allow restaurants in their development to sell alcoholic beverages. MNG submitted a formal request and paid an application fee to the City to have the City Council hear and act on their request. Before voting on this application, the City Council is seeking resident feedback on this topic. The final decision will be brought back to Council in January, after the election.

Below is an outline from the City on this requested change and current laws on the sale of alcoholic beverages. You can also see a video of an Information Meeting held this topic at [bit.ly/HC-alcohol-law](http://bit.ly/HC-alcohol-law).

**MNG Highland Development’s Requested Change**
The requested change is to allow restaurants to obtain a "Full-Service Restaurant License" which, under state law, allows for beer, wine, mixed drinks, and spirits to be sold to customers. If approved, restaurants would be required to follow all state alcohol regulations ([Utah Code 32B](https://www.legislature.utah.gov/)) including that all alcohol (1) be consumed on-site and (2) served only with a food order.

MNG’s 2021 plans for this shopping center included local chain fast food and quick-serve restaurants, and included several with drive-thru facilities. See original plans to the right.

When MNG commenced construction in the summer of 2022, they decided they wanted to do something different with the development, halted construction, and redesigned their site. See their new approved site plan to the left and a rendering on the following page. Their revised plans can accommodate 4 large sit-down restaurants. MNG has stated that over a period of 12 months of marketing and leasing, every sit-down restaurant that has expressed interest in being a part of this project has requested and required the ability to curate their food and beverage menu in the same manner that they would in any other location where they operate. Without these restaurants, MNG states that the development of Highland Mains in its current form is not viable and they will need to revert back to the initial plan proposed.
Because the restaurant operators MNG has spoken with want to provide a full-service restaurant experience, which includes the sale of all alcoholic beverages, MNG is requesting this change.

The property owner’s proposed request only applies to their particular commercial area. However, the City Council has discussed the possibility of making their decision on this matter applicable to other commercial areas in the City. At a minimum, City Council will likely update City code to resolve some inconsistencies on this topic (see below).

**Current City Law**

[Highland City Municipal Code 5.12.020](#) and [Ordinance 1977-09](#) prohibit the sale of beer City-wide. When these codes were approved in 1977 and in 2000, the sale of alcohol was more regulated by state law, and thus, by banning beer, the City effectively prohibited the retail sale of all alcohol. State law has since become less prohibitive on the sale of alcoholic beverages, and City code has not been updated to reflect those changes.

In addition, in all but one commercial zone in the City, alcohol sales of any kind are expressly prohibited. In the one commercial zone that does not expressly prohibit alcohol sales (the area surrounding Macey’s), the City Council has historically put limitations on individual businesses to not allow alcohol sales.

Due in part to the factors outlined above, there are no public businesses currently in Highland that sell alcohol. While the Alpine Country Club does serve alcohol, they are a private club and existed before the City was incorporated, and thus their alcohol sales are grandfathered in.

**Implications to the Potential Change & Other City Council Considerations**

**DENYING** the change and clarifying the prohibition of alcohol sales throughout the City would mean:
- City law would be updated to ban alcohol sales in all commercial zones in the City.
- No restaurants, grocery, or convenience stores could sell any type of alcohol.
- Liquor stores and bars would remain prohibited.

**APPROVING** the change and allowing alcohol sales under specific criteria in this particular commercial area would mean:
- The sale of alcoholic beverages in restaurants would be allowed in this commercial area. Restaurants could sell beer, wine, and other types of alcoholic beverages.
- Grocery and convenience stores would continue to be prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages city-wide.
- Liquor stores and bars would remain prohibited city-wide.
- The Sunday business closure law would remain unchanged city-wide.

Additional changes the City Council could consider if they chose to allow alcoholic beverage sales include:
- Broadening the allowance to all commercial areas throughout the City.
- Limiting the total number of restaurants selling alcoholic beverages.
- Setting a minimum distance between businesses that sell alcoholic beverages.
- Setting a maximum number of licenses available per commercial area.
- Rather than allowing all types of alcoholic beverages to be sold in restaurants (full-service), limiting alcohol sales in restaurants to beer and wine only (limited-service).
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Recently the developer of the commercial property northeast of CVS and north of Quick Quack Car Wash submitted a request and paid an application fee seeking a change to City laws allowing alcohol sales as part of the operation of a restaurant in their particular commercial area. City Council is seeking resident feedback on this proposal. Before filling out the survey on the reverse side, we ask that you please review the information sheet included.

Please note that each survey contains a unique ID number to ensure integrity in the results.

To expedite the results, we ask that anyone who can take the survey online do so at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HC-23. You can also scan the QR code included below. Online surveys will need to input the unique identification number included at the top of the survey.

If you need to take the physical survey, you can do one of the following: mail it back to City Hall in the envelope included, include it in your utility bill payment, drop it in our utility drop box north of Highland City Hall, or bring it in to our front desk.

Two surveys have been included in each mailing. We ask that everyone 18 and older living in your household complete the survey. If more than two adults live in your home, please call City Hall at 801-756-5751 and additional survey(s) will be provided to you.

Surveys are due no later than Wednesday, October 18.

Thank you for taking the time to make your voice heard. The City anticipates City Council considering this item in January after the 2023 Municipal Elections.
### Open Ended Responses

| I will not vote for whomever votes for this. |
| I believe in freedom. I would hope that people wouldn't drink for myriad reasons, but that choice, should be left up to them, not up to their government. |
| Liberty and agency for all. |
| Freedom |

| Highland should maintain its current ordinance against this activity. Neighboring cities allow alcoholic beverages to be sold in conjunction with restaurant services. Consumers wanting this service can go there. Highland should maintain its current community standard. |
| I think a restaurant owner should have to choice or opportunity to serve alcohol to make the restaurant as profitable as possible |
| This development in its full form will raise property value and area appeal, helping everyone. Don’t let Highland stagnate in it’s development. |
| I feel that the local restaurants should be able to compete with neighboring cities that allow these sales. |
| Provide adequate resources to regulate and enforce existing Utah State guidelines |
| It’s 2023. Highland needs to grow and not restrict commerce and individual liberties because of outdated, religious-based ideas. This is especially true in light of the fact that many of our local elected officials and wealthy officials are members of the country club where alcohol is permitted. It’s a classic example of paternalistic hypocrisy. If people want to have a drink with their dinner in Highland, let them have a drink. Sheesh. |
| Give us all the alcohol options. |

| Even though consumption is in the restaurant the fact is the patrons will leave the restaurant intoxicated causing a safety and welfare concerns off the property. If this law is changed and someone gets intoxicated at this restaurant and cause damage or death to others then the city will be liable for damages caused by those individuals since it was the city that made it possible for those individuals to harm others. |
| Interesting that this won’t be considered until after elections. If it were before we would know who to vote out if it's approved. |
| Our community is founded on the premise to maintain pure and conservative values. This includes the prohibition of alcohol sales within the city. I desire to maintain that prohibition. As an extension of my voice I expect the City Council members to reflect the voice of the greater Highland residents and deny this request. Failure of any Council Member to deny this application as presented and preserve the current prohibition City wide will induce my vote to have each you voted off of their position as election cycles permit. |
| We need more higher end restaurants and businesses in Highland with areas to congregate. We are an outdoorsy state. This new plan looks very upscale and welcoming. We have no rec center, good parks, entertainment areas or quality restaurants or businesses. Things need to change, especially with the massive growth happening in our city. Resources also need to be thought of (water, electricity, etc). We also need to separate church and state. It is illegal to push religious opinions/views on others. Sunday closures need to be addressed next, because that also falls into those illegal religious views being pushed on others. |
| Time to give people choice and quit sending our tax dollars to other cities. |
| Highland is living in the past and catering to a Mormon population. It's time to get with the times and allow the basic right to choose what we drink. Even Jesus drank wine. We are a boring city enough already. |

1. Permitting the sale of alcohol at restaurants throughout city will ultimately result in higher property values for all.  
2. Let adults make good decisions on their own. No need to police morality through outdated legal codes.
People have the right to chose to drink or not. Religious beliefs cannot be imposed on all persons of the city and all faiths do need to be confined by the local majority religions beliefs. There is a separation from church and state for a reason...that being said I do not drink but don't want my faith or views to be imposed or limit anyone else. The freedoms this county is build on to make their own choices do not need to be limited.

Without these accommodations for restaurants I fear we may never have an upscale, beautiful commercial development in Highland that matches the standard of living expected here. We don’t need more fast food, sodas, cookies, lash bars and dentists. I would worry more about all the high density housing and fast food joints and the demographics and that those can inadvertently bring in than I do about nice sit down restaurants that happen to serve drinks with a meal. We need a community space, a walkable gathering space, a date night space. We need a quality development that reflects the demographics here and elevates our city instead of cheapens it. This is a beautiful city. Let’s create something deserving of it. I don’t personally drink alcohol. But our neighboring cities have proven that having restaurants that do serve alcohol does not suddenly make it a hotbed for problems. The Lone Peak Police department has said that they are not concerned about this issue based on the statistics of our neighbors. I would be opposed to bars and taverns. But that is not what we would be dealing with here. We don’t have to allow for that. PLEASE can we have something nice?

We moved to Highland for the unique community feel. I appreciate that Highland keeps restaurants closed on Sunday and doesn't allow alcohol. The developer isn't being fully transparent, according to state law, someone can buy a to go beer which goes against what he is saying about not being able to leave the restaurant with the alcohol. The developer is saying whatever he needs to say to pass this so he can make the most money possible. He isn't concerned with what is best for Highland. Please keep Highland the small, quaint town it is.

Regarding alcohol, I do not believe we should legislate what we believe to be morality.

I think we can be sufficiently nuanced with this decision to keep the alcohol laws and consumption within our city appropriate with the new amendments. Similar to what City Creek has done.

If we want to add a diverse mix of restaurants we need to allow the option to serve alcohol. By allowing it, it gives the freedom for the business owners to decide what is best for their business. Utah has very strict alcohol laws already so I don’t believe having a few restaurants that serve alcohol will impact the community in a negative way. Especially since cedar hills allow it and it’s across the street. Texas Roadhouse or Olive Garden are examples of full service restaurants that are still geared towards family's and I don’t believe the alcohol impacts that. Most people do not even notice there is alcohol at these type of restaurants and if they do not want to be around it they are free to not go to the restaurant. I think it would be a mistake to pass on this. The community does not need more soda/cookie shops as those are the type of places we will have if we turn down alcohol.

Every person is responsible for their own actions. Cities should not set standards meant for individual agency and determination.

We need to separate the LDS church from the city and allow alcoholic drinks to be sold in the city to allow more restaurants and to better the city. We are tired of the same old fast food chains and want a diverse portfolio of restaurants and businesses within city limits. Follow American Fork and Lehi’s examples as they know how to diversify their cities with great restaurants and businesses.

Once we change this law, it will never be taken back. My 15 son wants the opportunity to live in an alcohol free community. Let’s leave it for the next generation’s benefit and give them a chance to be blessed by the uniqueness of the community that we enjoy.

N/A

I frequent many full service restaurants that sell alcohol. What kind of alcohol - I don't know exactly because I don't drink. We all go to "The Cheesecake Factory, Outback, Texas RH, and more. This proposed development to me would really make great sense in Highland. We deserve it!
The commercial developers should have done their research on our unique community before buying land here.

Drinking alcohol is a choice. Highland not selling won't stop drinking. The city needs the revenue. We're a poor city, with poor common sense.

We moved to Highland to get away from cities found in the rest of the state. Don't change things up because one developer wants to make a change. We live here, we moved here for this and other reasons that make Highland wonderful. The line has been drawn by the residents who have been residing here for years... don't attempt to change it arbitrarily because of a single developer or you no longer represent our values and will need to be replaced.

Present alcohol restrictions for the city are antiquated, reminiscent of blue laws in southern states, and prevent nicer dining options in Highland. We do not drink alcohol ourselves, but do not feel that it would be detrimental to Highland to have restaurants allowing alcohol to patrons who do.

Do not feel alcoholic beverages are necessary in our community and this is why we moved here.

In my opinion, I think that allowing alcoholic beverages into our city would be detrimental to the core values that our citizens hold. If you look at the history, it will tell you that allowing these types of things into an area brings unwanted "riff raff" that goes along with it. People do not have clear judgment when they are intoxicated, which will result in potentially more accidents, more assaults, and other unlawful activities, that our beautiful city has been safe from for the many years that it has existed. I moved away from my home to Highland to get away from the "urban" lifestyle, to be in a more tranquil, secure place that Highland has offered since its foundation, where it is friendly, peaceful, safe, somewhere you don't have to worry about your family going out to Yummy's for dessert and getting side swiped by the drunk/impaired driver. I think it would take away the integrity of our city to allow something that the majority of our residents say they stand against. No! I do not want this alcoholic beverages law to change to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol in our Highland businesses!

We need good restaurants to come to Highland!

Highland need the sales revenue that these businesses would provide. It would make it possible for more restaurants to come to the area.

Hoping this change will bring in a higher quality restaurant instead of all the fast casual dining that is so common in Utah.

A restaurant or two is fine, but I don’t think it should be in stores and everything closed on Sunday still!

Highland City is unique - a quiet, safe residential community. Part of maintaining that ambience is the absence of alcohol and Sunday store closures. With many options in nearby Lehi and American Fork there is no reason to change the character of our city.

We aren’t in the 1900’s. Let’s allow free agency to happen and not have religious rules dictate others in our city.

We live in a free country

This is a beautiful plan outlined to create a great commercial area in highland. Offering alcohol will increase people visiting from out of town and boost our economy.

We need restaurants in Highland. We need to allow businesses to do business in Highland!

I think highland is missing out on lots of money from alcohol sales. I also think it deters many restaurants from opening in highland

I don’t drink, but if it helps with revenue for the city that is great. Have it available won't change my choice to not drink.

There is no reason Highland needs restaurants. We are a bedroom community. This development is unnecessary and there is no reason to change the alcohol laws. I will vote against any public official who supports changing the law in favor of developers. Thank you!
All alcoholic beverages should be available
Leaving the choice up to patrons if they want to consume or not. I don’t believe allowing consumption correlates to increased crime etc.

Highland has a unique and clean moral and physical atmosphere that should be upheld, even if that means the continued prohibition of alcohol in our city. Other cities surrounding ours allow the sale of alcohol and it is not difficult for one to purchase it, but retaining the cleanliness and unique nature of our city is important to us.

Absolutely not! There are plenty of close towns that can provide that service. You people are already selling out our values with all of these developments. As a community we should not have to change for a developer. Keep our town clean, that crap is a virus.

This is the camel’s nose in the tent. There will be a moment of victory while a new & lovely development commences. Nice restaurants will seem like an asset. Soon each commercial zone will request the same privileges. It will be impossible to deny when one has already been allowed. And once open to change the requests for new permissions will arise. Highland has something unique, charming & peaceful that will slowly be chipped away if these codes and ordinances are open for negotiation.

All alcoholic beverages
We chose to move here because of this law.
We need decent restaurants!

This is an outdated city law that I, and I suspect many other residents, didn’t even realize still existed. We want nicer developments and restaurants in our city instead of more fast food and drive throughs, and even though we don’t drink alcohol ourselves, we believe that option should be available.

We want business here in Highland. It’s about time these restrictions are lifted.

It seems to me that the developer and the restaurants wanting the change to the alcohol law in Highland don’t know the demographics of the majority of the customer base. How much of a restaurant’s business do they anticipate coming from the sale of alcohol? Highland isn’t Park City, which is what it sounded like the developer was wanting to create here. I think the example of Blue Lemon going out of business in Highland while Costa Vida is always busy should be an indicator of the types of businesses that will thrive in Highland. I looked up some of the restaurants the developer gave as examples of who they are trying to get to come to Highland. To me, they seem more like Blue Lemon than Costa Vida. In other words, not likely to last. But if Highland changes the alcohol law to accommodate restaurants that then go out of business, the alcohol law stays in place. And as I asked before, how much do they really anticipate restaurant sales to come from alcohol?

Restricting alcoholic beverages being served within city limits will negatively affect our opportunity to have quality sit down restaurants. I would like to live in a city that has more than fast food restaurant options. Not only for healthier options to choose from but also for the esthetic of the city. If one is concerned of another adult’s beverage choices at a restaurant than it seems quite juvenile and as adults taking this survey we ought to allow others their free agency on their beverage choices regardless of our own personal reservations.

It’s about time. We need more businesses in Highland.

The current restrictions prevent upscale restaurants from coming to Highland. They don’t prevent anyone from consuming alcohol in every neighboring city and then returning to their homes in Highland. They also don’t help preserve Highland’s bedroom community uniqueness, because they mean more drive throughs and strip malls and less attractive commercial developments. It’s time to make a smart and community-minded updated to our city alcohol laws.

At least make the law CLEAR. It has been vague and not precise for too long. Developer should have done their due diligence, however, let’s allow all business to commerce in Highland. Utah DUI laws are among the
most stringent and best in the nation. Allow the state to do its job, allow Highland to be a commerce friendly city.

Let’s bring Highland City into 2023. Let’s just have this settled. It doesn’t mean alcohol sales will be rampant, it means that Highland will simply meet the basic standard for a commerce friendly city. The blue laws are too vague. I’d this doesn’t pass in favor of the restaurants, at least make the law more definitive and clear.

I mean what a great opportunity to have a project like this come into Highland, we are lacking commercial revenue in the city. I think it’s time to join current times. Most cities that have had laws like this in Utah have changed. I really hope to project comes to fruition.

I don’t want people being provided in our town. This is one of the things that sets our city apart from others. Serving alcohol will cause more car accidents and the kind of things we want to avoid in this community.

I moved to Highland because we’re different from all those other communities. If folks want booze there are plenty of other places to buy and consume it. Please keep our streets safe from the riff-raff.

patrons can travel less than 2 miles south or west and buy beer and wine with a meal. We need more tax revenue and this may be a good source if done correctly.

The city has no business trying to regulate alcohol. This is a State regulation. Please put my tax dollars to better use and focus on local issues.

Freedom of choice is core to our constitutional rights. Let’s embrace diversity and Stop theocratic government.

I think this is a very interesting issue, but do appreciate the added input city council wants from the members of the fine city of Highland. I do feel there is a need to update to be in line with state guidelines, so yes, please allow sale of alcohol.

Highland has too much traffic currently for its roads. We do not need more commercial businesses in this bedroom community. Build some parks!

We just as well get the tax benefit. People will just go to an adjacent city to get them anyway.

Please keep alcohol out!

The church needs to stop trying to run the entire state! Let highland act like a grownup! This isn’t going to FORCE MORMONS to drink but It will allow non Mormons to enjoy their lives!

Every single person living in the city of Highland moved here, and there’s not alcohol available, changing that screws every single person that moved here let them go somewhere else. We’re here for a reason we moved here for a reason, but that reason stand.

We need more restaurants in highland. We are spending millions of our discretionary income in other cities. Alcohol is not the issue, it is quality of life with quality restaurants. Not the same crappy chains, like Costa Vida and Cafe Rio. Just because the restaurant serves alcohol does not mean it will be detrimental to our community.

We need to bring in bigger businesses to offset our taxes.

I do not want to be governed by a Mormon theocracy.

Our city is missing out on a lot of tax dollars because of the poor dining options available which is directly related to the current alcohol laws in place. Let’s bring our laws up to speed with those of other surrounding towns as well as the state and continue to keep Highland a wonderful and safe place to live!

Please allow the restaurants in this higher end development to come to highland! Blocking the sale of alcohol and not allowing people to choose for themselves what they consume will be stunting the growth of this community. We do not want more fast food drive thrus! We can get that all around us! Highland could be a destination as people drive into the canyon (they’re already here) and if we do not allow progress it’s a huge missed opportunity. More income for our town, more money circling through! This development looks high end and is the direction we should be headed.
As Utah’s alcohol laws are already very strict, I do not think Highland’s alcohol laws should be more prohibitive than the state’s laws. We need higher quality dining and destination boutique shopping and this would entice tenants to come and thrive in Highland.

This country was founded on separation of church and state. The city of Highland should respect that and allow the citizens to choose what they want to consume.

This is not an issue of safety. It is important to elevate our community and provide restaurants that reflect the high class feel we want for Highland. We also need to create ways to increase revenue and taxes that fund our city. The city has grown and is more diverse and therefore requires the city to evolve and reevaluate what is wanted and needed.

Highland is a residential community, not a destination for Lehi and AF residents, especially people attracted to alcohol. Make a decision based on your conscience, not money!

Let people live now they want. Plus highland needs more tax revenue outside just property tax. If you wanted you could charge an alcohol tax to make a little more on it.

Freedom of choice is an important part of America.

The citizens of Highland City should enjoy the freedom to choose for themselves. And businesses should be allowed to provide services in Highland without restrictions or penalties they would not experience in other cities. It so often simply means they open just outside the border, and Highland loses the tax revenue.

We need full service restaurants in Highland for tax reasons. Highland needs to stop making businesses go elsewhere.

Stop playing games with zoning laws. Treat all commercial zones the same. We have this issue because of zoning games played by a previous council to improperly put its weight in the scale to favor certain businesses and disadvantage or discourage others from considering locating in Highland.

If these changes are not allowed, Highland is simply losing out on the tax revenue from these businesses. As it is now, many of us travel to other nearby locations to have a complete dining experience, including alcohol. No one will be forced to consume alcohol if they don’t want to do so.

People can already buy alcohol in American Fork and Lehi. We aren’t doing much other than keeping businesses away with the current rules.

People can buy alcohol in neighboring cities already. It would be different if it was a county wide ban currently.

Hoping this additional business in town will lower taxes.

Keep Highland unique

There are plenty of other places in the state to get alcohol, many within a 5 to 10 minute drive. Let’s keep Highland more small town feel.

I would like to increase Highands tax base by expanding our commercial businesses. I’d love some really good restaurants for date nights!

We have some high speed roads in highland (timp highway and country blvd). Someone is eventually going to get an elevated blood alcohol levels and experience impairment. We have a lot of adolescents and mothers driving these roads. I would hate to see an additional risk to anyone on these roads. One drunk driver killing someone isn’t worth it. Plenty of places to drink alcohol in the county. We don’t need it in the heart of our city. We don’t need it on our roads.

If we want to be an upscale city, and attract upscale businesses (which I think we do), we need to be accommodating to those businesses.

Drunk drivers kill people. This creates drunk drivers regardless of the so-called limits put in place.

Nothing good comes from drinking alcohol. You can drive down the road to another city to get it if you feel otherwise.

I don’t want to die from a drunk driver.
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| There is no defensible reason to maintain stricter alcohol laws in Highland than what the state of Utah maintains. How about we just let adults be adults and order alcohol if they choose? |
| For those of us who purchased homes do to this prohibition this is a huge issue |
| I strongly oppose this and will join forces with others that fight this publicly and legally if approved |
| People are adults. I feel like when I received this survey I stepped back into the 1950s where women waited on men. This was a waste of paper. We voted you guys in to make the best economical decisions for our city. Bring restaurants in that you can actually sit down and have a meal. |
| Let adults make their own decisions |

| We don't want drunk drivers in town. Highland is a quiet city, which is increasing valuable as Lehi / Saratoga / Draper continue to expand commercial zones and become traffic nightmares. Would prefer the smaller original plan if it means fewer cars and lower chances of drunk hit-and-run drivers (and the consequences for both parties involved). |
| You can find alcoholic beverages and "full-service" restaurants anywhere. We have something special here that needs preserved. Protect our city! Prove we can be a vibrant, professional and profitable City without alcohol. This will represent who we as a community and protect the wholesome values we hold dear. Absolutely No on this issue. If people want Alcohol they can find it else where. I don’t want it here. |
| We need this for our city! |
| This will allow better dining options |
| We would love Good dining options. I don't see a reason not to allow them to run their business within the law. |

| Highland City could benefit from major sales tax profits by allowing this development to come here. As well as open restaurants and entertainment to a small city. |
| While I do not think the people should drink alcohol, that should be a personal choice. The sell of alcohol should come with education on the dangers of alcohol. |
| Don't see why not. |
I personally do not drink alcohol, but if allowing alcoholic beverages to be sold in Highland allows us to have higher-end restaurants, then I'm all for the change. I'd rather have nice restaurants than more fast food junk.

NA

Highland city lacks when it comes to choices to eat. If this would bring additional restaurants I welcome it.

Highland is a unique bedroom community. There are other places near by where patrons can get alcohol. If Highland allows this in this zoning, it is just a matter of time before it becomes city-wide. There is no need for city code to reflect a relaxed Utah law on alcohol. Highland can be different from a state that is so heavily influenced by a liberal Salt Lake City population. This is one developers request, one request should not drive such a change. If this is a major issue, it should be on the ballot and the people of Highland should vote on it.

People can get alcohol in neighboring cities if they would like. If this developer feels like that she or he can only put in upscale restaurants the require the sale of alcohol then have them sell the property to a developer who can put in restaurants that don’t require the sale of alcohol. There MUST be establishments who would LOVE to be in central Highland/ south Alpine who are ok not serving alcohol.

I don’t want alcohol in the city even if it brings in better restaurants. It’s all a slippery slope.

I like my city the way it is. We don’t need to "modernize" as some people have suggested. If people want alcohol, go get it somewhere else.

Keep Highland alcohol free, and ban it citywide.

One of my reasons for moving to Highland was its status as a â€œdry city.â€ Don’t let some liberal Californians change our city culture. The developers’ claim they need alcohol to anchor businesses is as lame as their threat pullout.

This is not a moral issue. This is not a religious issue. If residents are interested in consuming alcohol under these very narrow perimeters, let them. Good for business and will have no negative/adverse effect on the community.

We moved here because Highland has something specialâ€”it’s not like everywhere else. We love it here and hope the city council will maintain the special feel of Highland by not being afraid to say no to alcohol in our city.

I feel like allowing any alcohol opens up a pandora box including the restaurants eventually wanting to be opened on Sundays. I love the concept and feel of the project and hope it can go forward without alcohol. I doubt they would sell much alcohol to locals anyway. I also feel that whatever restaurants they do put there need to be ones that families will go to often in order to keep them open for business. Other businesses put there will also need to be something that families will want to frequent if the developers want people to â€œhang outâ€ there.

Selling alcohol is not necessary to bring in quality food into a city. It’s ok for developers to try harder to find some that would be interested still. I’m a business owner and I know for a fact that there is such a lack of demand for alcohol here anyways that it’s such a mute point as far as profit goes. Clearly the developers are just desiring to bring in a specific company or two that have these requirements. Time to move on- the people who live here are not interested.

Alcohol is not needed to have a great restaurant, nor is it needed to â€œmake anything betterâ€. The original plan will still have lots of great shops and great food choices.

It’s a slippery slope to allowing alcohol sales in grocery stores, liquor stores, and bars in Highland. Last thing I want is more drunken driving and loitering under the influence in my home town. Folks can do that in other towns.

We have lived in Highland for 36 years and enjoyed the wholesome, family friendly community. We feel having alcohol sales will adversely affect the city we love. And allowing limited alcohol sales now will eventually lead to more lenient alcohol sales later.
Denying alcohol sales in Highland drives out business and limits what is available. I do the majority of my shopping outside of Highland because of the limitations. This also reduces public community areas in Highland. Also it is our right to purchase and sell alcohol under the 21st amendment.

I would love highland city to have some quality restaurants and not just fast food. I personally do not drink alcohol, but we live in a country where we have the choice to choose. Not allowing residents the power to choose is going against what our amazing nation stands for. My husband is in the Utah air national guard, and he has sacrificed his time again and again to protect our country freedoms. It is not easy when he misses his kids games, school events, and being together as a family. He makes these sacrifices though so we can all enjoy the freedoms we have. Please allow highland city residents the same opportunities that the rest of our state allows. I would love to spend my money in highland so highland has the tax revenue instead of driving down the street to a quality restaurant and spending my money in all our neighboring cities.

We need more restaurant options in Highland.

Tax revenue bigger business. May be my belief not to drink alcohol why would I have the right to demand it of others.

I think it would be great to draw in nicer restaurants to our city. I believe this will be an overall benefit to individuals and families seeking to enjoy dining that is close to home.

We need better dining options in Highland

Alcohol restrictions in Utah, wether true or not, feels like the state is enforcing The Church of Jesus Christ of Ladder Day Saints’ beliefs on everyone member or not. Feels like the government wanting to be a â€œbig brotherâ€

This is just a "foot in the door’ move and will lead to expanded policies going against the desires of our community. If this is just to bring in a tax base we should reevaluate alternatives that do not put others at risk. Alcohol consumption just leads to impaired driving and a host of problems that have a direct result on others.

We should allow people to make their own decisions.

It’s very simple. Religion and government should be separated. I was born and raised in the area and raised in the LDS church however I do not believe the city should make the choice for the members of the community who are legal adults and choose to consume a cocktail with dinner as long as federal and state laws are observed in doing so. I also feel only allowing beer is ridiculous beer has the same effects on the body as other liquors when it comes to intoxication. Allow grown adults to make their own decisions. And for Heaven sake allow some choices in what is consumed. Not everyone who drinks alcohol drink beer.

Our City representatives should already know what the communities core values are, but we have had a lot of new move ins.......people who want to live here and enjoy the benefits of our community.......which come from our core values, but then they want to change this just a little, and tweak that just a little and pretty soon Highland has become the very place they left in search of a better place. Keep Highland as Highland, and if they don't like it they are free to find somewhere else to live and do business. This alcohol law is just a small step toward broader laws allowing all kind of things that potentially harm our citizens and cost more in law enforcement. Impairment is impairment, then they drive home, on our streets with our kids and families. NO! not on my watch.

Grow Highland City.

About Time to modernize.

Supply and demand. If the majority of the city is opposed to alcohol, then it will be shown in sales for restaurants. It would be nice to have more places to eat nearby

If it's only restaurants that sell it, great! We need more places to eat nearby and perhaps there could be more taxes for the city, so our property taxes don't need to continue to rise.

These restaurants will bring much needed tax dollars to our city. Not only from Highland residents but surrounding cities residents. It time to see Highland city grow with the times.
Highland is a unique community with standards that reflect what most of the populace desires, a quiet community that deals with minimal problems with alcoholic consumption, among other things. Even though the current change is small, it undoubtedly will lead to more, which will have an overall change in the atmosphere in our stand-apart city. Other communities in Utah county that have made these changes are overall disappointed in their loss of very clean, generally crime-free communities. I believe it is worth holding the bar for our highly family friendly city.

Alcohol makes everything worse. Accidents, violence, domestic disputes, etc. This is statistically factual.

I don’t see the need to allow alcohol sales in Highland. I like our dry town. If someone wants alcohol they can drive 5 minutes to Lehi or American Fork. I also think that whatever the law is, it should be equally applied to all businesses, etc throughout Highland. I don’t think there should be special privileges for anyone. If you’re going to allow alcohol sales, then allow everyone to do it. It’s not right to limit the number of businesses or licenses within the area. It benefits early entrants to the market and discourages competition going forward.

I do not personally drink but I don’t think it’s wise to impose your religious beliefs into other areas such as restaurants, etc.

I like that fact that Highland is somewhat unique restricting the sale of alcoholic beverages. So many lives are taken, and ruined by alcoholic accidents each year. It is still available in many adjoining communities if it is desired.

A main reason Highland is so nice, and maintains its cleanliness and order, and is sought after for its peacefulness and safety, is because of its prohibition of alcohol.

When has alcohol ever enhanced a city? People didn’t move to highland for alcohol, we moved here for the uniqueness. Also, eating out is expensive even for my family of 4. We are more likely to go to a quick serve restaurant than a high end expensive restaurant.

Please bring classy restaurants to Highlandâ€”with alcohol. I’m so tired of the fast food sugar joints that are everywhere in our city.

ALCOHOL IS NOT NEEDED OR WELCOME IN THIS PREDOMINANTLY LDS BEDROOM COMMUNITY!

I have attended the city council meetings and the informational meeting about this subject. The comments in those meetings point to my main concern about Highland’s current alcohol policy: it promotes some citizens' values and repudiates others' along religious lines. In recent meetings citizens have described Highland as a "special place"—I agree that it is. But what I think that what some people mean is that Highland is "a special place for LDS people." Here are some examples: A woman suggested that people have other places to live if they want to live outside the morals of the LDS church. A teenage girl said that she felt less safe going to grocery stores in Lehi or Cedar Hills because "people are different there." A man stated that he worried about the message it would send to children if they were to see people drinking alcohol in our city. Adults legally consuming a glass of wine as they eat dinner is not a problem. Utah law provides stringent safeguards to promote safe consumption. We cannot support the assertion that restaurant-consumed alcohol presents a significant safety concern: the Lone Peak police department has stated that they have not responded to a single alcohol-related call in the past decade. These petitions are smoke and mirrors designed to obscure the real problem that Highland citizens have with the alcohol policy--they reject it on religious grounds. City policy that is devised to curate a LDS-centric morality and ostracize other moral systems is a problem. The city council has a chance with this decision to say, "We will not ostracize our neighbors. We will respect their moral systems as equal to our own. We will allow businesses freedom to honor their values and conduct business in the best way they know how."

We live in Highland because of it uniqueness. Don't make it be like every other city.

The developer knew our alcohol laws when filling for the permit of the original plan. I will not support their request for a change due to their desire to attract businesses that are different from their original plan that was filed. We should not be wasting our taxpayer dollars to spend time to seek overturning the law that is in
place regarding this alcohol ordinance. I will continue to support City Council members who uphold our existing alcohol law. Those that do not will not receive my vote moving forward.

Though I do not drink myself, and I recognize the many issues involved with alcohol abuse, I believe allowing alcohol sales at full service restaurants will only bring benefits to Highland. We are surrounded by cities which already have allowed alcohol, so if we're concerned about availability, alcohol is currently readily available to Highland residents. If we don't allow alcohol, we are really just losing out on tax revenue from businesses that choose not to operate in Highland. Additionally, Highland City is not an institution of any church or religion, even if a majority of residents may belong to one. The city must promote the interests of all its citizens, and not enforce religious values on citizens who do not share religious beliefs.

It’s a slippery slope. There are plenty of other places people can go if they want alcohol with their dinner.

Let’s keep our city unique. It’s a beautiful thing.

Highland has the potential to be a unique destination city, like a smaller Park City, if we can update our laws to reflect the demands of high-end buyers. I would also support allowing businesses to be open on Sundays, then leaving it up to each business to determine if they want to keep Sunday hours. It’s more in line with the concept of freedom our nation is built on.

I also think we should limit the number of restaurants allowed to sell alcoholic beverages

I love the concept of this new shopping area in Highland. I do not drink but am not bothered that others can in my city.

I do not believe it is our right to prohibit businesses from selling alcohol within Highland City limits. Highland is a city filled with residential neighbors but hardly any businesses, because of out-dated laws not allowing business to sell alcohol or be open on Sunday. Our city’s growth is essentially stifled due to an old-fashioned mentality. So, yes, please allow businesses to sell alcohol. And let’s allow businesses to be open on Sunday as well! It’s not the 1950s anymore.

Let the individual choose their choice of beverage.

I think that we should allow free agency and the opportunity for people to choose if they want to consume alcohol or not. Giving people these options will bring more balance, and better opportunities to our city.

Common Sense

I’ve lived here for 30 years and I’d like to keep the environment the same. I believe people moved here because of its nice clean atmosphere and environment.

While I don’t drink and would not recommend it for anyone, some people choose to and that is their right. More importantly, Highland needs to give away less tax revenue to Lehi by supporting more business. Otherwise, we are doomed to oppressive property taxes as the primary source of municipal revenue. The more diverse the tax base, the better. It’s more resilient, less burdensome on everyone and more fairly distributed because it incorporates more use by choice tax. This change would do all of that as long as tax exemptions are not given where they are not needed.

Individual choice is so important. I don’t drink but I don’t have the right to dictate the actions of others. Also if we are such a religious community than you won’t need to legislate Sunday closure rules.

I follow Utah state law. Good members of the church legislate these laws. I hope we have learned something from Kirtland, Nauvoo and Missouri. We must live with all faiths.

Alcohol is related to high percentages of crime and traffic accidents and deaths. We moved to Highland knowing it was not allowed here. There are plenty of places to go if anyone wants to drink and those who don’t, appreciate the absence of the atmosphere. Please do not allow!

It is a travesty that these questions even need to be asked. Of course restaurants should be permitted to sell alcohol to those who wish to consume it with their meals. Alcohol is not an illegal substance, is readily available in both Lehi and American Fork, and can only increase tax revenue received by the city of Highland.
The amount of taxes the city forgoes by not allowing alcohol sales is considerable. Given areas that are lacking in the city (road maintenance etc) it's time for progress not religious dictation. Make beer available in all stores that are allowed by state law.

It’s time. How many businesses has the city lost due to being a dry city and not allowing businesses to be open on Sunday.

The only reason this is even a question is because of religion and I am totally against pushing religions on anyone else; the constitution also agrees with me. We've done the due diligence of making sure it's not a safety issue and there’s clearly a demand for it or else the country club wouldn’t continue to serve it. I’ve never been too involved in politics but this over governing is making me think twice about who I’m voting for and the time and energy I put into having the right people in the right places.

There are enough restaurants in the state that sell alcohol it doesn’t need to be in our neighborhood

We would prefer high end restaurants in the area instead of chair restaurants that are everywhere

We shouldn’t be any more restricted than the state of utah law.

We need to stop living in a bubble. Having some controlled and monitored alcohol consumption at restaurants in Highland isn't going to start us down some spiral.

Freedom is good

Highland is growing and needs to be like every other city

I would prefer that Highland be kept alcohol free. We are a family oriented community and do not wish to have alcohol sold in our city limits. These changes would only bring unwanted/needed problems to our community.

If live to see more high-end restaurants in it city! Also, while I won't buy alcohol but don't see why others shouldn't be given the choice.

Highland City and what it stands for is one of the last remaining places in the US on subjects like these. Being willing to take a stance on standards is what makes this place special. The trade-off in making us like every other place so that we can have a couple more restaurants nearby isn't worth it. Opportunities for alcohol abound. Not changing the law does not deny anyone their rights to alcohol in surrounding communities.

We will not attract top self-owned upscale restaurants without offering patrons who do want a glass of wine/beer/drink with their dinner. Not to mention the taxes Highland can also attract.

We don’t want this in our city.

I believe we should ban all alcohol in the city. No restaurants, grocery or stores should have any type of alcohol. Liquor stores and bars should be prohibited.

I'd like to keep Highland the beautiful community that it is. No alcohol please

Please don’t sell alcohol in Highland

We love Highland because of the higher standards of living. We've been here 25 years and would love to keep some of the integrity and standards that brought us to the area in the first place. I know growth happens. But the high standards of Highland should remain.

I have lived in Highland for 18 years and see no reason to change the current law. Developers have done no favors to Highland over the years with their downtown development schemes. What they have done to our downtown area is awful! What could have been a beautiful high density residential & commercial development with class and charm has turned into ugly townhomes that don’t add anything to the unique beauty of Highland. The downtown area is a gigantic mistake, and adding restaurants with alcohol to the mix would be a step in the wrong direction and once again cheapen the unique value that Highland offers.

The overall benefit of enhancing our city with new restaurants and retail establishments is of upmost importance. The old laws were antiquated and archaic.
I believe we will attract a better quality of restaurants that are extremely needed in our area if they are allowed to sell alcohol. Everyone has been to other restaurants that serve alcohol. You still have a choice whether or not you choose to partake. There is no reasonable excuse to deny alcohol to be served. Thanks.

While I do not consume alcohol myself, I think agency for others to do so is important. If they don’t buy it in Highland, where the taxes and revenue might help the city, they will just go buy it somewhere else.

Because of previous restrictions, the city has imposed, ie Sunday closure, the city has cost itself thousands of dollars in tax revenue by running off big box and large grocery stores. It is time for Highland to decide whether they want to operate like a city or just be an extension of Highland East Stake. Cities are for all the residents, not for just the select few to dictate their beliefs on others.

I would love to see the development of better restaurants in our area. They are dearly needed. It's silly you can drive a few miles down Timpanogos Hwy and alcohol is available, yet it isn't here. Time for the city to update it's laws. It would be greatly appreciated! I strongly support it.

It’s time to grow up and act like a real city.

I feel their right to sell or purchase alcohol should be respected, just as my right to not purchase or drink alcohol should be respected. Having the laws governing this should applied to all businesses the same way. I do not believe that having alcohol as a choice in our community will alter anyone's behavior and the businesses who choose to sell alcohol will find it is not what brings patrons to their establishments.

I cannot think of a single positive thing that would come from bringing more alcohol into our community, and I can think of a lot of negatives.

We just don’t need people driving that had had to many drinks

Our community is unique. It’s safe and prosperous. It’s better than other places. Why would we want to make it more like other places?

Freedom.

We recently moved to Highland from Colorado last year because of its family friendly lifestyle and religious heritage. When considering each community, it was easy to see why this community is so unique. We evaluated 4 communities in Utah county and ultimately decided on Highland for a host of reasons. It would be a mistake to toss out our heritage for a few more tax dollars. There are plenty of restaurants in neighboring communities 5 mins away where people can go to drink with their dinner, Highland does not need to be one of them.

People generally don’t avoid restaurants solely due to their selling of alcohol. If the restaurant wants to sell alcohol, but the residents don’t buy it, then it profits them nothing. There is little risk to the culture and class of the residences in Highland City. Property values in Highland City are beyond the hopes and dreams of the majority of Utahns and Americans anyways. Look at Park City. Park City is NOT defined by delinquent and disorderly residents. Alcohol sales can exist and bring a higher class resident at the same time.

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I hope the City Council acts based on this survey. Any council member who does not has wasted the financial resources of the city and the time of its residents. These mailers and surveys cost money. My view is any city council member that votes contrary to the results of this survey should resign immediately. Otherwise, why are we doing the survey?

I attended the city meeting where the developer described what the area would be like if we changed the alcohol law. I really think it would be good for Highland to have nicer restaurants with an elevated area. I’m
afraid if this doesn’t pass then we won’t ever have an area like this again. This is our chance have a classier area to our city.

I like Highland the way it is. I believe that allowing alcohol sales will change Highland. There are plenty of alcohol choices within a reasonable driving distance.

I have worked for years with people who have been negatively impacted by the effects of alcohol. I have no desire to bring it into our community anymore than it already is. Too many lives lost and abused victims due to some who abuse it.

There are plenty of establishments in North Utah County that offer alcohol. Let’s keep Highland different

I think we have to do this in order to get better restaurants to come to highland

The surrounding cities have provided it. Haven’t seen any issues everyone was afraid would occur . Should be the same in Highland.

For us to get the best restaurants we need to allow them to serve alcohol. We may not like alcohol but people should have a choice to choose for themselves.

Highland has been missing out on the income from alcoholic beverages & all the money has gone to Lehi, as patrons drive there. This will allow the money to stay in Highland & be used to make the necessary improvements locally.

Restrict alcohol consumption in Highland City please. It does not do anything good, especially for those who consume and drive. Thank you.

Let adults make their own decisions. Just because a restaurant serves alcohol doesn’t mean you have to drink it.

I don’t drink personally, but I respect others choices to do so â€¦ and we need better restaurant options here and no great restaurants will come if they can’t sell alcohol

If allowing the sale of alcohol will enable the city to bring in sit down restaurants- I’m ALL FOR IT! This area needs sit down restaurant options and fewer drive through - fast casual dining. There are plenty of those.  

Hooray for a pretty development with yummy sit down options!! Plus, being â€˜silicon slopes’ - there needs to be better food places for business dinners etc - excited for this opportunity for Highland to step up its game and invite restaurants in that will enrich the culinary culture. Allowing this change will make highland more of a place you want to stay rather than feeling like you need to drive 15-30 min for a decent date night dinner. Side note: I don’t even drink and I’m still so excited about this possibility!!

It’s not like the restaurants will force us to drink alcohol. Allowing serving of alcohol will enable more desirable restaurants to come into the city.

I’m not anti alcohol but I moved to higland because the city was different and I’m not inclined to change the policies and practices that created the uniqueness and desirability of highland.

Highland city tax is ridiculously high, clearly the city needs another source of taxes, or learn better money management. More businesses in highland means more things for government to tax, and good restaurants stay away from highland because of the restrictions.

I love that our community is different than most places with this approach. Safety is also strengthened by keeping existing rules in place.

All patrons should have the choice. I, as a resident will not take away the choice of others to purchase alcoholic beverages with the purchase of food, even if I don’t approve of alcoholic consumption personally.

This law is religiously based - let’s separate church & state.

Just because alcoholic beverages are served within our city does mean that any one has to partake.

I would go to these restaurants because of the sale of alcohol.

I just want to go to target and buy wine and not have to go 15 million places for errands

Freedom of choice

Let people choose for themselves. We don’t need to tell people what to do.
It would bring more business to Highland instead of having to go out of the city.

Keep Highland a bedroom community. We don't need alcohol and its attending problems

Would increase tax revenue desperately needed in Highland City.

Our outdated laws regarding businesses being closed on Sunday and not serving alcohol significantly limit the tax base that could be used to fund items like maintaining existing trails, etc. Let people be responsible for their own choices and stop trying to legislate morality.

Utah has improved their liquor laws significantly in the last decade or so. Highland should follow suit. This will not change the unique nature of Highland as a city, and will not have the negative effect that some are concerned about. Highland residents can still choose not to partake of the alcohol offered, but we will be a much more welcoming city, and we certainly will have better restaurants, which will bring in more tax revenue for the city. Contrary to what some are saying, there is very little downside.

I would LOVE to see our community and local area be elevated by the beautiful plans that are proposed. Enjoying a glass of wine or other drink with my meal is something my husband and I love to do -- it would be great to do so at a restaurant nearby! I would hate to see the development plot go to more low-quality food places like drive-thrus or bakery -- that's not what we need! Thank you for making this possible!

I am not a drinker but I think that forcing people to live by others values in the city is not acceptable and not the place of the city. People should be able to choose, having something available is not forcing anything on anyone. I also feel that having more business revenue is in everyone's best interest to keep taxes down.

as someone who does not consume alcohol, I respect those who do and would like to see better restaurants in our city and with that, I respect their need to sell alcohol to support sales and remain sustainable

The country club has served alcohol for years and on Sunday. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints allows for restaurants to do the same in city creek. Cheese Cake Factory. This idea is Church approved!

A compromise result, might encourage dining facilities

The developer stated earlier that he would be able to find tenants that would not sell alcohol. Now he says he will go back to the original plan for fast food if he doesn't get his way. Something doesn't add up. It seems like he is trying to blackmail the residents of Highland.

We shouldn't regulate what a business does in our area. I would rather not have animosity on the subject.

Seems good to preserve Highland values. Alcohol inevitably will bring some negative consequences to the community. Tolerable consequences, not different than other communities but negative nevertheless. I like Highland being distinct.

Highland City is behind the times and lacks the choices and options available to neighboring cities like Lehi and American Fork. We need to get more businesses into our area of Highland and Alpine.

Alcohol sales are readily available throughout Utah, with Lehi, Cedar Hills, and American Fork taking advantage of Highland's unique prohibitions. I do not see the value of keeping Highland "dry". Residents should have free will to enjoy a drink or choose not to. We are limiting which restaurants are welcome in Highland, and Sunday closure tells even more they are not welcome resulting in Highland money being spent elsewhere.

Individuals don't go to sit down dinner restaurants to get 'intoxicated' - they go to bars for that activity. When we personally have business associates fly in from other states who do enjoy an alcohol beverage with their meal- I would much rather visit a local restaurant than have to drive miles away & give the revenue to another city. We do not have a family of drinkers- probably more than 95% of Highland residence are not drinkers yet- 99.9% of the families residing in Highland more than likely visit neighboring city restaurants who do have "FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT LICENSE" just to name a few: Olive Garden, La Fountain, Bona Vita, Strap Tank, Texas Roadhouse. Let's go North of the Mountain: Goodwoods- Does the entire family close their eyes walking past a table with an alcohol beverage sitting on it, are these parents really sitting at their table watching and wondering what the heck the person at the next table is getting ready to order and drink? If you don't drink, don't order off the alcohol beverage menu!! Individuals do NOT have to order off an alcohol
beverage menu. Don't bring it to a child's attention, the child isn't going to ask about it! We made a BIG DEAL over a dumb Pickleball Park in Highland City! Do we really believe individuals that come to play Pickleball here are all NON-DRINKERS? Guarantee someone in a group of players will want to have a alcohol beverage after a game of Pickleball. I would think we would be more concerned with the LACK OF WATER in our growing city, than sit and write a book on the Facebook Page about why an ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE shouldn't be allowed in the City of Highland. Time to open our eyes to the real world around us. Time to bring in commercial revenue vs raising each residence taxes!

I don’t drink and I never will, but I want my friends and neighbors who do drink to feel welcome. I strictly adhere to LDS standards, but I don’t think it’s the city’s place to enforce these standards on everyone else.

Utah’s alcohol sales tax are one of the highest in the nation. Bringing that type of revenue into our city will only make it better. We will also attract nicer and therefore more expensive commerce to our city. Having fine dining so close would keep local dollars in our own area.

If someone wants to drink they will drink. Why allow the cities next to Highland to profit from the sale of alcohol and not Highland.

I moved here because I like the fact that it is a dry city. A great restaurant can open without alcohol sales, if they are worth it people will come regardless of alcohol.

Keep Highland nice!!!! There are plenty of those kind of restaurants only 10-15 min away.

We don’t have high quality food options in Highland and I understand that this in large part due to alcohol prohibition. I don’t personally drink but I want better restaurants in Highland and in order for nicer restaurants to be financially viable they need to be able to sell alcohol.

I really like this commercial Development for our City. Currently there aren’t any good destination places here. In order to get nice shops and great food, we must be willing to make the appropriate changes to the current city laws.

I don’t see how allowing a restaurant to sell alcohol will be of benefit to the city. For example, I don’t think it will bring in more tax dollars. Furthermore, many new restaurants fail so it could be an empty space quickly. I don’t think that area lends itself to a higher class sit down restaurant anyway, with a car wash and drugstore right there. In the end, if a restaurant has good food, it will do well whether or not it serves alcohol.

This will be such a great and much needed addition to our city.

There are plenty of good quality restaurants that do not serve alcohol. If the only way they will come to Highland is if they can serve alcohol then those are not the restaurants we want to open in our community.

Highland needs to find means to increase its revenue sources, and high end restaurants would benefit the community. I see no problem with allowing alcohol in restaurants, especially since practically every member of the community has most likely attended such a restaurant in a different city. Why not keep and attract customers to our area?

Currently, our family eats at restaurants outside of the city, because the restaurants in our city do not provide alcoholic beverages. This reduces the tax collected within our city for residence of our cities purchases.

Alcohol is NOT a necessity and brings crime to communities. Keep Highland sober!

I don’t drink, and I belong to the predominant religion in the area. However, this law was clearly driven by the religious views of the people in this area, and I prefer to live in a place where the views of one particular religious group are not forced on others. Additionally, this law only hurts the local economy, and forces people to spend their money in neighboring cities. While you’re at it, please allow local stores and restaurants to open on Sunday.

If we are going to approve it for this development, we should allow it for all similar areas. This maintains fairness and an even and equal treatment.

Individuals don’t go to sit-down restaurants to get "drunk”. Individuals who drink, are NOT all alcoholics. Time for "happy valley" reputation come to an end. I’m not a drinker, individuals in my home do not drink- we don’t judge those that do, that’s their choice. No one else should be judging. Country Club in our
community that serves alcohol that’s been grandfathered in- it’s time for change. NOT everyone in Happy Valley Highland and Utah County are members of the Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Even the Church itself has allowed City Creek establishments to serve alcohol. Do what's BEST for our City!! Instead of worrying about this subject, let's worry about things much more important!! The water shortage with this craziness of growth! Aggressive drivers! The teenage kids who have no clue how to drive! Individuals who continue to speed through red lights. The maniacs coming out of the canyon and speeding down SR92. The continued car break-ins, side door garage break-ins- there's a lot more things to be concerned with than a development that wants to bring in nice restaurants that serve alcohol drinks. Thank you

I would not drink any alcoholic beverages, but recognize that big restaurants want to have that revenue. I don't see it as a big problem.

As a community adjacent to numerous tech company headquarters, we could bring great spending to the area if there was a place for residents and visitors to have an alcoholic beverage with their meal. Expanding the options for food and drinks into our area would drive tremendous revenue and tax base to our cities for continued improvement.

Setting a maximum number of licenses would be good

The population demands of the area have changed, and we need to have laws that reflect a more diverse population.

Highland is a different, special city. Not allowing alcohol is one big reason. People move here and stay here because it is special and feels different than other city’s. Let’s keep Highland different and special.

We should not insist that everyone in Highland HAS to have our same values. Adults have agency, and LDS laws should not infringe on others rights and way of living, as long as it is within the public law. Jesus did not force or insist it was his way or the highway, and neither should we! I am an active temple recommend holder.

There are already many restaurants 10 minutes away that serve alcohol. Highland residents patronize those all the time even if they don’t consume alcohol

The restaurants in the area are very limited and low quality and with the inclusion of alcohol we could get higher quality restaurants and more patrons.

All full service restaurants sell alcohol

We would like to have more restaurant options in Highland. Let people make their own decisions regarding alcohol consumption.

Jiovan Melendez  Sep 28, 2023  City Council of Highland City  Highland City Hall  5400 W Civic Center Dr  Unit 1  Highland, UT  84003  Dear Esteemed Members of the Highland City Council, I am writing to propose a considerate and forward-looking initiative for our beloved Highland City. Specifically, I request your thoughtful deliberation on allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages in the designated commercial areas of our community. At first glance, this proposition may appear to challenge the cherished values that our city upholds. However, my intent is not to disrupt but to enhance the communal spirit of Highland City. Let me elucidate the merits of this proposition:

1. Economic Growth and Increased Tax Revenue: Allowing upscale, tastefully designed establishments that serve alcoholic beverages can significantly augment the city’s revenue. It’s not just about selling alcohol; it’s about creating a holistic environment where residents can relax, dine, and socialize. We can draw inspiration from cities similar to ours that have harmoniously integrated such establishments into their landscapes. 2. Local Convenience and Reduced Need for Long Travels: Many of our residents currently travel to places like Salt Lake for certain amenities. Having a local, well-curated venue can save them the trouble, especially during family gatherings and holiday seasons. 3. Architectural and Aesthetic Enhancement: Rather than settling for another generic strip mall, we can pave the way for establishments that exude elegance and sophistication. Picture beautiful landscaping, intricate architectural designs, and tranquil spaces that not only add commercial value but also elevate the character of our town. 4. Community Building and Inclusivity: Allowing a modest inclusion of
alcoholic beverages promotes acceptance and understanding among residents. While Highland City stands firm in its values, it's essential to be accepting of people's differences. As members of a community that cherishes the teachings of Jesus Christ, it is crucial to underscore the importance of love, acceptance, and understanding. Furthermore, it's worth noting that many successful, vibrant cities have managed to embrace modern amenities while retaining their core values. 5. Retaining Highland's Essence: The proposal is not an overhaul but a gentle evolution. We will ensure that the calm and friendly environment Highland is known for remains intact. Sundays can still remain closed in respect of our community's values. In conclusion, I believe that allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages in controlled, beautifully designed environments can be a progressive step forward without compromising the soul of Highland City. It would not only be an economic boon but would also resonate with the idea of community building and acceptance, values deeply embedded in our faith and ethos. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust in the wisdom of the council to weigh the pros and cons and arrive at a decision that resonates with the heart of Highland City. Warm regards,

Highland City and surrounding areas will greatly benefit from the Highland Mains Development and the addition of full service restaurants will only add more value to our town. Please move forward with the request to allow restaurants to obtain a Full-Service license.

Our community values are unique and an important part of the reason we live here. Changing this is one more step toward homogenizing our wonderful community with all those around us. Furthermore, while some believe that this would not enhance DUIs, as a defense attorney I have to question those statistics. In Salt Lake County, where I practice, establishments such as these had to take legal action to get the police to stop parking in front of their businesses to arrest those with a BAC in excess of the limit. The officers were there because they knew they could find people driving under the influence. While they aren’t allowed to target businesses like that anymore, that doesn’t mean people leaving those businesses do not have a BAC in excess of .05. This will create problems in our community and forever change one of the wonderful and unique things about Highland. For this reason, I strongly opposing allowing the sale of alcohol in these proposed establishments.

I really appreciate the uniqueness that Highland has always had by not offering alcohol. I like the quieter atmosphere and feel like offering alcohol will attract more traffic, increased risk of DUIs, and lose one of the key benefits that makes Highland a wonderful community to reside. I'm not trying to pose a negative view on anyone who desires alcohol consumption in the slightest. I'm just acknowledging that we're already experiencing a lot of growth with high density housing coming and would like to avoid increased activity that will inevitably accompany establishments serving alcohol.

This is one of the main reasons why I like living in Highland and what makes this area such a wonderful place to live with our family. It’s not necessary to change it just for one business we’ve been fine without it. They can go somewhere else to get alcohol.

The draw for Thea business and tax revenue are needed. When neighboring cities allow it then the patrons just go there. Highland already suffers loss by business can’t be open on Sunday law, doesn’t stop consumers they just go to the next town

If Highland is opposed to alcohol please shut down the country club bar

Maintain our community standards.

Please just open it up! It’s absolutely ridiculous that we are still having this conversation today. Opening this up will help highland city so, so much and people need to pull their head out of their but and make highland better!

Highland city alcohol and Sunday closure laws are antiquated and need to be updated. Thanks!

Highland is a very unique family centered city. Everywhere you go it espouses family values. We don’t need to be like everywhere else. There are plenty of places, minutes from Highland, to buy alcohol and to go to restaurants with alcohol. We don’t need them here. It will change the feeling of the town. We lived in Midway
And recently went to dinner there, and with all the wine and beer being sold, it just felt so different and the people were not representative of the city. They had come from a far to eat. I would love a nicer downtown area which this might provide but my desire to keep Highland a family oriented city, and without business is open on Sunday, is more important.

Highland, Lehi, American Fork and Cedar Hills have similar demographics and are contiguous with each other. I'm a non-drinker but fail to see the benefit of prohibiting alcohol sales in restaurants. Tonight (Thursday) we drove nearly 20 minutes to eat in a jam packed restaurant (Sol Agave) in American Fork which sells alcohol. I would have preferred to drive 5 minutes to a similar restaurant in Highland. Changing this law will help high quality restaurants succeed and improve our tax base.

I’m concerned it would be letting the camel into the tent and soon it would change Highland

We feel that it does not substantially improve the quality of life to attract more businesses and traffic into the Highland area. While we understand that this is advantageous for those seeking to enrich themselves, adds little to no benefit to those who have lived here for the past several decades and built highland with their own taxes. Lastly, it interrupts the ability of our youth to be employed without concern for law.

We live close by this area- my teens drive by this space often.

I’ve enjoyed the culture of an alcohol free community for the 20 years we’ve lived here. Other communities can provide this service.

I believe in people making their own choices. While I don’t drink alcohol, nor my family, it’s not offensive if others do. I also believe we limit the amenities, restaurants and we don’t receive tax revenue as a result of not having more restaurants.

Allow alcohol and open on Sunday

If people are going to drink, they’re gonna drink they can hit American Fork or Lehigh so we might as well make the money here to help bring down taxes. If people are going to drink, they’re gonna drink they can hit American Fork or Lehigh so we might as well make the money here to help bring down taxes

Allow alcohol and open on Sunday

Highland is just fine the way it is I happen to drink myself. Highland Alpine has been fine for all these years people can go to the neighboring towns to eat and drink.

There is no reason that it shouldn't be approved. I don't even understand how there is a law / rule that prohibits the sale of alcohol, or even why businesses can't be open on Sunday. Seems like church and state are not separated.

I feel people should have the right to decide for themselves what they want not be forced.

Just because Utah has a high LDS population doesn’t mean the laws / guidelines of the LDS church should be forced on everyone. I’m LDS and don't drink - but I believe it should be a businesses' right to sell alcohol. It should also be an individuals' right to consume alcohol if they please. The city should not be making that decision.

It’s time

I believe the developers are money driven. When you have a family member battling alcohol addiction and have received phone calls that your loved one is in the hospital for alcohol poisoning as I have you don't want more options for alcohol consumption. Medically speaking alcohol is dangerous for you. Why would we want to bring that into our city? Allowing this I am afraid would pave the way for other commerce that promotes additions. I am grateful Highland has been mindful about how the city is developed and I am hopeful and trusting the city will continue to be very careful about where we are headed. We want Highland to remain a nice place to live for everyone. Those seeking certain other lifestyles don’t have to go very far to find what they want but the Highland style of family faith and community are definitely endangered. Again I hope the city can be trusted to do the safest and smartest thing for our city and not be bought out.
Highland is different and unique - this is why we love it. Our small community is safe and clean - it’s not worth risking any of that for a few nicer restaurants. I can’t think of one example of how alcohol has ever made a city better.

We fought a war about agency a long time ago. I do not drink alcohol but think it morally wrong to force my beliefs on others.

I would love to see Highland having more choices than just fast food. Small upscale restaurants would be a welcome addition.

It’s time to get out of the Stone Age. Nice sit-down restaurants will not come to Highland if they can’t serve alcohol for two reasons: (1) it makes them significantly less profitable, and (2) they can go elsewhere. Also, it improves our tax base, which has been lagging behind every major city in Utah. Permitting the sale of liquor in Highland does not mean that you personally are condoning imbibing. It means you’re giving others the freedom to choose for themselves whether or not they will imbibe. It simply means that you are forcing those who consume liquor to go elsewhere to eat and drink, which financially benefits every other community but Highland.

I enjoy living in Highland just the way it is.

As a religious minority here in Utah, I find these alcohol laws to be a clear violation of church and state. High end restaurants would greatly increase the beauty of this area and bring in much needed commercial traffic and shopping. We need commerce to help with taxes too. I am sensitive to the beliefs in this area, but prohibition is not the way.

It just seems that if Lehi, AF & Cedar Hills are doing this, we’re just clutching our pearls at this point. There are restaurants doing this all around us.

With only a couple places still left to add restaurants, they are all on very busy highways. We don’t want alcohol mixing with traffic if at all possible. So many city’s around the country have moved to dry laws after suffering from this problem. Many suburb cities of Houston have dry laws for everything except they can purchase alcohol in the grocery stores. They don’t want it near neighborhoods, schools, churches, or parks or on roads those are on. We have enough issues with distracted drivers and phone. This would be in conflict with the bedroom community we value.

Freedom

Separation of church and state please

This development will be a unique and beautiful addition to Highland, setting it apart from surrounding towns that have exclusively fast food, fast casual and strip malls. As someone born and raised in Highland, I would love to see a project like this come to fruition.

Individuals and businesses should be responsible for their actions and decisions, not the government.

Although the local culture is understood and I do respect beliefs and right to opinion, I believe this is an antiquated law that takes the freedom of choice away the citizens of Highland. The sales of alcohol has always been a boon for tax dollars as well. This is an opportunity for the city of Highland to support freedom of choice and provide the city with additional revenue.

The majority will of the residents within Highland should strongly be considered in a situation like this in which it will fundamentally change how this city operates. Though strong consideration should also be given to what has been achieved from the original planning, hard work, and voting in the past by its residents and leaders in order to make Highland the wonderful place to live it currently is. It is obvious that a framework and plan were used in order to create a primarily residential based community strong on family values, community closeness, and safety. Commercial ventures were intended to fulfill those needs. This was further endorsed by the residents themselves by voting in the majority to have all businesses closed on Sunday to further reinforce these beliefs. If this new law goes into effect, many more businesses of varying types (not all high end) that â€œfit the moldâ€ will try and introduce themselves into our city through future available locations especially with its closeness to entering the National Forest trying to also capitalize on all those who
do not reside in Highland, but pass through to stay for longer periods of time creating major congestion in the small downtown region or County Road area around the primary High School. While this may increase city tax revenue, it would have an overall negative effect on our small community. Although not mentioned currently by the outside developers who do not have the best interest of Highland in mind themselves, the change would undoubtedly be the precursor for these new businesses to push ahead with their next agenda of trying to open their establishments on Sunday to increase their own profits under the guise of offering even more tax revenue to the city. I would understand the comments of those wishing to include alcohol sales to entice major eateries if we were a remote rural community with very limited options. Though presently I can drive from Highland City Hall to a full-fledged Brewery serving food in under six miles distance and in less than ten minutes’ drive time. This same distance and time can be used for many eateries in all directions outside Highland as other cities have grown themselves with their own vision plan. Highland City has already been well defined with its own identity as an outstanding community where family-based values and community take precedence over commercial construction and congestion which remains highly sought after by those in search of such a unique place still available to raise their families. We do not need high end restaurants in order to be special. I am afraid those who wish to introduce the proposed changes may not be fully recognizing just how special Highland is in today’s world. Changing the law to further include alcohol sales anywhere within city limits would forever change the entire identity of Highland and ruin the hard work of those who originally founded and created this special place nearly fifty years ago. As this city nears completion of filling in the remaining open areas with modern development which will itself increase tax revenue as those wishing change would have indicated (no matter if residential or commercial), I would strongly stress we remain true to the original vision intended by those who founded this outstanding community. Thank you for your time.

Highland was built and dedicated to be a place for families. I want to keep Highland unique in every way. We have cities close by that serve alcohol we don’t need to bring it here.

Stand for our values! Don’t let developers bully our city around. Negotiate with the developers. Once you approve the alcohol measure, it’ll never go back!

The city needs to open the tax base beyond residential property taxes by promoting business growth. The recent residential tax increases have changed Highland from an affordable city to a not so affordable city. The city is putting a lot of hurt on normal citizens.

Patrons to restaurants should be allowed to choose beverages of their choice. This would be a boon to Highland residents as they will have a greater choice of restaurants nearby and won’t always have to travel to another city. Also, cannot ignore the tax revenue to the city.

The city has lost out on a lot of growth opportunities by their backward policies. We need a more diverse tax base, not more parks.

I don’t believe having restaurants that sell alcohol will benefit our community. I worry about more drunk driving accidents and underage drinking problems.

Rather than limit the type of alcoholic beverages served, consider having those licensed to sell alcoholic beverages limit the number of beverages by type sold to individual patrons, or to a table or ticket based on the number of adults seated at the table or covered by the ticket.

We need good restaurant options in Highland. The fact is if you are closed on Sunday, and you can’t sell alcohol, you will likely not be around long. While it increases the risk of DUI and/or drinking related accidents, I want to trust people to be responsible so we can enjoy this development.

People who want to consume alcohol with their dinner and live in Highland currently have to drive outside of Highland to an establishment. How is it any safer if they just eat and drink closer to home and have less distance to drive. Not having sit down restaurants here only means that Highland loses out on the opportunity to enjoy the food and the taxes. It won’t mean that more people in Highland will start drinking, and it won’t mean that less people in highland will drink and make roads safer if there is no dining options
closer to home. I don’t drink, and I don’t want drunk drivers on the road. That said, if people have to drive farther to drink with their meal they still have to drive back home to Highland to get home. Please allow people to make these choices for themselves. If we were talking about bars and night clubs that would be different.

People will drive farther to drink anyway, and we lose the tax benefits. Why make people have to drive farther when they have had a drink. We need sit down restaurants in Highland.

I worry about drivers impaired after drinking.

I would love to see quality restaurants in Highland and various specialty commercial shops. A small-town feel with upscale foods and shopping would make it so much more pleasant, help property values, and be a fun place to live.

If we outlaw the sale of alcoholic beverages in a restaurant, it will only discourage good restaurants from starting up in Highland Alpine. We will be stuck with nothing but fast food. This will expand the cities ability to collect tax revenues from the sale of alcohol. Banning alcohol sales in Highland, City only sends those of us who drink to Lehi or Pleasant Grove and we spend our money outside the city. I have lived in Highland for over 15 years and I feel like there is a lot of ignorance around alcohol. It also surprises me that to live in a state that reports to champion individual freedoms that we then overburden lawful acts with needless, and sometimes ridiculous regulations. we won’t turn into Las Vegas by allowing people to sell alcohol in Highland. This will make our city better

Please do not allow this in our community. It will change Highland and not for the better.

Bringing in business to fuel the economy would be beneficial to the whole community. It also allows those who are of different faiths and backgrounds to feel accepted and comfortable in the community because their values aren’t being questioned or controlled.

I have lived next to the Alpine Country Club for 25 years and never had any issue with their serving alcohol. I do not drink but recognize the need to draw higher end food patrons from two counties to support the proposed style development. This development will be a huge upgrade to the quick quack/ Wendy's planning that has previously dominated Highland.

I love living in Highland! But I feel it is time to allow for those who are not of the "predominant belief" a place here too. To not allow these changes is just one more small example of continued exclusion, judgement, elitism, and intolerance that sadly are too often experienced in this area.

I have lived in Highland 40 years. There has been no alcohol served in restaurants and I prefer it.

Let's let everyone be at home and feel accepted here in Highland. Thank you!

I would love to enjoy a drink at a restaurant close to my home, the option should be there and if someone chooses to be sober, they can choose not to drink. Other people decisions to drink or not shouldn't get in the way of me enjoying a drink at a restaurant/bar.

We need more restaurants and this law is keeping many restaurants from wanting to be in Highland.

I feel Highland’s alcohol laws are discriminatory and should change.

I think it would be great to have the different restaurant options in Highland. And I do think it will help the community with jobs and also revenue.

We have more than enough impaired drivers on the highways already. I do not want them in my immediate neighborhood as well. I am STRONGLY opposed to passage of this change to city law & if passed will vote against anyone associated with it in future elections.

We need to stop with this backwards thinking about alcohol being served in restaurants. The alcohol sales amount to a considerable portion of the profits for a restaurant and we need to bring in more business to Highland to help offset the high taxes that we as individual homeowners are having to bear the brunt of for now. Let's get out of the 19th century and get into the 21st century.
We already have more than enough impaired drivers in Utah already. I do not want even more in my immediate neighborhood trying to kill me. I am unalterably opposed to the passage of this change to Highland city law!

I feel like the city is missing out on additional tax revenue because businesses don't want to come here due to the restrictions. All citizens should be free to make their own choices.

We need more tax revenue and this will help.

I think the city needs to allow alcohol sales and allow residents and businesses a choice. We need high end dining options in Highland.

This is tax revenue that Highland will simply forfeit if this is denied. You attract some of the wealthiest families in the state to build their home in Highland, then refuse to take their discretionary income because of old and outdated laws. Consumption rates aren’t low because we outlaw the purchase of alcohol. They’re low because of the overwhelming Mormon population. Allowing the sale of alcohol won’t change consumption rates.

Highland City has already changed too many things that have been special about the community.

I don’t think much will sell, but let people have agency. We can use their taxes.

If others are concerned about alcohol sales they can stay away from places where it’s sold.

It is dishonest of u guys to accept the developer’s construction permit of this high end project before even knowing if most Highland residents will agree w changing the ordinance to accommodate these two greedy developers. Highland doesn’t need to say yes to tipsy drivers and patrons who would smoke around our precious children and in a near future another survey looking to change the ordinance that prohibits any business from operating on Sundays.

It is 2023 in the Year of our Lord. People are going to drink here, you know it, i know it, we all know it. Let's move on to more important issues.

DON’T CHANGE THE LAW!

I moved here because I like the quiet, NON-ALCOHOLIC area. Don't change the law. It will change the area.

Highland's tax base will suffer without this legal development.

The sale of alcoholic drinks as described in the proposal is typical in almost all parts of the country. Let us not allow fear/paranoia of alcohol, or one community's religious views dictate how our city operates. We should be welcoming and familiar to all residents and visitors. Let us also keep in mind that allowing the sale of alcohol would not require anyone to drink alcohol, nor would it be more available to underage consumers.

I don’t drink, but it’s not fair to impose my beliefs on everyone else. Also, it is necessary to attract new business to Highland.

We have a unique community, and this is one of the reasons. There are a lot of places to go to get alcohol if one wishes. I am grateful for the freedom to choose where to eat/drink and am not opposed to those who want to have a beer/wine with their meal--there are enough places close for them to still have that choice without bringing it here.

If you allow the businesses in this particular area of the city it will only be a matter of time that other city ordinances will be changed to accommodate other outside influences. We have a great community that has survived quite well without the sale of alcohol. If the city needs more revenue, raise our taxes!

This is not a religious issue but a health issue. We teach our kids to say "no" to drugs and alcohol is a drug. Serving alcohol does not improve our community.

There are plenty of restaurants that serve alcohol in the surrounding cities. We don’t need to go there. Now, if the voice of the people choose that then it will show that the demographics of the city have changed. I believe we are a blessed city because we are closed on Sunday and don’t sell alcohol.

If alcohol is allowed now, subsequent ordinances would allow for greater access later.

I do believe there should be a maximum number of licenses available.
I have lived next to the Alpine County Club for nearly 25 years. We haven’t had any problems with alcohol and I think it’s unfair that they are grandfathered in and government is picking winners and losers. I don’t want to allow bars, but with food, I think that’s okay and fair. I like Olive Garden, and don’t have a problem with them serving alcohol, even though I don’t drink.

We need more business in Highland

I am torn as to whether Alcohol should be permitted or not. Highland is a unique place and some of the things that make it unique are no alcohol, business closures on Sunday, etc. My personal preference is to keep alcohol out of Highland. My yes vote is based on the assumption that four nice restaurants will make a pleasing commercial center where a number of smaller businesses as noted in the other plan may be only quasi successful and will result in a less desirable/successful commercial center. If we let one restaurant sell alcohol, others should have the same privilege, but they should have to apply for that privilege. It shouldn’t be granted automatically. Alcohol service should be a sideline, not the main line. I don’t want to see beer logos and signs hanging in restaurant windows. I am sure if 4 restaurants come to Highland, the next thing they will want is to be open on Sunday. What will that do to the special place that Highland is? Maybe we should say no to alcohol now to stay off of the slippery slope.

Would love a classy sit-down restaurant nearby as opposed to MORE fast food. Fast food gives our city zero curb appeal. I don’t think it is fair to have restrictions on some businesses while grandfathering in for other businesses. Which brings up the harts issue. Sooo unfair that they can be open on Sundays but others cannot. People can make their own choices as to shop on Sundays/drink alcohol. Would love a pharmacy open on Sundays. Residents go to other cities, spend their money and contribute to revenue elsewhere. Keep Highland classy!

I do not drink alcohol but the time has come to allow regulated sale of alcohol as described in this proposal. This will attract better restaurants to Highland and be a net benefit to all residents.

Let’s get some businesses in Highland that can make some money and pay some taxes.

I do not support the sale of alcohol in Highland City. We are a small city and there are plenty of other options in nearby cities to buy alcohol for those that seek it.

I believe that Highland City has failed to attracts business to invest in the City. I believe we need to change that one step at a time. Allowing alcohol sales is a step in the direction to help make Highland attractive to more businesses.

We shouldn’t have to travel to another city for good food! Let’s keep revenue in our own city!

The courtyard the developer envisions is beautiful. However, I did not recognize a single name of the high-priced restaurants they want to entice to this area. Also, the city counsel said they are leaning to allow alcohol across all of the restaurants in Highland if allowed in this one section. I’ve lived in Highland for over 50 years and my mother, years ago, canvassed Highland against Kountry Korners allowed to sell beer. I feel likewise that our community and families do not need it. I feel allowing it won’t improve our community in any significant way and might be harmful.

I’m not particularly against restaurants selling alcoholic beverages with those restrictions, but I don’t like that our quiet city is attracting more traffic. My guess is that offering full-service would attract more people because they’d be willing to drive farther for full service.

Let the alcohol come to highland

With the state being in the liquor store business, the silly game of "we don't drink" should be over. Myself, I don’t drink, but guests at our eating establishments should be welcome to enjoy their beverage of choice. Why keep giving up tax revenue to the city just down the street.

I know from personal experience that Alcohol brings with it bad behavior and poor judgement. (i.e. Alcoholics, DUIs, domestic violence, drunk teenagers, etc., etc.). The bad that accompanies alcohol is not worth any extra money that may or may not come with it. My family wants Highland to remain a safe haven. There is plenty of revenue/income here. If we need to give up some perks to deny alcohol that is what we should do.
Forced compliance is outdated in my opinion.

Highland is not an isolated island. Our current city alcohol prohibition only creates an inconvenience for those who wish to purchase alcohol either for consumption at home or with their meal. They are forced to travel to a border city to purchase their alcohol. So why are we penalizing our businesses and consumers in Highland? It makes no sense.

So long as they submit the correct legal paperwork it’s a free country. Utah laws are the most strict in the country.

Convenience is a double-edged sword. Although this would allow more businesses who have yet to lease within Highland City to occupy the area it would also allow more alcoholic beverages to be more accessible. This would encourage more DUIs, underage drinking, and reckless behavior up AF canyon. Police time would be taken from other items in the city. The developers can lease to other businesses who align with Highland City laws "as is" instead of forcing their business ventures on us.

We need more businesses in our city. I fully approve these measures.

I love this!

I would rather have more restaurants before all the open space fills up with high density housing.

I don’t drink, so I don’t need the alcohol, but, my values should not judge others. It’s called freedom to make decisions, not controls from government.

I am of the predominate religion in Utah County. I cannot believe that we want to dictate to people regarding legal, in the State of Utah, adult beverages. Stop trying to force others to submit to your beliefs! We also could use the revenue generated from businesses. Not allowing people to drink in Highland is much like the LDS premortal existence story of Satan forcing everyone to do the right things and not giving us free agency.

I am of the predominant religion in the state but still believe in free agency. This would bring in more revenue for our city. Everyone still has a choice whether or not they would be patrons of these restaurants or partake of the refreshments. It is a good decision in my book to allow the sell of alcoholic beverages. Thank you.

Alcohol and expensive restaurants just isn’t important to me.

I don’t see the need to change the law to allow more alcohol sales.

One reason we moved to Highland is the no alcohol law. If someone wants drinks, it’s only a couple of miles to other towns that allow it.

I don’t want more people driving in our area under the influence of alcohol.

I believe there are reasons both spiritual and moral (addiction) to avoid and reject alcohol. I believe God has asked individuals (and cities) to avoid alcohol, and I believe alcohol leads to drunkenness and addiction even if not immediately but eventually. I am aware of stories by addicts in recovery (12-step program) that do not make alcohol in any amount to be a good thing. I understand the current request claims the license is lighter than what would be required for taverns and bars, and they claim this allows the area to be family friendly. Yet my first thoughts are that if it’s bad then any degree is bad. I remembered a scriptural example wherein some gangs (Gadianton Robbers) were not able to thrive among the People of Ammon, yet they were able to thrive among the greater part of the people and proved the entire overthrow and destruction of the people. If we are to learn from that lesson then we ought not to allow this to thrive, and we ought not allow the developer to minimize, rationalize, justify, nor otherwise lull us into a carnal security. And I would be confident in saying that allowing a little now will eventually lead to a greater change that would alter the community feel of our beloved city. I moved here to avoid the commercial feel and to enjoy the residential feel.

I moved here because this was a peaceful place. Alcohol brings fights and bad example to kids.

No alcohol served or available after midnight.

We moved here because of the environment here. We don’t want it to change like this.
It’s not our job to police people’s choices. This will bring more tax revenue to our city. If we don’t allow it, they’ll just go somewhere else and that city will get the tax benefits.

There are plenty of other places for people to purchase alcohol - let’s not make the problem worse, especially closer to home.

Jesus drank wine with the apostles. The whole world drinks wine with dinner. Why are we trying to uphold our own beliefs on others. Also do some research on history and timeline of the word of wisdom.

AF and Cedar Hills aren’t that far away.

Even though this is another chip off our community values it is probably inevitable. The city can/should make restrictions that will not allow other outlets for alcohol sales to proliferate. If limited alcohol sales will bring in more business aka tax revenue then I suppose we take some bad with the good.

The city should not be governing what people choose to consume. If business owners want to sell alcoholic beverages, then they have a right to do so. A city overreaching and disallowing freedoms feels like satan’s plan. Forcing one to comply. Dominate religion teaches freedom of choice and not forcing a will on another. While I don’t drink alcohol, it is embarrassing to have this government overreach. I believe in free market and hopefully the people of Highland will live their standards and not consume alcohol and the businesses that rely on alcohol sales will not thrive here.

I hope allowing this beer and wine to be served would attract a higher quality of dining options to Highland than we currently have available.

Freedom

Kim Rodella is not interested in Highland city but in what she can do to better her own situation and those of her friends. I don’t believe any city council person should be promoting their opinion on social media to try and influence the outcome. Highland is going downhill fast.

Highland is a residential community with traditional family values. We don’t need to conform with neighboring communities because that is what they offer. It’s a slippery slope to allow restaurants as in the future a bar/pub could want to open here. I believe the restaurants will still come here as they will have low competition if they are mid end or high end.

I would like commercial help with increasing tax revenue to reduce dependence on private citizen tax load

If this doesn’t pass I’m going to unleash my inner Kevin Bacon on the city council.

Let’s keep Highland family oriented not another Park City or even run of the mill

I don’t consume alcohol, but this seems very much an antiquated law. I see no problem in allowing restaurants in the city to sell alcoholic beverages. This would allow Highland to better appeal to a wider demographic with the selling of alcohol. The more diversity the better.

Government overreach always leads to unintended consequences. Follow the state’s rules on the matter and stop trying to manipulate. The city is not a religious institution.

I don’t drink but I also don’t feel that the personal beliefs of the city council or members should dictate. Also, those that want to drink when they eat will then go to Lehi or AF. Why should they get the revenue

I wouldn’t allow alcohol in my home even if I was promised beautiful landscaping of my yard in exchange. I feel the same way about Highland City.

I’m for still maintaining the same community standards the city was originally built on.

Alcohol causes decreased control of mental and physical capacities. That’s not compatible with a family-centered community.

I believe in free agency.

Let restaurants control sales to those of legal age. Let new restaurants please come into our city!!!

Why not allow great restaurants into our great city? The good restaurants won’t come unless allowed to sell alcohol.
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<td><strong>Despite the fact that I dont drink alcohol and think its a silly thing to do, Im not going to force my beliefs on others. Our city also is short on businesses and we need each and every one we can get that is willing to abide by another one of our silly laws, the Åœœebe closed on Sundays Åœœ one. Let's look at changing that one next.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>It is time to step out of the dark ages and allow not only Highland residents, but visitors to our beautiful city, to dine the way THEY wish. Separation of church and state is a fundamental principle that all elected officials should support.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The people around here are not going to be the ones going for the alcohol. People will come and drink and drive on our roads endangering our kids and neighborhoods.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I am voting no to alcohol sales especially since receiving the pro flyer in the mail. Let’s not let a developer’s desire to boost their return on investment override the current quality of life we already enjoy.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>If it helps good restaurants come, I am for it.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>I’m concerned about irresponsible behavior from drinking. Drunk driving being #1</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Businesses should be able to engage in legal activities without restriction from people because of their religious views.</strong></td>
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Current laws are very antiquated. More and more people are relocating from out of state and would like to travel only a short distance for a nice meal and cocktail. The more traveling needed to visit a sit down restaurant the bigger the risk for possible accidents on the way home. Also more revenue for the city.

Why not? We are all adults. We don’t all belong to the LDS.

I am concerned about the behavior that alcohol use can bring and don’t want that influence in our community, especially with so many people driving up American Fork Canyon.

Even one DUI in Highland is too many. The current law reflects the values of Highland. The current law also creates a unique community. That diversity is healthy. Highland does not need to be like every other city.

Please keep current city law/ordinance

There is a reason Highland is a special place to live. This city has always reflected the values of its people. It’s a wholesome, peaceful, safe, and unique place. There’s a special feeling here you don’t find in other places. It’s the reason we’ve made it our home for many many years. You even considering alcohol is frankly obnoxious, as it’s in stark contrast to the values of this community. There are plenty of places people can go for that. Let’s keep this wonderful city the heaven on earth it is. I VOTE NO!!

I am not opposed to the restaurant sales of beer and wine but it is hard to believe that they won’t want to be open on Sundays. That might be the next step. Aldo, except for the pleasure of having the restaurants, it seems like it won’t benefit the city financially, or very minimally.

Don’t believe alcohol sales would make the community better

I’m pretty indifferent. I don’t drink but some might enjoy it.

We need to stand firm with our standards. If we start abandoning our standards our community starts declining. There are several restaurants who are very successful that do not serve alcohol. It’s bad enough our citizens text & drive lets not increase the number of drivers driving buzzed or drunk.

We’ve created this beautiful city around the laws of the gospel and to be simple and clean. If people want to live in a city where they can drink alcohol and have businesses open on Sunday, then they should move to that city, not try to change ours.

I want my city to remain the clean, beautiful area that it is. If people want alcohol or Sunday openings, they should move to an area that already does that instead of trying to change our city. The developer is not looking out for the interest of our city, they are just trying to make money.

If we do not allow alcohol to be sold in Highland when other surrounding cites do, we will never attract businesses in Highland.

One of the many reasons we moved here is because of the standards of the community. Having grown up in a town in California were alcohol was served & sold I dealt with the issues and I would like a better community for my children. Once we start allowing alcohol to be served that will be the beginning of breeding new problems for our community & it will be harder to stop other requests to change city laws.

It will be a tragedy for Highland if we cannot enjoy quality restaurants in our city due to unsubstantiated fear or tradition.

It would be such a value-add to our Highland community to have fresh, unique restaurants added to our offering. If allowing alcohol sales is a pre-requisite, this is an easy YES.

Highland is a safe, bedroom community and I would like it to stay that way. We don’t need more traffic and there are great restaurants 10 minutes away. We should not change our ordinance to accommodate one developer because a few people make mistakes and didn’t look thoroughly at the laws on the books!

I don’t see how this benefits our city.

The Highland/Alpine corridor of Utah county is starved of high quality restaurant establishments. The provided rendering looks beautiful and would increase demand for real estate in the surrounding areas, as well as serve current residents with higher quality food items. Please allow this commercial development to proceed with their required alcohol provisions.
We can have a nice, sit-down, full-service restaurant here in Highland that can be a viable, profit-making business without serving alcohol beverages. A mom and pop restaurant in Orem, Mama Chus, a Mexican restaurant on 800 North and 1555 East, does not serve alcoholic beverages and is a thriving establishment. Chuck-a-Rama does not serve alcoholic beverages and is a chain with headquarters in Salt Lake City. Many people in Highland would enjoy a nice buffet-style restaurant that did not serve alcoholic beverages.

People who want access to alcohol can go anywhere. Highland is different. That’s why we choose to live here. Need more restaurants and businesses in Highland. May have to make concessions to attract them.

I would like to see businesses that attract money outside of our city as well as the residents in our city. As of now, residents are spending a lot of their money in other cities for dining and entertainment. Those cities are benefiting from our money. I would like our city to benefit and be able to provide more services from business money rather than raise our property taxes to cover rising costs. I would also like somewhere local to dine and go for a night out rather than go to surrounding cities. Utah already has some of the most strict alcohol laws, and one of the lowest DUI rates. I don’t think allowing business to serve alcohol, that follow state laws, will be a detriment to our community.

I don’t drink alcohol but I do know that many good restaurants rely on alcohol sales to come to certain areas. We need sit down restaurants in Highland. Not just the regional quick serve or fast food options.

I don’t drink alcohol but those who do and live here should have an option to go to a nearby restaurant. While I appreciate the City's attempt at protecting its citizens it is quite silly to be in 2023 and be discussing something like this. Issue the licenses and get the restaurants here. If they don’t have good food they likely won’t last on just alcohol sales alone. I like the developers new plan. We need sit down restaurants nearby!

Currently, many residents of Highland leave the area regularly to go out to restaurants in other cities, not because they are looking for alcohol, but rather to eat at restaurants that will not come here with the restrictions as they are. This is limiting to the residents but also to our city and the potential taxes that could help support the city.

It can only lead to the usual problems associated with alcohol consumption (DUI, fights, etc)

I would love to have better restaurants in Highland. It would also be nice if Maceys and Harts could sell Beer as well. We are losing business and tax money to Cedar Hills and Lehi.

There is no link between alcohol sales and crime and people should be able make the decision to drink or not drink. I am not a drinker and will not be drinking but would like to see our city gain the revenue by attracting businesses.

We should allow citizens the ability to make choices for themselves. In addition, we should bring the revenue to our city instead of surrounding cities where Highland residents are currently dining.

Limited service should make restaurants sustainable. For sure only on a development by development basis.

Want to keep Highland unique and family friendly.

We have kids that bike to Meijera and Macey's or walk and feel this has a high likelihood of increased drivers on the road with alcohol in their system weather or not it is consumed with food.

We want to get the nice restaurants here, and we think allowing beer and wine will be enough to bring them in, but we don't want to risk there being drunk drivers so we are opposed to distilled spirits. We are worried if we allow restaurants to sell alcohol in other areas, it could put the current restaurants out of business if they don't compete, so we don't want to allow alcohol sold everywhere, just this one commercial zone. We also don't want to see alcohol sold at gas stations and we're worried allowing it all over the city will eventually lead to overall loose alcohol laws all over the city.

I understand the city's desire for increased tax revenue from this business. However, we must also consider the potential drawbacks, such as increased traffic and congestion. As a retired surgeon with experience in ER and trauma care, I've witnessed firsthand the impact of alcohol-related injuries. The latest evidence indicates no medical benefits from alcohol consumption, only harm. Additionally, we cannot ignore the well-documented social issues linked to alcohol.
I grew up in an area (Not Utah) where alcohol was served in various places. I am completely against selling alcohol in Highland in any manner. I personally know three people killed and multiple families affected by alcohol consumption. I also understand alcohol makes rational people do incredibly irrational things. Let’s keep Highland a alcohol free zone in public places, restaurants or not! I’ll drive the few miles to a place that serves alcohol if I need to that’s not a sacrifice compared to the risks. Thank you!

It would be nice to have upscale restaurants available in Highland.

It would be nice to have upscale sit down restaurants available to the citizens of Highland.

Changing these laws won’t increase alcoholism in our community, but WILL open the door to much better dining options.

If this passes, a large group of citizens will rally and get a referendum on the ballot for this. No alcohol in Highland.

We live in a land of freedom of choice which should be for all. Highland has no right to restrict choices especially based on state and federal laws. It’s satans plan to restrict choice.

Mormon beliefs shouldn’t dictate life for the rest of us.

Highland City does not have to be like the rest of the world. Let’s all have the courage to stay far away from alcohol and all its problems. We don’t need this and we shouldn’t want it.

Let’s bring some decent restaurants to our city!

We want better restaurant options in Highland.

Serving alcohol at restaurants positions our city as progressive and adaptable, catering to a diverse range of cultural and social preferences. Many world cuisines are complemented by specific alcoholic beverages, and offering them can elevate the authenticity of the dining experience. By embracing this change, we can foster inclusivity and a rich culinary scene, drawing food enthusiasts and tourists alike.

Anything that can potentially increase the threat of public safety in our community is not worth the risk.

Honestly, it is not the council’s job to make developers rich or successful.

The lack of alcohol being sold in restaurants limits the number of potential drivers who have been consuming alcohol in the area.

I would love to see better dining options in Highland and people are going to go other places and means less tax revenue for the city. Highland is too much of a bedroom community.

It would be really nice to have some better restaurants in Highland instead of those businesses going to Cedar Hills or Lehi. Also, we need the tax revenue these businesses would provide. Neither me nor my spouse use alcohol but we have no objections to allowing others to do so. The local country club has been selling alcoholic beverages all along but no one else can have a drink, that is not right!!

The proposed subject project is going to fail regardless of alcohol or not. The developer is hoping that this will be like One Paseo in Del Mar California. However that is wishful thinking! Highland is no Del Mar. Three reasons this project will FAIL. 1. Low-visibility Location. 2. Cold Weather half the year. 3. Lack of population density nearby. One Paseo is surrounded by 680 units of very high density high-rise housing on the same property as the center and a surrounding county population of 3.3 million. Highland has nothing close to that density. The number of people who drink alcohol in Del Mar is 90%+. Highland is likely 10% or less. One Paseo in Del Mar California has ideal weather year-round. Utah as we know does NOT. an outdoor courtyard orientation sounds great for about 3 or 4 months if the year here. Not enough to make for successful outdoor activities. This concept has ALWAYS failed in Utah. Just look at Gateway Mall in SL, or Riverbottoms in Provo or even the Traverse Outlets for just a couple of examples. This project will be an embarrassment to the community. Especially is we sell our soul to allow alcohol that in the end will NOT save this failed concept. One last commentâ€¦ nobody from Salt Lake or even Draper or Lehi is going to bother driving up here just for another everyday restaurant that they already have in spades in there own locales, alcohol or not they aren’t coming this far. Please Mayor and Council do not sell out high standards especially not for a LOSER PROJECT.
like this one. Stick with what is working for our community’s demographics and don’t bow to the pressure of a minority of mostly non-residents who spoke in favor that I know for a fact they were recruited to speak up at the public hearing last month.

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<td>I also think that the city should allow businesses to be open on Sunday. Stop legislating morality and let the public dictate business with their wallets.</td>
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<td>The overwhelming majority of patrons that live in the area do not want alcohol with their meal and the liberalization of availability of alcohol will serve only a tiny number of people while changing the character of the community. I don’t believe anyone could reasonably argue that increasing the consumption of alcohol provides a benefit to either the individual who consumes it, or more especially, the community in which it is consumed.</td>
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<td>We need a city gathering place such as the proposal for Highland Mains. Alcohol consumption can be managed just like we manage the massive consumption of prescription medications in our community. I think our community would be positively enhanced by this proposal.</td>
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<td>If you don’t serve alcohol in the city then we will lose business because they will go to other places where they can anyway</td>
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<td>Want to keep highland dry this just opens it up for bigger problems later. You should be ashamed</td>
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Let’s be clear, this issue would’ve been a non-issue if it wasn’t for certain members of the predominant religion wanting to control and usurp everyone else’s choices. That’s the truth. A pretended assumption that all alcohol is a vice and the exposure to alcohol would create ne’er-do-well miscreants running rampant thru Highland at all hours of the night. Ridiculous. Full service restaurant licenses is 50+yrs so long overdue to Highland. Allowing this service will attract higher quality commercial businesses and revenue to the city. As much as some members of the predominant religion in this area would perhaps prefer to keep Highland hiding in a romanticized 1950s nuclear family era, the irony is not lost us that the very history of their church leaders is rife with prolific whisky and other alcohol distilleries (Brigham Young even owned his own bars and preached from the pulpit that his whisky was holier than his competitors. Let’s not forget State street in SLC used be called Whisky Street!) The current Highland City Municipal Code also violates every resident’s God-given agency to be responsible adults and to choose for themselves regardless of the predominant religion’s inconsistently applied Word of Wisdom belief system. Not updating the code to pass an Alcohol Law is another way of implying that anyone that isn’t LDS isn’t welcome in this city, that LDS city officials are inappropriately exploiting the influence of their positions to usurp and control the convenient access to full service restaurants for everyone else that isn’t LDS â€” and that’s an exclusivity message that doesn’t need to be sent. Finally, the rest of the state brought in $557.6M in alcohol tax revenues in 2022 (https://www.ksl.com/article/50555597/utah-alcohol-sales-exceed-500-million-in-past-fiscal-year#:~:text=The%20Utah%20Department%20of%20Alcoholic,2021%2C%20of%20approximately%203.4%25.) This issue may not necessarily be about the added revenues to Highland as much as it is about restructuring our city to include everyone regardless of their religion or lack thereof, and to avoid assuming that everyone that lives here has to abide by the ideas of LDS standards. We’re in the 2020s â€” let’s get on with it.

Agency

Peoples,s choice. Not the goverment.

You don’t sell it anywhere else in town, so why should you sell it here.

I go out to sit down restaurants about twice/month. I go to fast casual dining 3-4x/week so it would be much more convenient to have fast casual dining in Highland Mains than 3-4 full service restaurants. If I want to take my spouse on a date to a nice restaurant I enjoy going to Sundance or somewhere that involves a drive because it gives us more time together. I also don’t appreciate a developer coming into Highland and trying to change our city laws so he can make a lot of money. He’s from California, not even any part of this area. He doesn’t care about what is best for Highland, he only cares about making as much money as possible. Let’s preserve the values of Highland and not be sold to some developer who has no interest in our town.

I don’t want more people in highland

Let people use their free agency.

There is absolutely no data I’ve seen that disallowing alcohol sales in such a small area would have any actual impact on public safety. I can’t think of any other rationale to support the existing restrictions. Conversely, the opportunity costs of this and the Sunday business restriction are very high and deprive our community of potentially very useful capital for improvements in all areas of public interest.

We should follow Utah Law on this issue.

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The city should not be in the business of regulating personal choices. Cities should operate cities. Citizens are perfectly capable of deciding what they want to eat and drink and furthermore which days of the week they wish to do so.

This city needs to bring businesses in to offset our horrendous taxes. The fact that this city wants to only allow the elite who are part of a country club to consume alcohol is completely tone deaf.

I believe that personal freedom and personal responsibility should govern our behavior and that blue laws such as Highland’s alcohol laws are unnecessary and divisive.
This would bring Highland City in line with Utah state code.

With kids coming and going in that area on bikes all the time having an increase in drivers who have consumed alcohol driving seems less desirable.

In order to have a sustainable high-end restaurant a full service alcohol license is the only way. Short of that I believe the developer would change their plans and we would end up with more of the same ho-hum dining aka better off staying home to eat.

If your vision is to change the dining experience in Highland by making fine dining available then a full alcohol license (not just beer and wine) can make that a reality. Beer and wine license brings places like Via 313. A full license can bring places like a high quality steakhouse or seafood restaurant.

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I enjoy the quaint city the way it is.

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No need to add it. Keep our community safe.

Even though we don’t drink we shouldn’t stop others enjoying a drink with dinner as long as it is done legally within the laws of the state.

A city shouldn’t regulate whether we consume alcohol or not. And as a city we need more restaurants that bring in income to our city.

Highland is a great place with good values. Let’s make a decision now not to ever allow beer, wine, alcohol, etc. There are places in American Fork, Lehi and Draper that are not that far.

I would personally love to see things stay the way they are currently.

Highland’s current culture is what brought us to the area to raise a family.

There are plenty of very nearby places to buy alcohol. Let’s have one place where we can be free from all of the problems at alcohol inevitably brings with it.

No good comes from alcohol. It leads to drunk driving and broken families.

Alcohol causes so many problems. Let people travel to the very nearby cities to go get that if they want. Highlander, such a special place because it’s Unique, let’s keep it that way.

I believe that Highland will be able to attract better restaurants if we allow them to sell alcohol to those that are interested in purchasing it.

Don’t want the extra traffic and expense this will bring.

Does allowing alcohol sales make the city a better place to live? Not for me.

Don’t want to be a destination location. Love our quiet rural feel.

I believe that there are restaurants that can be found that don’t require a stipulation of only being here in Highland if they can serve alcohol. City council, please remember you are working for the people of this city and not the developers. It’s okay if that property remains undeveloped for a while.

The city council should make it so no alcohol is allowed to be sold anywhere in Highland.
Alcohol impairs driving. After two drinks and 160 pound man, the average blood alcohol level of 0.02%, which tree Zolton decline and visual functions, and ability to perform to two at the same time and loss of judgment, and altered mood. We live two blocks from the area, and we prefer not to have impaired drivers on our road. Someone weighing less or drinking more would have more impairment. Please see my doc Cleveland clinic.org/health/diagnostic/22689.

It’s important that our city have the same commercial opportunities as neighboring cities, and that our residents have the same freedom to choose as neighboring residents.

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diagnostics/22689-blood-alcohol-content-bac  some feel that driving is safe under the legal limit but it causes imparement with just 2 drinks.  I would prefer those on the roads to go home and relax before drinking

There's nothing wrong with having a drink while you're in a restaurant.

It would be nice if restaurants would consider coming to Highland even if they couldn't sell alcohol.

I believe it would draw business to our community and help taxes. But most importantly we would have somewhere close to home to be able to relax and enjoy our neighbors.

Highland has less options for restaurants then neighboring city's and loses out on jobs and revenue. Lehi and American Fork have more restaurant options than Highland. If residents don't use the beverage service then they can still get more food options closer to home.

We wouldn’t want alcohol allowed in all areas, especially not in stores. At some restaurants would be fine.

What is your vision for Highland? Do you feel there is a quality of life difference between highland and American fork? I would rather maintain what is special about highland. Let people drink at the restaurants at traverse mountain or in AF. I chose to live/pay taxes in Highland because of the clean, safe family atmosphere. Please don’t ruin what is special about highland so we can attract people that really need a drink.

I don’t think we need alcohol. I like highland, I chose to live here because of the things highland does and doesn’t offer. I don’t think it is good or necessary for highland.

I enjoy living in a 'dry' community. Alcohol is readily in next door Lehi and AF.

Need to be progressive and allow business into Highland. I don’t drink alcohol but would love better options in highland for eating and activity

If this allows more business in Highland City then it needs to occur. We need to be more progressive and inclusive of business. This will not effect the culture or overall health of residents in Highland city. It will create a better business environment for our city.

We moved here and raised our family here for the family friendly values and want it to stay that way. And living in the close proximity of the business area we are concerned about putting in up to 4 restaurants and where will they be parking? Down the side streets and in front of our homes? NO we don’t want our neighborhoods full of extra traffic.

The folks that will spend their money on alcoholic beverages, will do so either in Highland or another town that permits alcohol consumption in those establishments. Why not let these folks spend their money and pay tax on alcohol in Highland? Highland is giving consumers lots of reasons to go elsewhere to spend their time and money putting the tax shortfall on the citizens - Not all of them can afford it.

No thank you

I don’t plan to consume alcohol personally, but I believe people should be able to choose whether or not they want to do so. And inability to sell alcohol is typically the biggest barrier to better restaurants coming to town.

After 30 years of living in and around Highland, tje demographics of Highland City have changed very little in my observation. The allowance of alcohol sales will be a boost the city tax revenue, cater to a small niche of people residing in Highland that consume said products, and have little effect on the wholesome environment that kost of us crave.
Alcohol is a dangerous, addictive drug that has no good qualities. Highland is better off with less of it.

If a restaurant can't make it without selling alcoholic beverages, that is a sad commentary on our society. Highland is a great place to live with people of good values. Let's not compromise that.

to not allow the city is again infringing on free agency and dictating a moral issue. This is the same as the previous open on Sunday fiasco that caused the city business. also, the updated site plan is a great improvement.

People can go outside of our bedroom community if they want to buy alcohol.

It is time to let the residents be adults.

We need to increase our tax base for Highland. Even though I don't drink alcohol, we need to attract more businesses. We should think about allowing business to be open on Sunday if we could attract more businesses to our community.

The idea that alcohol sales are needed for a "food services" business to succeed in north Utah county is false. Arguably this may be true in other cities or states but in our culture here in Utah, if you have a great food selection/product, you will get all the foot traffic you'd ever want. The number of non-alcohol serving restaurants in and around our communities speaks for itself. Highland has had blue laws in place for a very long time. Yes, there are very few exceptions to the blue laws, but in large measure that's how our community and culture in this city was and is formed and shaped. It is one of the main reasons why people want to live here. Not because we have blue laws in place but because of their benefits to our people and society. A concept that seems to get swept under the rug for the sake of tax revenue or ambition. Now a developer wants to change all that for what? To attract restaurants into his development at the expense of decades of time tested values practiced in the open by our people? No thank you. If the restaurant owners haven't done the necessary market research to know Utahns will eat regardless if alcohol is sold or not, they don't need to do business in Highland because they don't know their customer base. There is enough money in Alpine and Highland to keep them in business and busy without the needless gimmick of alcohol sales. The other obvious problem is simply that allowing alcohol sales is a slippery slope. A gateway for other problems our community doesn't need. I have personally called in or assisted with the stopping of several impaired drivers within our city limits over the last 25 years. And this is from drunk drivers just passing through our city. Now we want to let our local restaurants booze them up and send them home full and possibly inebriated??? To what end? For money? Should Highland city become that kind of municipal neighbor by potentially adding on devastating burdens on others? Shame on us if we do! Blue laws implicitly help a city NOT contribute to common social problems. We don't pay attention to it because it's out of sight, out of mind. We just enjoy the peaceful community blessing without really understanding where they come from. I don't see this as a decision one way or the other. We can have great restaurants in our city that serve great food AND maintain our standards. I am in favor of not messing up what's worked for our city for so long. Let's keep Highland as dry as we can for as long as we can, for the sake of our families and neighbors. Let's keep Highland a great place to live!!

I believe it's time to allow the people of this city to have the right to choose if they want to drink an alcohol beverage with their dinner.

I am a tax paying home owner and law abiding citizen in Highland. My rights and freedom to purchase alcoholic beverages as allowed under Utah State Code should not be limited by our Highland City Council.

I understand that this might eliminate some good restaurant options but I'm 1000% fine with driving down the road further to go out to a restaurant rather than having individuals driving through Highland coming from consuming their alcoholic beverage(s). Makes no sense.

Great idea

Also would like to see any business to open on Sunday if they wish to

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We need quality restaurants in Highland....people who want an alcoholic drink can easily drive to Lehi, American Fork, or Draper. If we don't want our young people to drink we better teach them at home. Our alcohol laws are pretty strict. People can already by alcohol at the convenient store in Highland or have a drink at Alpine Country Club. Don't turn our city into a fast food mecca!

We lived in Kensington, MD 20895. They did not sell alcohol in sores or restaurants, although there were only a few fast food chains. There were less alcohol related problems:; DUI, high school drop out, domestic violence.

I understand the need to attract good restaurants. It is under the understating that it would be a nicer restaurant and setting which would limit the consumption to few people, which is why I support the change. I do not support it in restaurants all over the city. Namely because most are fast casual, or casual which would allow more population consumption in casual settings.

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Moral argument- Voting to allow alcohol to be sold does not infringe on other's choice/religious belief to not partake but does improve on the individuals legal access to choice and liberty. Clear and obvious Pro - Allowing for sit-down restaurants is greatly needed in the Highland market and the inclusion of higher taxable alcohol and per item food sales can be nothing but a positive for the city economically. Nicer restaurants vs redundant drive-through casual fast (cheap) service will also improve the brand value of the city beyond just the immediate and recurring economic implications. Lack of Cons - The state's alcohol laws have proven again and again to be more than robust enough to overcome any argument around the legal/criminal costs related to the allowance of alcohol sales. This is a clear win to vote for the alcohol law to change in Highland. This change has huge upsides economically and the city's profile while have no material downside and a lack of an apt moral argument against it.

Beer and wine should be sufficient for dining purposes. Hard liquor moves things in an entirely different direction in my opinion. Beer and wine is an acceptable compromise. I suppose you could argue that it is all alcohol so what is the difference, but I believe there is more danger in hard liquor drinks as regards potential impairment and threat to public safety. It takes less volume of hard liquor drinks to cause impairment. I see nothing in the proposed ordinance addressing who might be deciding a patron has had enough and should not be served further. That also needs addressed. Is it the server, the bartender, the host? As far as to how far the new ordinance should extend, it is only fair to all businesses of similar ilk to have the same privileges. Would love to have nice places to eat so close to home!

Our city needs more revenue and this is a beautiful proposed development to help.

The no alcohol policy is why I live here.

The adoption of a more democratic and universal approach to alcohol laws is important. In addition the commercial value as well as community value this project could bring to Highland is critical.

freedom of choice is important. We really need more sit-down restaurants not more bad drive-throughs. Having an alcohol choice with a meal will create no problems at all but will get us better sit-down restaurant options and probably more tax revenues. If super religious people don't want to order alcohol they can just not buy any. The new plan on the information sheet is WAY NICER and we should want nice things and options.

I think Highland has managed quite nicely without having establishments sell alcohol. It may start with restaurants, but it would creep to grocery stores soon enough and the next thing you know Highland will lose its safest city in Utah status. It is safe here for a reason and part of that reason is that alcohol is not readily available.

I checked NO; It has been my experience when one small change has been made to a previous decision, that it opens the door to future like-kind changes which I wouldn't be acceptable either.

The law should reflect what is allowed in every other city.
Basic freedom for government to stay out of how businesses choose to run unless absolutely necessary for public safety. This also applies to the Sunday closing which I am opposed to.

I feel like this would open the door for other alcohol sales in the city that could give access to alcohol to young people.

One of the main reasons we moved to Highland is because we liked the type of people here and the type of city it is. We feel like it is unique and one of the last few cities around with the type of laws it has that keep it a wonderful place to live and raise a family. We have neighboring cities that allow alcohol and we don’t feel that Highland needs to be one of them. Although Highland is changing and expanding, we don’t feel the need to change our alcohol laws and change the integrity of this wonderful city. We love Highland the way it is.

This needs to be about tax revenue for the city. Highland city is missing out on this for years. Allowing this will bring high end restaurants to the area that will have full occupancy.

Those who wish to consume alcoholic beverages, should be able to do so in their city. Why give other restaurants in other cities the revenue that would be accrued. It’s time to change old outdated views.

Current City Code best represents my values. Allowing a change would be the beginning for other similar requests throughout the City.

I like our community set up the way that it currently is. Thanks.

No good things can come to a community where Alcohol is prevalent.

If it’s more readily available when an individual is out and about there will be greater chances for drinking and driving as well as other intoxicated issues.

Highland City should end it’s version of prohibition and enter the 21 Century.

There are reasons Highland is one of the most prosperous and safe cities in the area. We are somewhat unique in our values as far as what we allow to happen in our city, and we have enjoyed the consequences of that uniqueness, namely affluence, unity, and safety. Just like certain schools offer programs that draw the type of students who are interested in that program so they can come together and thrive, certain cities should be allowed to offer the kind of laws and businesses that meet the preferences of their like-minded residents so they have a place to come together and thrive. Let’s honor the proven results of both alcohol prohibition and Sabbath observance and please don’t sign away our right to enjoy the safe and prosperous city we have chosen to set up.

Tax revenue.

A few years ago Highland was told by a few citizens, "we must open on Sunday in order to get business". Fast-forward I think Highland has done okay attracting the kind of business's needed for our city. Restaurant's without alcohol will come to a unique town like Highland, because of who we are and what we represent. Once we start to serve alcohol, we will no longer be UNIQUE. Such as our neighbors on three sides of our community. A very concerned citizen

We do not need to help spread the use of alcohol into our community. I came from an alcoholic family and I know first hand the damage it does.

Please leave Highland as it is now. We are just a few minutes away from multiple cities that already provide these types of restaurants and services. Let Highland continue to be a unique city.

It would be nice to have some better restaurant options nearby and at the same time generate some better revenue for the city.

Not family friendly

The manipulation being used to push a yes vote is offensive! Both Highland City leaders and the development corporation are using visual persuasion as well as psychological games. If we the residents overwhelmingly vote and the city leaders abide by that vote (no assurance on that note) â€¦.. then the developers will need to revert back to the initial planâ€¦ I find it intriguing that the â€œinitialâ€ plan is shown in plain black and white on a small scaleâ€¦ yet the â€œrevisedâ€ plan is in multi-color on a larger scale and a
A glamorous full color rendering is included. The not-so-subtle blackmail is frankly...unbecoming! The
message is painfully clear: if we residents don't grant our approval we will miss out on the-oh-so lovely
revised development plan...we won't have the opportunity to have full-service restaurant experiences here in Highland. The bottom line not mentioned is money. I get it! Liquor has a high markup. It
draws those who have the financial ability to pay for the substance and the full-service restaurants reap a substantial financial benefit. The city then too reaps a significant financial benefit through various
taxes. It is expensive to fund city services. City leaders hate raising taxes on resident citizens. Resident
citizens commonly dislike tax increases. This is not news! If this survey had been honest and open I would
not feel the negativity I do. I really loathe this attempt to manipulate me and I am disappointed by the
dishonest way this development option has been presented to me...and I hope others can also see behind
the curtain!

Not sure one or even two nice restaurants would bring in all that much tax revenue for one thing.
I personally do not drink alcohol, but good riddance, if getting alcohol approved brings good restaurants to
the area, then I'm all for it! This area is severely lacking in good dining options.

I don't drink, but really would like to see some local sit down restaurants. Hopefully this is a good
compromise.

I am sad Blue Lemon closed. I don't drink, but really would like to see some local sit down restaurants.

My Grandfather was a respectable man that was ruined by alcohol. He was brutally beaten, robbed and left
for dead by drunken men after exiting a place that served alcoholic beverages. He later died from his injuries.
My mother was a wonderful woman who also suffered an addiction to alcohol. It has taken a long time for
her, her siblings, her children, including me to overcome the trauma caused by alcohol in our family. I have
chosen to live a sober life, and I want that for my family and generations to come. Nothing good comes from
alcohol. I quote Elizabeth from Pirates of the Caribbean...it is a vile drink that turns even the most respectable men into complete scoundrels. I want to live in a city that is different and unique,
not because it has fancy restaurants and wants to be popular (which is not unique in today's world). Unique
because they are truly are. No alcohol in our city makes us unique and will bring the right kind of people to
our city. I want to be the resident of a city that did the right thing, not the popular thing. My father was a
business man and owned many restaurants that I worked in as a hostess, waitress etc. I have found through
personal experience that alcohol does not make a restaurant great, it is the people and the owners that run
the restaurant, and their incredible unique food creations. You can get a bottle of wine or beer anywhere.
It is prepackaged wherever you go and is nothing special. We want to be the kind of city that attracts good
business owners that are good people that serve incredible food. It might take patience to wait for those, but
it will be worth it. We should not say yes to the first person that wants to come in and change the great laws
of our city just because they are the first to offer. I will also say, I wonder if restaurants like this will do
well here anyhow. Blue Lemon was a nicer restaurant, and they went out of business. That is why I say No to alcohol in Highland City. Thank you for all those that have taken the time and effort to
allowed us to take these surveys and let our voices be heard. I am grateful for a great city council that cares
about the people and their voices.

Open and free market is always best. Let supply and demand dictate the success of a business and what it
offers. If being open on Sundays or serving alcohol is valuable to enough customers then great. If not? The
market has spoken.

We are in need of full service restaurants

We need this for our area, I hope it passes. Let those who choose to consume alcohol make their own
choices. I choose not to consume alcohol, but it's not my place to make those decisions for others.

This will help the area restaurants

Yes its about time you let alcohol into this dry town

I feel it entirely appropriate to bring city code in line with state code.
We need to be more accommodating to the diversity in our community.

I don’t drink alcohol but would like access to nicer sit down restaurants. I would not want alcohol sold in stores.

A yes vote is a vote for free agency!

This could be a gateway to changing other laws that would change the unique Highland high quality living experience.

Don’t need to change the character of our community just to benefit outside commercial developers financially.

Highland has a unique, family-oriented culture that is cherished by its residents. Allowing the sale of alcohol could become a gateway to more laws compromising this culture. Residents wishing to purchase alcohol can drive a few miles to a surrounding city that permits the sale of alcohol. Keep Highland clean and unique.

Allowing liquor will entice higher class sit down restaurants to move to Highland. It won’t be a city of just fast food places, but variety

City Council should allow alcohol in the new development. Let people decide for themselves if they want to drink alcohol or not, not the city council.

I don’t want the risk of DUI on such a busy street where people already speed and drive recklessly

Anyone who votes for no is making a statement of "not in my city". If you partake at any restaurant outside this city that serves alcohol, you are a hypocrite with that said mayor and the other city council members that voted no that includes you. you all are hypocrites. I just call it like I see it and you made it very easy to see it. Gain some integrity.

I live in Highland because of the values, morals and quality of life it has. Please, please DO NOT introduce alcohol in our city limits in any degree. Please keep the last beautiful and moral place on earth clean and family friendly- PLEASE!

I do not feel alcohol consumption is something I agree with. There are plenty of other places someone can go to consume alcohol. I would like to maintain our city as an alcohol free city. I do not feel alcohol has any redeeming qualities.

Our community does not need alcohol.

Limited turns into more broad approval. The people purchasing the property knew the city ordinance. We should feel pressured to accommodate their desires.

We don’t want or need alcohol in our community.

Having alcohol served in restaurants would increase those driving under the influence and thereby an increase of accidents. There are too many accidents at our city's crossroads as it stands, PLEASE do NOT allow this to increase through the consumption of alcohol in local restaurants. Thank you for your consideration.

Highland rules tend to lean towards the prominent religion, eg stores closed on Sunday, alcohol sales etc. with no regard to other religions and/or social norms. From a public administration view, the tax base Highland has lost to neighboring cities is embarrassing.

Alcohol sales in restaurants will allow this community to attract higher class places to eat, something we are sorely lacking in the area.

It’s ridiculous to cripple Highland over outdated laws that are unrestricted at our very borders. Our development is being stifled by them. The puritanical "values" that some are trying to protect don't actually exist.

Alcoholic beverages should be allowed.

There are many places people can go to consume alcohol. We don't need more drinking in Highland.

Keep Highland Dry!

You are kidding yourself. You cannot approve alcohol sales for one establishment and not others. If approved alcohol will be sold in every establishment in Highland. Deny the request!
If you allow this then it will not be long when alcohol will be allowed to be sold anywhere in our city. That will change the integrity of our city. That we have fought hard to maintain for many years.

I feel like it's an emotional manipulation by the developer, saying if you want us to make a nice development, we need alcohol there. Otherwise, you'll get a sub-par development. But my vote is to not sell any alcohol. I think the developer can come up with a hybrid idea, without needing anchor restaurants that sell alcohol. A play area, and trees can still be planted, the area can still be made beautiful. Framing it to say the the only way to nice is through alcohol sales is false. Highland is getting a massive new park. This is fantastic. Let's keep Highland alcohol free. I love living in a dry city!

The sit down area is very appealing. Everyone can enjoy it regardless of buying alcohol or not. Selling alcohol does not mean Highland is corrupted or any such nonsense.

For one, reverting to the original plan of that section looks truly horrible. The shops that are already there are tight and crowded, and I would LOVE to have a beautiful area to get together with friends with full service restaurants that has a fun vibe with some green space. I’m really hoping the people of Highland can see that this area will be way better than more same-old parking lots and lines of shops. I’m worried that the fear of alcohol will make people scared to have it. There are enough restrictions put in place with alcohol here to reduce the risk of drunk driving. Let people choose to have alcohol. It can and usually is done responsibly. I really think this new plan will be great for the community.

Highland is a special place and I believe it’s largely because of the close alignment between the city ordinances and the moral values of its citizens. I don’t know what we gain by serving alcohol (are we desperate for tax revenue?) and I don’t like feeling like outside developers can buy their way into changing city code by spending some more money on a pretty flyer. If people really want to consume alcohol, there are plenty of options a very short distance away. Let’s keep Highland unique.

I believe there are many good restaurants in Utah that do not serve alcohol. As I carefully thought this through wanting to vote in good conscience, I believe we should do all we can to prevent impaired driving in our city and on the roads from our city to other areas. I also thought of SR-92 and how difficult it is to travel to the freeway at times during the winter. The higher speeds and lack of light in the evenings also make it more dangerous if someone is impaired. There are many individuals from our area who rely on SR-92 to get to their homes. I hope we can be responsible to keep our city and SR-92 as safe as possible. Someone may enjoy an evening with alcohol and dinner, but it could impact another life in a way that is life changing.

One thing we love about Highland is its small town feel with family values. It would be quite a negative shift to allow this in our beautiful city. A restaurant such as this may not know its demographics and many residents wouldn’t support it if so. A decision such as this can be a slippery slope, one I don’t want my city to be a part of.

We do not want more fast food in our city- we dislike the culture it brings. A gathering place for families and socializing would elevate our highland culture ten fold and provide a place for residents to enjoy one another. It’s time. There is no reason why we wouldn’t, people have a choice to drink or not to drink. It’s their choice.

Let’s update our laws. This is an affluent area filled with responsible adults. It would be a big upgrade to have nice restaurants in our community.

It is there right and should be allowed the opportunity to follow the law

I would like to see other restaurants come to Highland, and believe that in this area, a restaurant can still be successful even if they do not serve alcohol. It would be nice if a restaurant would make that effort, and that citizens would patronize it.

I don’t drink alcohol but would appreciate more sit down restaurants in the area. Thanks.

I would like to see Highland grow.

I don't want any commerical establishments to be added to our city. I prefer to keep it as is. I want to maintain as the small town feel, less businesses...less commercial...I don't even care about the alcohol aspect of it.
I would really like a quality, sit-down, upscale restaurant in Highland. We have enough fast food restaurants.  

Keep that poison out of Utah County

We need to mature as a city and encourage and allow a broader range of dining and alcoholic beverage options.

Family issues with alcohol have been tragic. Please do all you can to resist making alcohol more accessible.

it is not our job as citizens to police the actions of others, if a person wants to drink, they will drink, if they don't they won't, it's called agency! keep our tax dollars in our city!

I love the idea of having nicer restaurants in Highland and live the plan of the area.

A change is not needed. A change will increase the amount of alcohol- influenced drivers on Highland City streets thus adversely affecting the safety of city residents and visitors.

Sale of alcohol is not needed in this area.

I hold a firm belief that we should be cautious about the potential influx of customers and increased traffic that could occur if a restaurant serving alcoholic beverages opens in our neighborhood. This deviation from our usual norms may draw even more patrons to such an establishment due to its lenient regulations. Additionally, I am concerned that conceding to a limited offering of beer and wine may pave the way for more permissive regulations in the future. Having witnessed the negative consequences of alcohol use, including accidents it can lead to, I am committed to maintaining the peace and tranquility of our neighborhood as it stands today.

A person can already buy alcohol in stores and gas stations. It should also be allowed in restaurants. Highland needs to expand it's tax base - property taxes are already too high.

We need more diversity and tax base for Highland.

Alcohol brings on drunkeness which brings drunk driving which in many instances brings early death and sadness to our Highland neighbors and families, we don't need this.

we would accept liquor to be sold IF Highland could attract some high end restaurants!

I won't drink any alcohol but like the idea of restaurants close by.

I love Highland. Highland is unique. I don't want "anchor restaurants" to bring further congestion and traffic to our area. I do recognize that Highland needs to have development and growth, however, this feels like the proverbial camel's nose into the tent. Once the nose is in, the entire camel soon follows.

Personal moral belief

I moved to Highland to be away from commercial establishments, knowing I could drive outside of Highland to get to restaurants and shopping. I want to keep the small town feel, open spaces, and have less traffic.

We teach our children regarding the dangers of alcohol, then approve the sale of it. It seems like a conflicting message. The city mailer highlighted the updated site plan in color, beautiful pictures, etc., and the Original site plan in unreadable black and white. Shouldn't the city try to portray a semblance of neutrality?

Our family welcomes the distribution of alcohol in Highland, UT

Let’s make Highland city the upper class city it claims to be by providing upper class restaurants for sitting down dining

I'm in favor of inviting others to share our wonderful life in Highland and asking them to respect our standards. I'm not in favor of changing our standards for them. Dry towns can succeed. Check out Ocean City, New Jersey.

Highland is ACHING for a nice community spot. Allowing alcohol will bring in much better restaurants. We have an overwhelming amount of fast-casual, and our community deserves better options. With better restaurants, you also get better shops!

We need nice, sit-down restaurants so people can go out, have a good time, and celebrate. The Highland community deserves it! Allowing alcohol allows better options!
I think it will help the city and all residents to allow business to sell alcohol drink on their designated property. Not to be taken off property. It would help bring in better business and more choice to all resident weather their religious background. We need to allow each person to choose how they would like to live day to day. I also would like to see business come in to help lower high property and city taxes.

Treat our high end community with high end restaurants options

We need to join the rest of the world and allow alcohol to be served in our area. It will bring revenue and opportunity to our city. Please please allow this to happen.

We need more shopping, restaurants and activities in Highland.

If it helps bring in income to Highland and businesses driving down our taxes I say yes sale the alcohol

This would not be a good thing for Highland. It’s the proverbial camel’s nose in the tent. Not a positive change

I would be great to have good restaurants to eat at in Highland.

I have extensive experience with family and friends and alcohol. It’s always a bad idea and as long as we can stave it off we should. It’s an example to the next generation.

We lived in Salt Lake City for 8 years before moving to this area. We chose this area as a place that was free from the venues that allow alcohol. We have seen first hand how - especially students - when allowed to partake alcohol can ruin the safe and wholesome atmosphere we have tried to creat for our children.

Any consumption of alcohol increases the likelihood of someone driving under the influence, and that increases the likelihood of my teenage drivers to be on the road with someone under the influence, and it's not worth that risk to me, and it shouldn't be worth that risk to anyone.

I don’t think it should be necessary to limit it to a food purchase, it won’t really curve the sale of alcohol and will act more as an annoyance. Also I think that people over the age of 21 are adults who should make their own decisions.

I would be thrilled to have more high end restaurants in highland!

We need to be more modern with our alcohol laws and keep i. Line with the state.

It will help with the revenue generated in the city

We have been incredibly blessed as a community. I think we need to preserve it alcohol free and businesses closed on Sundays.

Utah state liquor laws are already pretty strict, a few restaurants selling alcohol does not affect anyone who does not partake. If it doesn’t directly affect you, then it’s none of your business.

I don’t drink, so it doesn’t impact me. But I would love more high end restaurants and shopping instead of the typical fast food restaurants and banks that have popped up on every corner.

It is both bizarre and backward for a municipality to deny alcohol service to a full-service restaurant in 2023. We never go out to dinner in Highland for this reason. That business goes to Lehi, American Fork and elsewhere.

Alcohol is easy to obtain within a short drive of Highland. But selling it and consuming it here where we live and our kids live and drive is literally too close to home.

It is 2023. It is time Utah and our communities reflect a national cohesion instead of a Utah view of the world. Utah is one of the largest tech hubs in the country and one of the best places in the nation for business. National and international businesses expect a modern approach to the world in areas they plant their roots. Likewise, customers, visitors and travelers expect the same. It’s absurd we haven’t changed these laws already. If we want to stay competitive to attracting talent and businesses, we have to view our wonderful city and state as a modern and normal state. Laws like this are not helping.

We need nicer restaurants. Moral choices should be individual.

My wife and I would love nothing more than to enjoy a nice evening out at a nice restaurant in Highland, close to home, and enjoy a drink with dinner. It’s the right thing to do and will have zero impact on anyone who opposes it.
| Keep the small bedroom community feel of Highland. |
| Restaurants serving drinks to customers with dinner would be very welcomed. We’d also love to have more sit down style restaurant options. Please allow this change! |
| I believe that by allowing restaurants to sell alcohol their business will thrive much more. At the same time, if these commerces are profitable within our city boundaries, it is a win for all tax payers. |
| I would love to have access to a nice restaurant in Highland with sit down service where I can get a glass of wine with dinner. |
| City Council please note, this is a false and empty threat of the developer. They will develop the highest and best use regardless of the alcohol permit. This location has very wealthy demographics. With no other undeveloped commercial land left, it will be successful without alcohol and they won’t ever revert back to an earlier plan. They won’t do that because the market does want their original site plan that is obsolete. Again this is an empty threat of the developer. Say NO to DRUGS! Say NO to Drunk Drivers! I do not want a drunk driver to kill me, wife, children, extended family, neighbors or anyone. There are already too much distraction with cell phones. We don’t need to add legalizing drugs to the driving risks. |
| The city should evolve beyond its early century approach to limiting alcohol. |
| Regardless of anyone’s stance on alcohol, allowing the sale will bring in revenue for the city. Having a more diverse selection of places to eat will bring more people into the city and increase tax revenues, which will only benefit the city. |
| We moved to Highland for certain reasons. One of those reasons being that Highland does not allow the restaurants to sell alcohol. My opinion is not changing because developers want to come in & destroy what makes Highland unique, so they can make a lot of money. |
| A council member does not have the authority to approve the sell of alcohol to developers. That is not her right. It is her fault for leading the developers on. That is her mistake & the city of Highland should suffer the consequences of that mistake. If the developers pull out of Highland, that is on her. Highland will be fun & even better for it. The restaurants are going to bring in more crime, more traffic which in turn raises taxes. Our quality of life decreases. Allow Highland to remain safe & quiet, the way we like it. The reason we moved here. |
| I would like Highland to be a place that treats adults like adults, and lets them make their own choices - like pretty much every other city in this country. Also, there are no nice restaurants in our area. Please don’t let this opportunity slip away. The council shouldn't need a survey to see that the proposed change will improve our city. |
| Times are changing. We should be able to get beer at maceys. They'd get more customers. |
| I grew up with alcohol in the home and it was terrible living with the effects it caused. Also I was afraid of the person using alcohol. This disease as I call it passed down to my brother and then to my son and they all passed away due to alcohol and the use of this product. This is why I voted no. |
| Keep liquor out of Highland. |
| I love the idea of bringing in quality restaurants. Our area need this purposeful development. Thank you. |
| Let’s not let the restaurants tell us what they want. Let’s tell the restaurants what we want. |
| There is not enough need for four more restaurants in this city - with or without alcohol permits. |
| Paperwork didn't say much about the revenue for the city that might increase. Thought might be a benefit. Can't figure out the benefit of selling alcohol so I figure why let it be sold. Leave it alone. If the city needs revenue and it's decent than I figure, we should probably consider it. |
| Alcohol is the fourth-leading preventable cause of death in the United States. Why do we want to keep killing people unnecessarily? |
| I want high-quality restaurants in Highland. Please don’t miss this opportunity |
| Lived here 50 years never needed it before |
There are laws regarding alcoholic beverages, which people don't always obey, but they have their free agency. Just as people have their free agency to shop on Sundays. The people of Highland have had to pay higher taxes for years and not everyone agreed with this decision of businesses not being open on Sunday. Many businesses will not come to Highland. The city of Highland is $11 million in debt. Go figure!

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| First, Utah Stae law allows it! Second, passing this would bring in revenue. Third, this would allow people to make "choices each individual wants to make for themselves" - not choices made for them by someone else. Fourth, not everyone living in this city is of the common religion and therefore is NOT prohibited from partaking of alcohol. For years I have wanted to spend my dollars in Highland so that the tax revenue helps our city; however, I am forced to go else where when I choose to eat and have a drink with my meal. How many times have I been impaired by doing this? Not once. Even the Police Chief stated he has not encountered a problem drunk driving persons leaving the golf course. Lastly, I talked briefly with one of the city council last night. His concern is that the developer wants to bring in some very high-end restaurants and that people will not frequent these because of the cost. I say let capitalism take care of that. If these types of restaurants can't make it in the system, then they should fail. Not allowing them to compete is not the American way. Other "tablecloth" establishments will follow. Highland City and its city government has been "reactive" over the 30 years I've lived here. It's time for the council to make choices that are "proactive" for a change. Our streets are in shambles! We need revenue! We need a cemetary building to house equipment. We need revenue! We have limited our growth because of rules and laws that were implemented back in 1977. That's 45 years ago. Why? Highland can still be a very safe place to raise families without compromising it's values on "the word of wisdom". Let's get real! If the alcohol issue is really that important, would Salt Lake County, as well as every county and city that has a majority LDS poulation, not serve it? As citizen of Highland City, I thereby demand that the council do the right thing for future of our city and pass this legislation and allow the city to become a centralized hub for northern Utah County. Times change! It's time for Highland City to change too.

Highland city’s current ordinances have put our city in financial distress. Other cities surrounding our area have taken all opportunity to grow and gain from out lack of action. Times have changed and our city has stagnated policies. We live on a street that has not been resurfaced in over 20 years. The street looks like it could be mowed with all the cracks and weeds. I know this a problem throughout many neighborhoods. We need revenue and we need to make our city shine. I am embarrassed when people come to our city and see the weeds growing on our trails, roads and our cemetery. We were once rural but we are no longer in that category due to the growth around us. Let’s move forward and make our city beautiful. We need thriving businesses in our city. Thank you!

No alcohol in our city is part of the charm, character and uniqueness of Highland. We love this bedroom community. There are plenty of options just down the road if we feel we need a more upscale restaurant. Our little corner can’t sustain the traffic of a "destination" spot in Highland. My 15 year old nephew said "If this passes, it'll never go back and I'll never have the opportunity to raise a family in a community that has this type of respect for residents."

Adults should be allowed to make their own decisions on whether or not to drink alcohol. We need better food options in Highland and this development to thrive. Please make this decision on what is based on the city as a whole, and do not allow personal and religious beliefs to get in the way. Thank you

Not allowing an adult the freedom to purchase alcohol is ridiculous government overreach. Highland is trampling business rights. If this law is not changed to allow all business to serve customers alcohol, Highland city should be sued.

Keep ridiculous religious rules out of government. Live your religion and let other people live theirs.
I vote Highland be a proper city with good restaurants not just fast food. Highland already has a full bar / restaurant operating at the Alpine Country Club buried in the middle of a residential neighborhood. It's time to move out of the dark ages.

City should not be more restrictive than state law.

We reviewed the survey. The updated plan adds to Highland. The original plan looks awful in comparison to the revised plan.

Yes to better restaurants and increased tax revenue! Move forward and allow the city to grow and increase property values.

City law should conform with state law

This is a slippery slope decision and unnecessary. The rules as they stand are not hurting anyone. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

This is a bad precedent that will invite other problems. Highland does not this.

The citizens of each community should have the ability to determine general standards that will help shape the nature and character of the community they want to live in. Not all citizens will agree on those standards, however, each should have the right to express his or her opinion and beliefs. Each has the right to have their voice heard. That said, I am against it for several reasons, but for purposes of this survey let me simply note that by almost any measurable standard the consumption of alcohol is problematic. From the CDC: Alcohol consumption is associated with a variety of short- and long-term health risks, including motor vehicle crashes, violence, sexual risk behaviors, high blood pressure, and various cancers (e.g., breast cancer).

https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/moderate-drinking.htm. Why would we want to invite that kind of trouble to Highland? While we cannot keep its effects out, due to it being accessible elsewhere, we can limit it by keeping it out of our establishments.

Highland has a unique culture and, thus, community. We have the choice to keep it that way. People can obtain alcoholic beverages from a number of other places, it doesn't need to be a part of our community. We can surely find other businesses that will want to capitalize on this community, while upholding its standards. Yes, individual freedoms matter. But a community is nothing more than a group of people exercising their individual freedoms collectively to plan the character and nature of their society. That is the beautiful thing about America, each community can plan itself and if you don't like one community you can find another that fits your desired lifestyle. Keep Highland unique!

Highland lacks for an upscale dining/shopping area. The original plan pales in comparison to the updated plan. We do NOT need another parking lot filled with fast food & offices.

We would love to see higher-end restaurants in Highland. And we are not against individuals enjoying a glass of whatever they want with their meals. Better options for everyone!

Safety. That location is a c- location with no frontage. A high end restaurant will not go in there. Your marketing window is Quick Quac. There are other locations with frontage and they did not go in. This is a core value of Highland and sets us apart from other Cities and is one reason we are the safest city and our property values show that.

We have upstanding citizens in the city of Highland that are responsible. They/ we should be afforded the opportunity to have an adult beverage with our meal.

Please do not confuse the legal issue of responsible alcohol consumption with that of religious/ moral convictions. There is no evidence that liquor sales, in moderation, will affect the safety of citizens.

I do not drink alcohol. However, I feel the city needs additional food establishments and multiple other surrounding cities are not as strict as Highland’s regulations.

Let the public govern themselves! They won't be selling to minors!!

If it was guaranteed to stay in the restaurants and not be sold in other places I would be ok. Allowing it to be sold where there could be unlimited purchase could cause more accidents and disturbing of the peace in our city.
I don't believe alcohol is good for anyone, but I also believe in freedom for people to choose differently than I believe, so long as they don't infringe on others' rights.

It would be awesome to have great restaurants in Highland. If people want to drink alcohol they are going to whether or not Highland has it in the city. This is a no brainer to allow alcohol and will bring so many great restaurants to the area. We need more food choices in Highland. Not another pizza or taco place. Actual restaurants.

We need to allow a freedom of choice, as well as try to hold to certain health and social standards. With strong fines for those that are violated or accessed by minors.

The demographics of the area is changing. We want full service restaurants.

Highland must remain a bedroom community with as little commercial development as possible to maintain the city vision consistent with the General Plan.

Anyone over the age of 21 should be able to decide for themselves if they want to responsibly drink alcohol. It is readily available at many stores and restaurants in neighboring cities, so should be available here in Highland.

I cannot say yes until I am told what restaurants would be coming. It is so generic. Next thing will be Sunday opening questions. I am not opposed to selling beer and wine just that this is so rushed without any info on who wants to come. Olive garden No, Cheesecake Factory Yes. A Bowling Alley No, an awesome concert venue yes. If you want to make Highland city really Awesome build a 5,000 seat multi purpose concert and sports venue on the Patterson Property. Then sell all the alcohol you want before 4th period or half hour before end of concert. So until more details no.

I like the city as it is now. I do not want to risk losing the character of Highland as a safe city.

It is easy to make laws - but enforcing is the difficulty, The vision was orignally established to maintain a unique city. Let's keep it that way.

Let highland become a high end community not just houses

Let’s bring in nice places for our residents

Not conducive to the community established

It makes me sad to see endless fast food chains and shopping centers. A proper high end restaurant would really elevate our community.

I don’t know why this is even an issue. Highland city is no different than any other city, I’m not sure why we still have these outdated laws that are so limiting.

The no alcohol ban helps make Highland the family friendly place that it is. I would like it to remain this way.

I believe in free agency, and capitalism, please allow the sales of all alcohol, if minimal people in the city purchase alcohol the restaurants will stop selling it. But please understand I know that alcohol sales will end up being at a rate similar to any other city in the state. I am not a user of alcohol and this change in law will not effect me either way...I unfortunately do most of my business outside of Highland due to the city's policies that drive businesses I frequent away from my city of over 20+ years.

Concerned with safety issues associated with drinking / driving. There are plenty of good restaurants that currently operate without alcohol sales and would be good fit for that location in Highland.

While I do not drink nor condone it, I do not believe in forcing others to believe or act the same.

I like what we have going in Highland and don’t see a need to change.

Selling alcohol in the area will make our neighborhood less safe because drunk driving will increase

By not allowing alcohol, the city does a massive disservice to its residents. Allowing alcohol will allow more restaurants and businesses to move to Highland City which will in turn increase business in the city and reduce taxes for residents due to businesses moving in.

I’ve enjoyed highland but have been disappointed to see businesses opt to go elsewhere because of this. Highland has struggled to attract restaurants if this assists in helping that and grow our ability to attract
businesses I think the no alcohol restriction doesn’t reflect the diversity of residents who live here and by changing it would also show we care about their viewpoint as well.

Want to preserve the special community that Highland is. Don’t want the raucousness in our community that often accompanies alcohol consumption.

It would be nice to have a restaurant closer to town where you could go and have a drink with your dinner I’ll put

I believe that Utah’s alcohol laws are very conservative. I don’t believe we will turn to a non-law abiding community. Our community members who want to drink will go elsewhere. Choice is a god given right. We should not push our values on someone else.

1. Highland needs restaurants that the developer wants to bring in. I’m tired of fast food and only 2 sit down options. 2. Highland doesn’t have enough sales tax generating businesses. Having new businesses and restaurants would help generate more sales tax. Higher end businesses hopefully will mean more tax dollars coming in. 3- Cities shouldn’t regulate aemoralâ€”. I don’t drink, and I don’t think the city should prohibit others ability to drink alcohol. This feels like a throwback from many years ago and isn’t appropriate now. I hope you vote to allow restaurants to serve a full menu. The plan is beautiful and would be such a great addition to Highland. I look forward to seeing it completed! Thanks for all you do- this will be a tough decision and will affect our city for long after we are gone. We’ve lived here 15 years and love it here!

I don’t drink and this won’t effect me, but it will bring business into our city and get us up with the times

This change is long overdue. Many people are moving here from all over the state and the country, not to mention visiting friends and family. If someone does not like any kind of alcohol, they do not have to order any (or even patronize the businesses selling alcohol). But those people also should not be allowed to force their views and preferences on everyone else, including residents who would enjoy the option of patronizing local establishments selling beer, wine, cocktails, etc. Utah tries to present itself as a modern and vibrant state, but prohibitive alcohol laws leave Utah and its cities stuck with the reputation of being puritan and provincial. Let’s go back to the philosophy of small government and let people sell and buy what they want.

The food in Highland is very limited and we need more restaurants. Choosing not to allow the sale of alcohol will deter further restaurant development, and our residents are spending money in neighboring cities (American Fork and Lehi) who are benefiting from the tax revenue. Old laws like this are the exact reason Utah has a national reputation of having homogeneous mindset. If someone chooses not to drink alcohol, they don’t have to order it. If they are offended by the sale they can choose not to visit the restaurant and the restaurants will be impacted by the law of supply and demand. Or, to be more inclusive of other religious ideologies we can put laws in place to require all restaurants to serve halal and kosher certified foods for our Muslim and Jewish residents. Ultimately, I support returning rights to the people, fewer laws, and smaller government.

I would like to have more options in Highland with food establishments. I am not a drinker but if it helps with more options for restaurants loosen the restrictions

We should not prevent people from choosing for themselves.

This is really a non issue if these business’s can’t open on Sunday

As a non drinking resident, I believe adults should be free to make their own choices and trusted to follow the law re: driving etc. If they choose to do things that negatively impact others, they should be held accountable.

Let’s stop telling everybody how they should live their life. If you choose not to drink like my family, does that’s fine I go to restaurants all the time like R&R barbecue, or Olive Garden or Texas roadhouse and see alcohol on the menu and simply choose not to partake of it. But this is ridiculous to have so many people feel like a restaurant that serves alcohol in their city is somehow a threat to them

Freedom to choose for yourself!

Free agency, healthy commerce, separation of church and state
It would be nice to subsidize city taxes with these new retail and business offerings.

I don't have an issue with alcohol being allowed in these restaurants. I do worry about the fact that we aren't really a destination city. I hope this big plan doesn't flop because people can hit a nice restaurant off the freeway. Also concerned about the traffic flow - adding another destination at that intersection that is already congested...

I don’t drink, and my guess is most people don’t drink in Highland. I appreciated your thoughtful letter that changed my mind on the subject. I appreciate the strictness you will carry out. Limited access to alcohol licenses, sales â€“ I do really feel strongly about having the Site 2 plan. It’s far more likely to generate an income and bring patrons to Highland. I think the original plan adds nothing to the community. Why would people drive far to go to another fast food gross restaurant. They won’t. It will just be a ghost town. Your new plan gives hope for opportunities and adds value to our city!

While I understand certain members of the community do not believe in the consumption of alcohol, we should not impose those beliefs on everyone by saying it is illegal for a licensed company to be allowed to serve those who do choose to consume an alcoholic beverage. Just because a company serves alcohol does not mean that you have to buy it. Also there are restrictions in place that will prohibit minors from drinking so that is not a valid argument.

Let’s keep highland unique from other cities

It’s 2023

The majority of Highland City residents do not drink alcohol. Using Trader Joe's as an example (who relies on alcohol sales out of state but does not sell alcohol in Utah stores) the developer should find restaurants who are willing to serve good food in a nice environment that residents want without serving alcohol.

This could potentially subject the residents to an unsafe place to shop and live.

I do not drink, and I don't love the idea of alcohol being served here. But I would love for Highland to bring in decent restaurants. For years we've complained that there is no good food in Highland and the the surrounding area.

I don’t drink but those who do should be allowed to do so with dinner.

No need to change.

More business tax revenue to curb rising property taxes

Surrounding cities have all of these things. I vote to continue to keep Highland unique.

Highland City is in need of unique local offerings that bring people into our city, generate revenue, and add unique value to the residents. This change in law is an essential part to bringing this about. I feel strongly that this will benefit all highland residents.

Utah law has been developed to meet the needs and requirements of all citizens. I don’t see any reason to limit any type of alcohol outside of the criteria within the state law.

I don’t think we should open that door –we can’t be assured that more changes will be pushed by developers. Highland has been just fine since 1977

As a responsible member of society and some who has an occasional drink, the motion to allow alcoholic purchases is welcomed and promotes a community of inclusion and broad acceptance of all members of the great city of Highland. Thank you!

I don’t drink myself, but Highland City is losing out on commercial tax revenue because of its laws. The reality is they can go 2 minutes in any direction and get what they want. But because of these laws we are not getting businesses here which make our property taxes some of the highest in the state! We need to be forward thinking and realize a law won’t stop people from drinking or driving on Highland roads. They will just purchase it down the street and then do it anyway.

Please stop chasing businesses out of Highland by our out-of-date laws. All the surrounding cities are receiving our tax money instead of spending it our city. People will get alcohol regardless of the laws. I
personally don't drink, but it's ridiculous to believe we can stop it. So let's finally bring some tax revenue to Highland City. Please!

One of the reasons I love being in Highland is because we don't have restaurants selling alcohol! Please don't do this! There are PLENTY of other places close to Highland where people can go for the alcohol if they want it. Don't ruin Highland. We don't need those restaurants and their business. They say we need the restaurants for family gatherings--that is not true! Highland has provided wonderful family gathering places. Please don't fall for this nonsense! Keep our city alcohol free, PLEASE.

My decision comes from the perspective of a non drinker who sees the value of improving the quality of life through a much needed higher quality development with better and healthier food options and any perceived risks of alcohol being served in Highland.

Highland needs restaurants like these. All we have are drive thru. People drive and go to other restaurants that serve alcohol and have no problem. This isn't allowing bars. The proposed development would bring some class to Highland. People seem worried about people getting drunk but the Utah codes for this type of restaurant have many regulations to stop that. People can drive a mile up the road and buy what they want at Smiths and no one seems up in arms about that. I want something close where I can enjoy good food and atmosphere

I'm not in favor of this proposal.

There is no over-arching benefit to life or lifestyle in Highland that positively impacts ALL city residents stemming from allowing alcohol to be sold in our city. Too many accidents and deaths are caused by the sale of alcohol. Even one accident or death makes any revenue or perceived social happiness from the sale of alcohol not worth it, and therefore the City Council should not approve the sale of any alcohol anywhere within the city limits. If it was your child or relative who died due to alcohol use you would never consider allowing such sales to take place. It's just not worth it.

Too many quick service and fast-food chains bring down property value, look ugly, are unhealthy, and cheapen our city. I would MUCH prefer nice, sit-down healthier restaurants in the latter design.

Utah’s alcohol law is already effective and restrictive enough. There is no need to be more restrictive that state law. Additionally, our city would benefit from more commercial revenue to offset the need for increasing taxes on residents.

The revised design is much more needed and desired in this town. I’m so sick of the crappy chain fast food around us!!

We have restaurants all around us in this area that serve alcohol (and, therefore, we have whatever negative consequences occur as a result), but we don't get the benefit of the sales taxes they generate. We need restaurants in Highland, not more fast food places.

The unique quality of life we have/feel in Highland is because the community has chosen to not have alcohol sold in the city and because the residents have not succumbed to the dollar and are closed on Sunday. I love living in Highland and hate to see the atmosphere change. Highland did not support one restaurant, "Blue Lemon," how/why would four restaurants survive? Or, will they become vacant eye sores in the city? Could the land in question be put to better use.

We already have restaurants that sell alcohol in the area. Having them in Highland won't make any difference, except now we’ll get the sales tax revenue. It would be great to have real restaurants in Highland.

I don't see why a liquor license is needed for a restaurant to be viable

Don't need it. If people want to drink alcohol they can drive to another town. We are a special town for a reason and not serving alcohol and not being open on Sunday are two of the reasons we are special. There are towns in Nevada that don’t allow gambling. If the citizens of the city don't want it, PLEASE listen to their voice city council. If people want it it should be a qualified majority of at least 66%.

There is a fear around alcohol in our community that is not justified. Restaurant are not statistically relevant as a reason for dui's or any alcohol related offense. If it was a bar or nightclub that a different story. There is
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Alcohol being served at restaurants will change the current city feel of the Highland area and cause an increase in alcohol related accidents and disruption in the area.

There are plenty of close municipalities that have alcohol sales. No need to add them here. We could cut back on some of the townhomes as well.

It’s a matter of personal choice for every Highland citizen, regardless of my own personal preference.

Keep Highland a refuge from the way it is everywhere else.

As adults we should be allowed to make that decision for ourselves rather than the city make it for us. If you don't want an alcoholic drink with your meal, don't order one. It is not the city's role to parent us.

We should be expanding our tax base. To that end, we should not only allow the sale of alcohol but also consider changing the ban on Sunday business. It is frustrating to watch so much money being spent literally just on the other side of city boundaries while our taxes keep increasing to pay for necessary services.

I don’t believe government should try to enforce subjective morality laws.

I am LDS and I don’t see a problem with having options. I get tired of having to drive to neighboring cities to go out to dinner. I think nice restaurants will improve Highland, not bring it down.

The current law is out dated. Alcohol sales will still have to follow state law but should not be restricted beyond that. Having a full service restaurant would be so nice to have close to home.

We DO NOT need any more fast food restaurants! Highland needs upscale restaurants with quality food. Please look into soliciting the following restaurants to our area: Papadoux/Papasitos, Chueys, Trulucks, Brunch House, Maria Bonita, Market Street Grill, Eddie V's. Our community is losing money by not having nice restaurants here. Look at how successful Sol Agave in American Fork is. That tells you that we need more upscale restaurants.

Traffic is already too congested at this part of Highland. Don’t want to attract even more traffic that will come with more dining options.

I would like nice restaurants in highland. No more chains and drive thrus.

Please bring some very nice sit down restaurants here in our community-not fast food restaurants. We drove to Orem, Provo and Salt Lake to spend our money there to have good, quality food and nice ambiances.

Highland needs a space like this. Comments on the degradation of the community are unfounded and based on fear. We love our neighbors in American Fork, Lehi, Pleasant Grove, and Provo, and they allow for alcohol. Even Midway allows alcohol and we can't be more uppity than they are.

I strongly feel the consumption of alcohol, even with food, is not healthy and encourages future use elsewhere. I'm strongly against alcohol in any situation.

Most Adults drink responsibly and should have places to go that are nearby. Highland city should not be catering to the Ids culture because some of them disagree with other people's choices.

Keep Highland unique and preserve our heritage.

I want to be able to have a nice place to eat. We do not need more drive thrus. This would add class to Highland. The idea that we are worried about people getting drunk is ridiculous. They have to abide by the Utah code. This doesn't allow for bars. People can go up the street and buy alcohol and drink wherever they want. We all go to restaurants that serve alcohol.

I do not like the idea of alchol being served because of the inate problems and risks that come with it or any other chemical that can be addictive and/or impair a persons abilities and reason. The other reason I hesitate to allow alcohol in our city is it seems that the request is for economic reasons... profit. To me it seems greed is more of a driving force behind this effort rather than something more altruistic. Would this move help to create a revenue base for the city and/or create more jobs? Likely so, but I can not shake the feeling that we are selling our souls for money. Having said all this, my vote in favor of the request is based on two reasons: 1. You should not legislate morality. People have their moral agency and, in theory, should exercise it in a responsible manner. 2. Having the proposed controls can mitigate the misuse of
alcohol. I can support the request if the following controls are in place:
- Limit hours alcohol can be sold (ends at 10:00 pm)
- Only beer and wine are served
- Limit the number of restaurants that can serve alcohol

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Would like to keep Highland a family friendly alcohol free area.

Highland City needs to realize that this isn't the 1880's or the 1980's

I love the ability to choose. I won't choose to partake, but feel it would benefit our community to allow more diverse businesses

I don't believe we need to change the law in order to bring in potentially higher revenue businesses. We may not have much say on laws at a Federal or State level, but as a community we certainly have an obligation to determine our local society by our local morals and values that are practiced in this community. So I vote no. Thank you.

Highland City needs respectable commercial and restaurants that do not discriminate and will invite patrons from all over the state. The alcohol is a huge part of the hospitality industry worldwide, and needs to be included as part of any new restaurant development.

I would prefer to protect the laws that are consistent with our communities values. In addition, changing laws always start small and gradually adjust to include more and more of that which in the end I am opposed to. I have zero interest in allowing Restaurants near my home to have people who had alcohol who may also be driving, in some cases. If I have a say, I would prefer no.

Highland city needs to climb out of the dark ages, and be more inviting for the people who live in dine here. Right now, all of the Highland and Alpine residents are driving to other cities to spend their money on food and entertainment. This level of development would be a huge asset to the city.

I don't drink, but I don't assume my reasons or choices are or should be everyones. I don't have to buy it just because it's there. The restaurants that want to come are AMAZING and could bring a lot of business to our community. And personally, I'd like the money I'm spending in Provo to be in the city I live.

I do not feel that it is appropriate to impose one's value system upon another. I would like to see quality restaurants come into highland that will not come here because of the current alcohol laws.

I don't agree with allowing alcohol at restaurants in Highland. The majority of our city population doesn't drink and I don't think we should change our beliefs snd standards for restaurants.

Minimize the chance for DUls.

We need the revenue of some nice restaurants in the Highland area, and it would be nice to have some close by, so we don't have to go to surrounding cities to eat out in a decent restaurant. I believe people should be able to make their own decisions as to whether they have a drink with their food or not. Our Heavenly Father gave us our free agency to make choices, to make our own decisions, in all things, including having a drink with dinner. I don't think our city council should have the right to make these decisions for those who choose to have a drink with dinner. I personally don't drink alcohol, ever. I go to nice restaurants that serve alcohol and it doesn't bother me at all. I don't, however, like others making my decisions for me.

Thanks for this survey! The Highland City code around alcohol is antiquated and needs to be updated. I appreciate your willingness to consider changing it and requesting responses from city residents.

Everyone has a choice. Maybe you could use the extra tax income from businesses to hire more police officers.

Please don't build another bank or pizza place. Have you given thought to traffic. I like our highland bedroom community. Stop building high density housing
It would benefit our community to have alcohol available near our homes so we didn’t have to travel and spend outside of our county.

I don’t think that alcohol sales should be limited in any way in the city of Highland. The current law imposes the doctrines of the LDS church by law. Non-Mormons in Highland, and in Utah, should not be forced by law to conform to LDS theology.

Live and let live: prohibition ended in the 20's

We need better restaurants and the alcohol restriction isn’t helping

There are plenty of great restaurants who don’t sell alcohol and won’t need a liquor license. We need to attract better quality restaurants to the area, but don’t need those that serve alcohol.

We’re doing just fine without alcohol being sold. And that is what we understood we were getting when we moved here. There are many good restaurants who don’t sell alcohol that the developers need to get on board with their plans which I support, but without alcohol. Don’t let the developers get away with changing our culture.

I don’t believe that 4 restaurants (or whoever else will end up with alcohol sales) will make enough money to compensate for what it will cost the city in revenue.

No bars or restaurants with bars

No bars, no bars in restaurants. Make every development go through this same process instead of allowing it across the board.

I moved to Highland for its uniqueness and charm. I enjoy the limited access to alcohol beverages, I want to keep it that way. For those who enjoy having an alcoholic drink, the drive is not far.

I don’t feel that Highland City residents need to bend to the threats of developers - â€œlet us serve alcohol or we’ll build a subpar developmentâ€. I read all the information provided by Highland. The developers can still build a beautiful gathering/shopping area with nice restaurants similar to their second proposed plan without it needing to look like a Walmart parking lot as proposed in the first plan. I don’t feel like it needs to be either/or. Seems there should be a happy medium possible without compromising our long held Highland values and lifestyle to appease the minority population who may want alcohol served at local restaurants.

The proposal erodes community values, opens Pandora’s box

This will allow for higher end establishments which will bring in greater tax revenues. We DON’T need more fast food and quick serve locations. Let’s create something really nice in Highland and bring revenue from people in surrounding cities.

As long as serving is in compliance with local, state, federal consumption/serving laws. Go for it.

This survey is an excellent idea. If this law needs to be reviewed again in the future, a similar survey would be preferred for any further or future applications.

If more restaurants require in the future, another survey should be distributed for further discussion.

Would like some nice restaurants to come into Highland

Allowing alcohol sales in commercially zoned areas can have several benefits for both businesses and communities. Firstly, it can boost local economies by attracting restaurants, bars, and liquor stores, creating jobs and generating tax revenue. Additionally, it can enhance the vibrancy of these areas, making them more attractive to residents and tourists alike. Moreover, regulated sales in commercial zones allow for better control and oversight, promoting responsible drinking and minimizing related issues. Overall, permitting alcohol sales in such areas can stimulate economic growth, increase community engagement, and contribute to a safer and more enjoyable urban environment. Reinstating a ban of alcohol sales would be a counterproductive and overly restrictive approach. While concerns about alcohol abuse and its associated problems are valid, prohibition has historically proven ineffective in curbing consumption. Instead of an outright ban, a more rational approach would be to regulate and educate. Prohibition tends to drive alcohol production and sales underground, leading to illicit activities and a lack of quality control. It also denies...
responsible adults the freedom to make their own choices regarding alcohol consumption. A better strategy would involve implementing strict age verification, promoting responsible drinking, and providing resources for addiction treatment. Banning alcohol sales would not only infringe upon personal freedoms but also create a host of unintended consequences without addressing the root causes of alcohol-related issues.

I’ve always thought Highland missed the mark to be a special and unique town, and instead is a place where you can get pizza, go to the dentist, or choose from multiple banks. Way too many of all of these for a small town. Not to mention the huge eyesore of a CVS right on the busiest corner of town. It’s become a very generic, non-special place, which is so sad. This proposed center is the start of that special and unique vibe we are missing here.

Revenue

Highland is incredibly sleepy. A city center that attracts people is undeniably needed, and good restaurants are a necessity regardless of if you drink alcohol.

The area in question is a busy intersection and will potentially cause future avoidable under the influence accidents.

Highland city needs this!! Not for the sell of alcohol but for the community aspect it’s bring!! We are taking our money two city’s over to find decent food and we need restaurants!!!

Those who desire to have alcohol with their meal are going to find a location that offers it. Nicer restaurants will be a great addition to Highland!

We need these restaurants!!! We have enough fast food and the people deserve somewhere beautiful to go eat!!!

Highland city needs to get up to times and the tax revenue will be huge for these restaurants.

We moved here to be in a place that is free from alcohol in restaurant establishments. We hope that those who consume alcoholic beverages will show tolerance.

Need new good restaurants

Progress!

“Can’t unring a bell.” - “slippery slope” - “like opening a can of worms.” These are some of the thoughts I had when I saw the request from the developer for their updated request regarding the proposed commercial property. This would be the first but it certainly would not be the last! Bait and switch. Then the slick mailer the developer sent to all residents with the beautiful watercolor of a very peaceful, bucolic setting convinced me of this. So different from the stark, black & white rendering first submitted to the Council. To be honest, I don’t think we even need the fast food establishments first proposed, there are plenty very near by. I agree with those who have opined that what we have now is what the founders of our city intended and what those of us who moved here want. Let us not conform to what some developer thinks we need. We are in a time when people think nothing about a quick trip to Vegas for a show, heading up to Salt Lake City for a concert, sporting event or dinner for the evening, etc. So please let us have our peace and quiet and when we find the need for noise, traffic and confusion we’ll go out looking for it! Thank you for making this survey available.

government should not be the moral factor in this issue. If the people choose not to consume it, there will be no capital drive to deliver the alcohol. Let the free market work.

This can help fund a lot in our city. Alcohol sales throughout the state actually contribute more to help our state than our local dominant religion. Also, we’re adults. We’re in a mostly republican state where we believe in "Small Government." Unless it comes to what the local dominant religion wants.

It would be nice to have some better dining options available in the city

I think Highland should follow State laws and I believe full service restaurants are needed in our community.

I don’t think restaurants serving alcohol will change anything about the quality of life in Highland. But not attracting businesses will be detrimental.
Bring better dining options. Thanks.

Would rather have nice restaurants instead of fast food like Little Caesar’s, Wendy’s etc if there is a development going in no matter what, however, my preference is no commercial development in Highland.

We appreciate our community without alcohol.

I think with our city being at the mouth of American Fork canyon we want visitors to stop and eat and enjoy our city. Many people do like to enjoy a drink with their meals. And we need to be welcoming and inviting.

These products can be legally purchased in neighboring towns less than a mile away from the proposed site. Preventing their sale in Highland boundaries only makes sense if it is also illegal to buy them in Lehi and transport them back to Highland.

Go by state standards

People will always buy alcohol, they’re just not currently doing it in Highland, which costs the city tax income and makes it inconvenient for Highland adult residents. We need to make alcohol available in high-end restaurants and trust that the higher educated people of Highland will make good decisions.

The city should adopt the same laws regarding alcohol that the state has. We would still have a lot of control over certain elements of how these laws are applied to our city.

Highland city needs more upscale dining and shops and changing this law would allow for that. No more dinky soda shops and fast food.

My family and I live in Highland and always go outside of city limits to eat. Most of the time when dining out, we like to have a mixed drink with our food, which means we have to go outside of city limits to a restaurant that allows it. I would really like to have these options close and to support our community with keeping our dollars and tax within the city we live. Please consider approving all restaurants in Highland to serve full service alcohol.

We need full service, sit down restaurants in Highland. I'm tired of having to drive long distances and give my tax dollars to other cities because we have such low end, counter order restaurants without servers.

It would be wonderful to have the addition of full service restaurants in our area, more options locally than having to travel for food.

Bring in commerce & income to our city & allow individuals to make their own choices.

We are not being civil by preventing people a choice to something (alcohol consumption) that is lawful in our country and our state. It's time we become a more accepting and less judgemental city. I personally do not drink, and will not support the restaurants financially with alcohol sales, but I will support the shops, food sales, and look forward to a beautiful space.

Although we are generally opposed to the sale of Alcoholic Beverages and eventhough we don’t consume Alcohol ourselves, we feel it would be good to attract more diversity of restaurants in the city.

Please be conscious that no everyone that lives in highland is of Mormon faith.

I think allowing restaurants to sell alcohol will attract a wider variety of finer dining options to the area. As much as I like fast-casual places, it would be nicer to have a nice option closer to home.

It would allow for more options for restaurants in the area.

Personal preference

Separate church and state! Do not need a cØœbig brother/sister LDS neighbors cØ– controlling a dining experience. I understand that when Highland was originally established as a Bedroom community- there was land separating each city with easily understood boundaries. We have grown, evolved, as a city. Alpine, cedar Hills and Highland and AF boundaries all mesh. We really are one BIG community. Let’s respect individual choice when it comes to our dining experiences. Your 1st question in this survey isn’t really open - it is very loaded. I would have liked additional questions that more accurately reflect my opinion. Ie - 1) should Highland allow restaurants to serve alcohol? 2) should the grocery stores be able to sell alcohol? should there be a restriction on staying on premises? â€¦. Your first question was already too restrictive.
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| **Highland is not a destination for commercial but a destination for our residents in our â€œBedroom Communityâ€ as stated in the Highland General Plan. Residents are not restricted from consuming alcohol in Highland today. There is not need to expand that option. Quality of life by minimizing unnecessary traffic is one quality referred to in the vision statement â€œâ€¶preserve and protect the qualities that make the community specialâ€|.** |
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| I feel everyone should be allowed their freedoms and free agency - respect for all. |

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It’s a slippery slope and we’re the last stronghold. We have an opportunity to maintain something unique and we must.

I don’t believe any of the claims made by the developer and police with respect to this issue. Just another excuse to do favors for political “friends”.

We all have free agency. Just because a restaurant serves alcohol doesn’t mean you have to drink it. Our city is going to continue to struggle financially if we put so many limits on businesses. They should be allowed to be open on Sunday’s if they choose. This is not a fascist city. Where’s the freedom here?

This whole thing is ridiculous. I’d rather a nice restaurant where we can choose to have a drink, or not, than a subway and taco time.

I don’t agree with drinking alcohol and don’t want my family around it

There are plenty of nearby places where alcoholic drinks can be available for the prospective buyers. We need to place as much importance on places where parents can take their families and not have that element. There are not a lot of options in Highland but there are a lot of families. Seems far more appropriate to provide the alcoholic beverages in places that are much more population sense for nightlife and dining options.

I like a certain level of restriction but feel like a limited number of restaurants would be okay.

I like the small town community feel and want to keep the bigger, fancier restaurants in bigger cities.

I am strongly in favor of restaurants that offer an upscale menu and atmosphere in Highland that match the area and would add to the quality of life.

We need better restaurants. People don’t have to drink if they don’t want to.

Concern that alcohol will change the city

Highland city needs to offer more options to its residents. Alcohol restrictions prevent a lot of quality restaurants from coming here, and the only thing Highland is lacking is quality restaurants.

People should be allowed to make their own choice is they prefer to drink alcohol at a restaurant. It is only hurting Highland/Alpine by limiting what stores and restaurants come to Highland. And the tax revenue could greatly help our city.

This should be a safe city. No alcohol should be sold. Our children and our families deserve that!

I don’t care what restaurants serve.

It would be great to have this option is Highland instead of having to go to neighboring cities and give those restaurants our tax dollars. It should be the patrons choice whether they purchase an alcoholic beverage with their meal or not.

It would be great to have many nicer restaurants that serve alcohol in Highland. We are members of Alpine Country Club and we appreciate being able to purchase an alcoholic beverage with a delicious and varied meal if and when we want to.

I see no need for Highland to be more restrictive in what patrons can consume than in the rest of Utah.

I think alcohol to be offered is fine. People still have their agency and Utah is much more diverse nowadays.

Let’s treat the proposed development in the city of Highland in the same business manner regarding restaurants serving alcohol that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints operate City Creek Center does.

Highland holds a unique place in utah where buisness Ed are kept in check. It will not add to the ambience of highland to allow alcohol. It is easy enough to acces ma at any neighboring city.

Domestic violence increases significantly with consumption of alcohol

My friend in California was involved in a violent incident. The perpetrator was drunk. The police told my friend that majority of violent incidents they respond to are drug or alcohol related.

This would be very welcome and appreciated.
I don’t want people consuming alcohol, even if it’s the legal limit, and then driving in my city. Any impairment regardless of if they’re not drunk slows reflex time and we already have enough accidents along Timp highway.

I like having more of a small town feel to our city. The more box stores and restaurants we get, the more big town problems we get.

This happened in our previous area and accidents increased and also the severity increased

There is zero sense in pushing businesses to other cities to collect tax, when someone can drive 3 minutes and buy the same product. I don’t personally drink, but it’s a legal substance that adults should be able buy if they want to enjoy it with a meal.

Alcohol ruins lives. I don’t want to put our community at increased risk of drunk drivers or other alcohol related accidents

I would like to be able to have some high quality sit-down restaurants in Highland. As it is, when we have a family celebration, we usually end up going to a nice restaurant in SLC, because there really isn’t anything around here but chain restaurants. And the nice restaurants ALWAYS have alcohol on the menu. That doesn’t mean everyone needs to partake in the alcohol, and Utah laws and limits apply. As far as I know, non-drinkers don’t have objections to going to nearby family restaurants that serve alcohol such as Tsunami, Chilis, Olive Garden, Texas Roadhouse, Strap Tank, and probably others. So I’m not sure why they are afraid we’d have a problem if a restaurant that serves alcohol came to Highland. I’ve lived in Highland for 24 years, and have seen the city lose out on too many opportunities because of the alcohol restrictions (and the Sunday restrictions). I’m talking about Walmart, Smiths, and other places that could have helped our tax base. If I’m going out to eat somewhere nice, I’d prefer to stay local and spend my $250-$350 in Highland.

On this issue, I believe we should be at parity with our neighboring cities. I know a lot of Highland residents who don’t drink alcohol myself included, who are comfortable allowing alcohol because we don’t have any good places to eat in our own city because of these laws.

Safety is the foremost important, which alcohol bring about safety issues for our community.

I am not a drinker but think if individuals want to enjoy alcohol with their meal they should be able to. Furthermore, if this brings interested developers to the table that want to make this property in Highland more of a gathering space I am for it.

We are for better common area developments. If allowing alcoholic beverages to be sold at restaurants is what it takes then so be it.

Will change the feel of Highland. When people moved here they knew what they were getting into. We have a unique feel here that we don’t want to change.

Let’s keep Highland alcohol free. Allowing this exception will open all kinds of possibilities for more exceptions down the road. Tell the developer to keep looking for restaurants that DON’T serve alcohol.

Outside of the alcohol issue, I am concerned about the lack of parking for that area. It is going to be very congested looking at what they are wanting to put in vs the parking they have planned for. Also, many a commercial development has been ruined but a high traffic drive thru, PLEASE don’t let this be the case!! If you want this to be an elevated experience area, take out the drive through. It will wreak havoc on the already tight parking situation. And I am strong against any national chain restaurants coming in.

This City has always been a special and unique place. There has been a special spirit here. That is why we moved here 34 years ago to raise our family. We would like to keep it that way. Please.

I would like to have some good sit down restaurants in Highland, and based on the current demographics I believe a restaurant would do very well without offering alcoholic drinks. Currently I have to drive to other communities for a good restaurant experience, because there aren’t any in Highland. I go to restaurants for good food, not alcohol.
We choose to move to Highland in 2019 precisely because it was different than other cities around in its unique, non-traditional, quiet atmosphere. There are plenty of other places close that anyone can go to for these kind of restaurants and activities. Please keep Highland unique and alcohol free.

When has alcohol consumption brought something good to a society. Alcohol is for medical use only. The way God designed it. Let us remember why this nation banned it a century ago.

We need to bring more quality restaurants to our community.

- Highland is not in financial distress without additional commercial development. This is the fallacy that keeps getting shoved at us. We get tax money from all of the neighboring cities and their commercial overbuilds. Utah county tax money is pooled and distributed by population to bedroom communities like ours. They can keep the traffic, crowding and crime and we still get the tax benefit. - We have lower property taxes and higher property values than our commercially overdeveloped neighbors. Many of our residents have come from other cities where they were promised lower taxes if they allowed the commercial development. Their taxes kept climbing and their quality of life went down€; so they moved here to Highland. - Highland is consistently one of the safest cities in the state. And that issues like this could make it necessary to add to our police and emergency crews which is a very real taxpayer expense€; an expense not likely to be offset by the âœœincreaseâ in tax revenue. - The developer that has asked to bring liquor sales to Highland has already had BOTH versions of his plans approved by council, which is NOT ok. There is nothing preventing him from building his project right now. Except his claim that he can’t get any lease deals done without alcohol sales. - The developer side stepped the residents in putting this forward for a council vote, and that at least 2 current council members have consistently argued for the rights of the developer over the opinions of the residents. Again€; NOT ok with me. You work for us, the people. Not the other way around. Thank you.

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Highland has only fast food and quick service restaurants. We need nicer places and can attract them through the sale of alcohol, which is a big money maker. The proposed plan looks great--a nice place with outdoor seating. I think it would really add to the attractiveness of the City and then people wouldn’t have to go up to Draper just to get a nice meal with good ambience.

We need better restaurants in Highland! It’s all fast food!

Why not its the only area that doesn’t, if you want to create business make it friendly to all.

Would love to see more restaurants in the area! We are growing too much with too many people and not enough sit down places and only fast food ones!
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Increased use of alcohol has been shown to increase crime, decrease health, increase insurance costs. Please do not start down this path. Keep with the originally approved plan for development of this area.

We would not like Highland to have more restaurants, nor do we think Highland needs to sell alcohol. There are plenty of places already close by. Go there, not here.

I don’t think increasing access to alcohol will be helpful for Highland in the long term

Expanded commercial business opportunities will benefit Highland residents and the city financially.

I have no desire to have alcohol served in Highland. I can only see downsides.

More alcohol in the neighborhood only creates problems.

We have enough traffic accidents here without adding alcohol to the mix.

The citizens of Highland City enjoy a higher standard of living. That is a fact. I believe the current ordinances in place, namely no alcohol sales and Sunday closure, are two key factors that have created this higher standard. Here are a few points I would like to share: 1. The number of citizens in the area cannot support a high-end restaurant - look at Blue Lemon as an example. If the goal to support such a business is to bring people from neighboring cities, that will become an infrastructure nightmare. Traffic around the corner of SR-92 and Alpine Highway is already terrible. Why do we want to make it worse? 2. How do they plan on staffing the restaurant? An employee must be over 21 to handle alcohol. Most of the kids around that age are in college and will not be willing to drive to Highland to work. 3. When presenting their plan, the developer stated that he wanted to create this development to make Highland "a unique place". Highland IS ALREADY a unique place BECAUSE of the current ordinances in place. If we revoke those ordinances, we will no longer be unique, but will become just like other neighboring cities. Let’s keep Highland unique. After all, that’s why we fell in love with this place. 4. Those who want to live close to businesses that sale alcohol have plenty of options around us. Those of us who enjoy living in Highland because of the alcohol ordinance don’t have these options. If the ordinance is revoked, where do we go? 5. I believe that God has blessed and continues to bless the city of Highland because of the aforementioned ordinances that were established with the founding of the city in 1977. If we revoke those ordinances, God will revoke those blessings. It’s not a threat, just a consequence.

Believe it best to keep Highland City family oriented.

They basically talk about bringing park city to highland. I dont want park city in highland, i could live there if i wanted, or visit. This would permanently alter the essence of our city

What about restaurants that do not serve alcohol? Possibly Cracker Barrel or Chuck E Cheese?

I have lived in Highland since 1977. The sale of alcoholic beverages does not promote a family friendly environment. Children who have to sit at a dining table and watch their parents drink alcohol to then drive them home are in danger. They are at greater risk for choosing alcohol as a coping mechanism in their future lives as well as physical and mental danger caused by the intoxicated parent in their current state. The sale of alcohol is used for increased profit by the business owner. I will not support a business that is more concerned with profit than a child’s well being.

I like that Highland is one of only a few cities that doesn’t allow alcohol. I don’t want to change its standards. There are plenty of other cities to find alcohol if that’s your choice.

With increasing consumption and availability comes increased auto accidents and frankly I like the idea of keeping our city dry.

Helps offset our taxes.

We are so tired of having a lack of good dining options locally. In 2023 I think it's irresponsible not to provide a variety of options. It's about time Highland at least be on par with the rest of Utah. We need nice places to hang out and bring more revenue to Highland. The city is constantly complaining about lack of budget so do something.
As long as it is in accordance with state law alcohol sales should be permitted.

NO MORE BANKS AND FAST FOOD! Highland has grown and must allow more opportunity for revenue and diversity. We should ENCOURAGE residents to stay and eat locally - not spend money elsewhere. Restaurants cannot be successful and therefore will not invest in Highland under its current restrictions. People against this change can simply choose other options or move.

Many citizens probably won’t watch the video with the developers where they present the plans. Our city would much prefer the nicer development instead of 4 drive thru locations.

Let’s keep highland to it’s original views as a bedroom community!!!

I submitted my response but read into it a little more and it looks like this is a more thoughtful plan than I previously understood.

It would cause more problems than benefits.

We’ve been fine without alcohol for many years. I see no good reason to allow it now.

I like the values that our city has maintained for many years. I want to keep it that way.

Highland should be following the state laws.

I don’t want alcohol in our community. In my experience, once you ok one thing like this, many more problems follow.

I don’t think we need alcohol in our city. I also hope the jobs will be provided for our youth and I prefer for them to not be exposed to alcohol. It is detrimental to their growth. We also don’t need more people drinking on our roads.

Throughout history alcohol has caused health problems, heartache, etc., and death for drinkers and many innocent people and it continues. Anyone who wants to drink, can. Somewhere (Highland?) we need to stop promoting it. What good does it do besides making money for some?

This country is drunk!

I prefer to not have alcohol accessible near my neighborhood.

The economic benefits far outweigh the costs. Why should surrounding cities that sell alcohol have all the financial gains? I’ve never had a drop of alcohol in my life, but I think it’s a silly rule.

It makes financial sense. We don't drink alcohol, but we wish there were better restaurants in the area. If this is what it takes, we are ready to allow it.

I'd like some nice sit down restaurant options in Highland. I expect the Utah law will also change and make it harder for cities to prohibit alcohol, so let's go ahead and make it possible for sit down restaurants to want to build in Highland.

Allow alcohol to be sold it provides income for city and restaurant options for everyone!!

Government’s job is to protect our freedom and to protect one person or group from causing harm or infringing on the freedom of another person or group through the exercise of their freedom. While I don’t agree with the use of alcohol, I don't agree with infringing on other’s freedom to use alcohol. Other’s LEGAL use of alcohol does not harm me or infringe on my freedom and therefore does not rise to the level of needing to be prohibited by government.

To each thier own

I would love to finally see some nice, sit down restaurants in our area! It would create a great ambiance for Highland & draw a lot of people.

Government overreach to not allow alcohol sales

If you are discussing this in some sort of council, please invite 2-3 people into your closed door meetings that actually do drink so you can gather real, factual insights into why a glass of wine, a craft beer and a nice cocktail are wonderful additions to fine dining and have nothing to do with (and seldom result in) getting drunk. Please make doing business in Highland a good thing for business owners. If Ruth’s Chris was the business looking to open with these rights, this would have been approved immediately. I’m so tired of
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<td>I respect the rights of my neighbors in this area who choose to drink alcohol, and they can do so at dozens of places by driving a few minutes. This area is special &amp; unique in many ways. Nothing wrong with keeping it that way. It's one of the reasons we moved here in the first place. Also, I don't like the idea of people drinking and then driving our roads, which are already busy enough with other cars, bikers and people walking. Thank you for asking.</td>
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<td>PLEASE allow this law to be changed so we can finally get decent businesses to open in Highland, the last thing we need is more fast food drive thru restaurants and office space. Trust that Highland citizens can still make good choices just because they’re given some options!!</td>
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<td>1. Highland is currently a unique city because it does not allow the sale of alcohol. I realize that there are currently holes in the city ordinances because of State law changes, but if we look at what the founders of our city were intending to create with the ordinances they established, we can clearly see the type of city they desired Highland to be. In my opinion we should not only maintain the ordinance of no beer, we should also update the city code to prohibit the sale of all types of alcohol. 2. One thing to consider is who will staff these restaurants if alcohol sales are permitted? I was an employee at Meier's a few years ago, and I saw how difficult it was for them to keep enough employees. There was not only a lot of turn-over, but there were only 2 employees (besides managers) that I worked with that were over the age of 21. One of them left before I did, and the other one was planning on leaving as soon as possible. There are not a lot of people in Highland over the age of 21 that are willing to work at a job like that. And college students will not necessarily want to make the commute to Highland for such a job. 3. I also find it frustrating that the developers have not been completely transparent with the citizens on this issue. After listening to their presentation I decided to look up the list of their proposed &quot;anchor&quot; restaurants. I was under the impression that these restaurants just sold &quot;A little bit of wine with dinner&quot; which, upon first impression, did not sound awful. However, after a bit of research I found that this was not necessarily the case. Most of the restaurants had extensive wine/whiskey menus which often also included cocktails. I do not know a lot about whiskey, but a cocktail does not seem like something that is &quot;A little bit of wine with dinner.&quot; This was not the only time I felt like this issue was represented inaccurately, but I think this is a good enough example to leave it at that. 4. The developers also emphasized that the proposed change would only allow for on premise consumption, but those who have consumed even a little bit of wine will still leave the restaurant at least partially impaired (as explained by Mayor Ostler in the August 1st city council meeting). I'm pretty sure the effects of alcohol don't just disappear when they walk out of the door. I could be wrong... 5. I also want to point out that the developers, being from California, will not have to live with the repercussions of this decision. I feel like they are most interested in obtaining the biggest return on their investment (as most businessmen would be). They said multiple times that they wanted to make Highland City unique with this development, but if they cannot see that Highland is already unique BECAUSE of the current ordinances, including alcohol restrictions, can we really trust that what they want is in our best interest? Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.</td>
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Highland City taxes are currently lower than other Utah communities, our property values are higher, and our city infrastructure more maintained. If we decide to change our ordinances to attract businesses, who then want to attract patrons from neighboring cities, we will become like the other cities and inherit the same problems they have. A few years back I was shown a study that showed that the tax revenue from businesses does not actually result in lower taxes for the citizens because the infrastructure and city services increase as well. Blue Lemon went out of business. It was a fine restaurant, but the population of Highland and Alpine is not large enough to support it. These restaurants would require an even larger population to support them. Since most of them are more expensive fewer people will dine there regularly. This means they have to attract patrons outside of Highland and Alpine. Highland was originally established as a bedroom community and a large number of residents moved here because of this vision. Changing ordinances that have historically worked well in order to bring more business to the city does not fit with why people were attracted to Highland in the first place. Businesses in Highland often struggle to keep enough employees. Many of the employees of the local businesses are high school age residents. If alcohol is permitted to be served, then employees would be required to be over the age of 21; it would be difficult to find people willing to come all the way to Highland for that type of job. Finally, I looked up most of the restaurants that the developer had listed in his presentation that are interested in coming to Highland. They are not exactly what the developer described in his presentation. Many of them are not â€œfine dining with a little bit of wine served with dinner.â€ Most of them sell all types of liquor and cocktails. Only one or two restaurants from the list seemed more like restaurants and less like liquor stores. For example, The Black Sheep boldly advertises whisky and wine on its web site. Keeping the alcohol ordinance in place does not prevent people from obtaining this food; it only limits who is attracted to Highland. Highland is unique because of its current ordinances. I cannot move to another city like it since one does not exist. Please maintain the vision of Highland and keep the ordinances that have made it such a great place to live.

We moved to Highland for its safe, family-friendly environment with Sunday closures and no alcohol. We love that our teens may work at any business establishment in Highland and have Sundays off. It makes it possible to have a day with our family with no interruptions. We also love the alcohol free environment. Anyone who has studied health or safety or crime rates in any major city across the world, knows that addictive substances like drugs and alcohol contribute to a plethora of health challenges, increased crime, traffic deaths and many other undesirable contributions to our community. It is not wrong to create a healthy and safe environment for our children. Once you grant alcohol privledges to this one developer, how can you say no to all the other business establishments? Why should they be given priority and special privileges over another? And then you'll be sued by bars and other liquor establishments seeking to be able to open stores for their businesses too. Where do you stop? How is it fair to grant it to one and not another? The story goes that once you let the nose of the camel into the tent, then the whole camel follows. And let's be honest. If anyone wants alcohol, they can drive two minutes to the east and buy it in Cedar Hills or three minutes west and buy it in Lehi or American Fork. Please VOTE NO. Please do not add the stain of liquor and alcohol to our peaceful, family-friendly community.

Any alcohol consumption effects the brain, even "a little wine with dinner." Let's not welcome the effects of alcohol in our city. Proponents of permitting alcohol sales in Highland claim that those who are in favor of keeping the ordinance are restricting their choice. That is a common tactic used to make others feel judgemental. This is not a matter of "choice", it's a matter of convenience. The current ordinance restricts nobody from purchasing or consuming alcohol, but just from purchasing it within the Highland City borders. If citizens want alcohol, a short drive of less than 10 min will get them what they want. Let's keep the problems associated with alcohol out of our city.

Thanks to City Councilwoman Brills for insisting on this survey to get resident response on a possible change on this 70 year policy in Highland, which attracted many of us here from leftist BLUE states like California, Washington, Oregon, New York, etc. We don't want the alcohol changes. We like our bedroom community. We want to decrease alcohol influence on our children and relatives living in the city. We do not want
increased traffic and pollution in Highland. I like the beauty of the proposed project for a meeting place for residents with fire pits, benches and plants. Please move forward on that and show that we can have fun and be entertained without alcohol. Don't be ashamed of it. Embrace it! Try to attract restaurants that serve interesting menus without the alcohol. Surely LDS families who want to increase healthy choices and ethnic foods in Highland will apply. How about a beverage place with hot chocolates, herb teas and delicious juices? How about a good Indian, Persian, or Chinese restaurant, gourmet burger bar, authentic Mexican restaurant, natural food restaurant? How about a satellite Harvest Restaurant (Thanksgiving Point) with fireplace and white table cloths--minus the alcohol? I like the idea of a gathering place but let's try to attract LDS business people who don't want the alcohol here either. The majority of family oriented Highland will frequent there too--because of their attempt to keep Highland dry!

I have lived in Highland city over 30 years and value the no alcohol law in our community. There are plenty other cities close by where those who choose to drink can buy alcohol. I vote no and would like to see the integrity of our city not give in to wanting bigger commercial businesses where alcoholic beverages are available.

I'm not a huge fan of the alcohol sales, as I don't drink, and have seen the problems that can result in people's lives when alcohol is out of control, but I also know it can be used responsibly, and I do want a walkable Highland Mains development - I think that would be a plus to the city.

This is one of those issues that feels like a slippery slope. I have been in Highland over 25 years and have seen other issues, at first treated as isolated exceptions, expand as the city has developed. I do not want to see alcohol generally available in Highland, and I do not trust that we would maintain any limits we might put in place today.

Let them sell alcohol so we can get some good restaurants in the area please!!

As a Highland resident, I want more upscale restaurants closer to my home. I, also, would be a person that would go to these restaurants and would enjoy an alcoholic beverage with a meal.

Highland should conform to state laws on the matter to allow businesses equal protection to make the decisions that are best for their business. The data indicates there are no safety concerns and that if anything, end up decreasing alcohol related driving incidents. Prohibition doesn't work and has negative consequences for communities.

Cautiously allow as an exception, not the rule.

I would like some decent restaurants in Highland. I understand that selling alcohol makes a lot of income for restaurants so I understand why they would want that option or they will go somewhere else.

Our city is in need of businesses, and if those businesses need permission to serve alcohol, I believe that's a compromise we can make. Simply having businesses that sell alcohol won't force anyone to drink it.

I have been here since 1988, raised my family on the family standards that Highland represented then and I want to uphold those unique standards. I realize this is old fashioned but so is Highland, a simple clean community. Please keep it that way. My son was hit by a drunk driver in Colorado, no one is this area needs to experience that.

I see no justification to deny potential restaurant operators to serve alcoholic beverages provided they follow the rules/regulations in place by the state and any future ones the state may enact. These operators must be subject to any present and future rules, laws, regulations currently in place and any that may go into effect.

Alcohol sales will increase the number of driving under the influence in our area. Not allowing this sets Highland apart from other cities.

Highland is a unique place and should stay that way. There are plenty of similar options within a short distance if someone wants to buy alcohol with their food they can go there.

Keep Highland the way it is. Visit those places somewhere else, goodness knows there are plenty near by.

It is extremely archaic to ban the sale of alcohol in 2023 in America. Allowing alcohol in Highland restaurants will increase sales for these restaurants and will bring in more people from outside Highland who enjoy
responsibly consuming alcohol at a restaurant from time to time. It will hurt no one to allow alcohol sales in Highland restaurants.

I don’t believe it is governments responsibility to legislate morality. While I personally am against alcohol consumption, I don’t believe that we should be preventing it in restaurants when accompanied by food.

We need to have a nice gathering place here in Highland with some sit down restaurants. Updating this policy would make this a reality. This development would be be a nice addition to our Highland community.

I like that Highland is different

The income from sales of alcohol would benefit the city. It would encourage others to dine in our city, bringing revenue from additional sources.

The issue that alcohol be allowed "like other cities in Utah" is a weak argument. Highland is a unique community and one reason is the ban on alcohol sales. This among others, is a major reason our family moved to Highland City and have invested in our home to remain here for a long time. The Sunday laws and ban on alcohol sets Highland apart. Sure it’s not everyone's preference, but Highland does not want for residential development. And Alcohol sales wont increase the city revenue enough to matter. Once the door is opened for one particular establishment or development then it is not "fair" not to allow all areas of the city to have the same right to compete. There is no limiting this to one specific area. A clever lawyer will be able to attack the law on the exception and force the city's hand to allow this in all areas because it creates "unfair competition". I hope this isn’t the thinking of the city council to bait the residence in explaining that it will be only one specific limited commercial area, intending that outside forces will force all areas to allow alcohol sales. Keep Highland unique and following a responsible law even if it is not popular in other cities. We have invested in this city because of these unique laws that were one time the norm in every city in Utah and even in other USA states.

I am not thrilled with alcohol in Highland, however, we are surround by restaurants in PG, AF and Lehi that have those policies anyway. Our taxes are so high that we need all the help we can get to have some tax base and hopefully an area that can thrive and succeed in commercial development for our city.

Lets keep Highland the same as the city we fell in love with.

Approval of alcohol is a slippery slope that leads to an increasingly unsafe physical and spiritual environment. Once pandora's box is open, there's no closing it. This precedent, as benign as it may now seem, would be used to justify future changes. Highland is a special place that seeks to remain different in important ways. Sacrificing convenience, amenities and certain economic benefits is the price we must be willing to pay to keep Highland safe and special.

We are responsible adults capable of making are own decisions regarding alcohol consumption

Everything being suggested can happen without adding alcohol to the mix

If you open the door to selectively allow alcohol, a slippery slope is created and it becomes impossible to be fair to all businesses. Highland would begin to lose its charm and become like any other city. We need to stand firm and keep our community a relatively safe haven in this rapidly deteriorating society. I love the atmosphere of Highland the way it is.

This is an inclusion issue, not a morals issue. Non drinkers in the Highland area have no problem patronizing food establishments in the area that serve alcohol: R&R, Tsunami, Texas Road House, Chilis, Via 313, etc. Keep the tax revenue for our community.

Highland has been doing fine for many years without alcohol sales. I see no reason to change this just for restaurants who want to profit off of alcohol sales in our community.

I would like to preserve Highland’s unique teetotaling lifestyle.

We should not impose the dominant religious beliefs on all residents of Highland. The current Utah liqour laws are reasonable and meet the needs of businesses and residents.

I like uniqueness of the Highland/Alpine area where it has a small town feel even though it is growing. We have enough restaurants around our area that serves alcohol. Let’s keep our community alcohol free.
I like that we don’t serve Alcohol in the city of Highland. I am fine with other things going in that will be in accordance with our current laws. I also like that things are closed Sunday. It is nice to feel like we are different and there are many places within a short drive that they can get it. Thank you!

Those who drink will just leave town. Pray that those who drink to be responsible.

While alcohol may only be on the premises the patrons may leave impaired and sponsor unreasonable and preventable risk to our residents, youth, and children.

We would love to have the restaurants here locally, but it is likely that if there is an exception for those restaurants to sell alcohol, it would pave the way for other businesses to also add alcohol sales and that leads to a slippery slope and then this becomes like any other community. One of the attractions of Highland City are the values and standards that were established when it originally was incorporated.

Freedom of choice

I disagree with certain city residents wanting only their values to be followed. Seems hypocritical.

Highland needs more restaurant options. Fast food and fast-casual restaurants are plentiful in the area. Please allow this to pass and bring more restaurants.

Dear City Council, Please maintain the integrity and qualities established and maintained in the great city of Highland and do not allow the sale of alcoholic beverages. Safety, protection for our citizens, and morality are very important to me and my neighbors. Thank you.

Highland needs better restaurant options, and I feel like “Highland Mains” as proposed (with higher-end restaurants) is a better fit for our community than more fast-food restaurants.

I always am afraid of the slippery slope. Once you open the door then other concessions are made. I love the idea of that space. Hopefully these restaurants will find business good enough without the alcohol.

I’m a mid-50s, very active LDS leader and member, and have never tasted alcohol. I grew up in Utah County where beer was sold across the street from my house at a gas station and down the street at a grocery store. Seeing alcohol in the stores wasn’t an issue for me. We can have alcohol sales in Highland and still be LDS. Highland City isn’t an arm of the LDS Church and shouldn’t act as if it is one. Highland includes people from across the world and our country. We need to be inclusive and good neighbors. Additionally, the LDS Word of Wisdom mentions meat should be eaten sparingly. Will we limit the amount of meat families can purchase, since that’s part of LDS doctrine? I can’t imagine that happening, but it’s easy for us as members of the Church to target those who use alcohol and tobacco. This isn’t a health and safety issue, rather, it’s people who are afraid of their neighbors and want to control their behavior. COVID killed many more people than alcohol-related car accidents in the USA in 2021 (400,000+ vs 13,000). Will people opposed to alcohol sales on grounds of health and safety support a mask mandate in Highland? Guns killed nearly 50,000 people in the USA in 2021. Will we limit the sale and use of guns in Highland? But we say guns are protected by the second amendment. Don’t forget that alcohol sales are allowed per the 21st amendment to the US Constitution. Why are we okay with unfettered access to and use of guns, which kill many more people that alcohol, but we put significant restrictions around the purchase and consumption of alcohol? Also, we need more tax revenue in Highland because of our growth and need to ensure our city employees are paid fairly and have appropriate benefits. Most people here are opposed to increased tax rates. Having these nice restaurants will draw people and their money from Alpine, Lehi, AF, Cedar Hills and PG, so they can help pay for the services we need in Highland. Today, my family travels to these cities to find better restaurants, and to Provo and Park City to go to the proposed new restaurants, taking our tax dollars with us. There are very few sit down
restaurants in Highland. Let’s change that and keep those tax revenues and better paying jobs in Highland. Be brave and visionary, Highland City Council and Mayor Ostler! It is 2023 and we have a vibrant, growing city. People need to be led, and now is your time to lead Highland into a brighter and more prosperous future! Thank you so much for requesting and listening to our feedback.

I think it’s time for Highland to allow businesses to operate as they do elsewhere. Alpine Country Club has been serving alcohol for years and it hasn’t torn the moral fabric of the city.

All adults should be able to make their choice to go to a restaurant and purchase an alcoholic drink.

Highland City is a desired place to live because we, as a city, have stood firm on a few key principles to govern our decisions. Other cities may lower their standards while focusing on revenue. This way of thinking is blind to other opportunities to build our city in a better way. Should this space be a great dining, commercial gathering place? Absolutely! Don't be fooled into thinking that restaurants and other business can only be attracted if alcohol sales and consumption are allowed. Restaurants and shops will gladly come BECAUSE we hold a higher standard here.

I don’t mind if people drink and do it in a legally controlled environment by my home. However, i have to vote against it because I don’t think the developers will actually meet the standards of building they promise in their renderings. I don’t think the area will be well maintained. It will also concentrate so many patrons/people in one area. Highland already has WAY too much high density housing around the proposed area. The city doesn’t need more people in one location.

If you the city allows a carve-out for this particular property owner it will be legally required to open up this option to all other property owners operating in a similar fashion. Allowing this kind of service will increase the need for additional DUI enforcement which, in turn, will increase administrative costs for law enforcement services. The city was established as a bedroom community, i.e., a community in which property owners are primarily residential homeowners. The financial burden to residential owners resulting from restaurant alcohol sales will dramatically increase for enforcement services and will ultimately leave the city with no choice but to change the nature and feel of the community thus resulting in the diminution of the benefits of the currently enjoyed by Highland’s residents. Highland is surrounded by other communities which allow restaurants to sell alcohol. The developer should seek a site in one of those communities.

While I don’t personally drink alcoholic beverages, I feel that allowing restaurants to serve them will help Highland City expand their business base. I would love Highland City to have an expanded business tax base so we can offer amenities such as children’s sports leagues (which families currently have to go to other cities to participate in), better parks that will have the money to be finished, and maybe even a rec center. I know nothing is ever as simple as black and white, but I am concerned that the taxes (including the fees we pay for city services like trash, etc) we as residents in Highland are paying are getting out of hand, continuing to increase year over year so we can pay for things like the new park. I am not opposed to taxes - that is how we have a society that can have infrastructure. I just think there’s a way to have a better business tax base to help spread out those costs and not have them ALL fall squarely on the shoulders of the residents.

Consumption and service of alcohol products should be in compliance with Utah law

Would not benefit the community to sell alcohol. I do not support the change.

My neighbors and I are excited about the prospect of having these restaurants and developments to enhance the quality of life in Highland. We hope to allow the sale of all legal alcoholic beverages in order to attract more distinct restaurants and other commercial/recreational spaces. We feel the existing state regulations will provide sufficient safety to allow alcohol to be sold throughout the city.

Highland needs nice â€œsit downâ€‌ restaurants to be able to come to Highland.

We want nice sit down restaurants in Highland
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I worked 22 years in law enforcement and made numerous DUI arrests. The vast majority of those arrests were within 5 blocks of restaurants that served alcohol. I do not want this environment where I and my family live.

I want Highland to remain alcohol free.

We can all pay a little more to make up for the slower growth that might occur by not allowing alcohol. It is not worth it to have an increase in impaired drivers on our local roads.

Denying full service restaurants in Highland is simply about fear. Maybe we should have Alpine City, a wet city, annex the land and allow the development to go forward. That way Highland city can wash its hands of all its fears. Then the citizens of Highland can gladly patronize the restaurants, without any guilt. Then Highland citizens can go, unashamedly, to those restaurants just like they go to Tsunami, Sol Agave, and many other restaurants around us, without batting a single eye about the alcohol being served around them. Try it! No one would complain. This whole thing is just a way to create fear about “other” people and put on a hypocritical badge of honor.

I don’t think an increased tax base is worth the risk of introducing alcohol into our community. I think there is a high risk of unintended negative consequences.

I don’t like the idea of making alcohol more accessible in Highland.

N/A

Highland doesn’t have an economic plan except to pay fees and taxes. Let the business revenue pay for more. If we allow this then hopefully we will get more business in Highland and more tax dollars.

It is not the city’s nor its citizens responsibility to accommodate the developers so that they can make their project more viable or profitable. They knew the rules before they started developing and need to abide by them. It is not fair to the other business owners in the city to carve out an exception for this particular development. If you are going to allow it for this development then it needs to be changed for everyone.

I can go to Salt Lake (or Lehi for that matter) if I want to get a drink. I like Highland just the way it is. Highland is a family community.

I live in Highland because it is a bedroom community. We do NOT want to be like other communities. We do NOT want to be a destination community. We are a bedroom community. I just got a flyer in the mail for a restaurant in Lehi that boldly and proudly reads “NOW OPEN ON SUNDAY!” That proud declaration is the very reason I will NEVER patronize that restaurant. The alcohol law is no different. Do not change anything! Our laws are here and in place because those that have gone before us envisioned a community that became what it now is and which we enjoy today! I do NOT want to change that now or ever. I don’t want alcohol served. I don’t want destination restaurants. I don’t want developers chasing a buck at my expense. I don’t want establishments open on Sundays. I don’t want high-density housing. Highland and Alpine are the last bastions of the charm that a small bedroom community has to offer. I do not want to change that. It’s why our community is special and what sets us apart. If the developer wants to build a plaza he can go somewhere else or just stick to his original plan. Step by step these developers want to change this law and that law so they can build their buildings “making the the biggest buck possible” all at our expense. They build it and make a buck and move on. They knew the rules when they bought the land to develop, so they can stick to their original plan or move on for we won’t miss them! This is no different than the land that Patterson owns across from the cemetery; the large long-horn steer field “every 7 years or so he petitions the city to change the law so he can build high density housing and commercial development there. And every time we shoot it down BECAUSE WE DON’T WANT IT IN OUR COMMUNITY! LIKEWISE, WE DON’T WANT TO CHANGE OUR LAW TO ALLOW A SO-CALLED DESTINATION RESTAURANT TO SERVE ALCOHOL. NOR DO I EVER WANT TO SEE STORES OPEN ON SUNDAY EITHER!!! VOTE NO!!! THE LAW IS THERE FOR A REASON AND THAT LAW HAS CONTRIBUTED TO WHAT MAKES HIGHLAND SPECIAL, UNIQUE, AND DIFFERENT. Don’t you dare ruin our city by making us like every other place in the valley! We’re different and proud of it.
Highland needs to keep alcohol impaired drivers away from our neighborhoods.

It won’t let me go back & correct but no. I don’t want it

Nope. The developer is lying. They will STILL get dining here regardless and won’t get fast food. They are being deceptive I feel.

Although I personally do not drink I believe in peoples rights to follow the laws and alcohol is legal in the state of Utah and can be a real income booster for the business owner.

It’s a very slippery slope, and if this law was passed, it would be like a snowball rolling down a mountain of snow until it becomes so huge, it will affect the entire city of Highland and around. Once one law like that passes, Highland will begin to decay. Alcohol is a drug that is too easy to become dependent on. To pass this law, during this phase of life on Earth, is bad timing. The greatest battle between good and evil is here on our doorstep. Highland is unique for a reason. Let’s not jeopardize and demoralize Highland, UT by putting a drug that is so easily attainable as it is - just not in Highland.

We do not drink but we think people should be allowed to order a beverage of their choice if they would like to. It’s the American way, freedom of choice!

It’s 2023 and not every citizen of Highland is LDS

Living under religious beliefs is akin to living under taliban rule. Someone’s religious beliefs should not affect how someone else lives their lives. There is obviously a demand for alcohol to be sold or this would not be brought up.

Developing Highland City as proposed will beautify the area and bring rev dollars to help offset residential taxes. Offering alcohol to paying patrons is not a bad thing to those who are responsible adults. We have to remember one of the beautiful things about our country is the freedom of choice we are given. We cannot let religion dictate our local laws. Thank you!

Individuals who are drinking and driving on the roads to get wherever they’re going is a combination for disaster. Not everyone will have a designated driver, and it will be innocent people that will be hurt.

I would love more sit down restaurant options in highland and am not opposed to restaurants selling alcohol with the stipulations listed above.

I moved to Highland almost 20 years ago for the very reason that we are a quiet, comfortable community. If I wanted something that is the opposite, I would have chosen to live elsewhere.

Nothing good comes from the consumption of alcohol. At best the result is neutral. At worse the results are catastrophic. Keep alcohol consumption as far away from the city of Highland as possible.

I moved to Highland City because the city doesn’t allow the sale of alcoholic beverages. I have seen too much in how alcohol and similar substances have destroyed lives. Please don’t bring it here.

Part of why I built a home in Highland was the existing city laws. I am adamantly opposed to changing them. Where alcohol is sold, people drive under the influence. I don’t want that in my neighborhood.

The cost, both economically and societally, exceeded the perceived benefit especially to Highland City residents. Based on over 40 years of observations, a developer’s main interest is increasing THEIR bottom line. Please do not believe all they say (i.e. the slick mailing intended to sway the voting). The city’s information is also misleading: color versus black & white figures and these figures do not show the same area. Also the statement is not viable and will need to revert to the initial plan proposed is not accurate. There is another option; i.e. start over and create a plan which uses a different paradigm. If the developer does want to comply with existing policies, then get another developer who understands what makes Highland a desirable place to live. The policies of Highland’s city government (there are many examples) have created a sought after place to live and raise a family. Do not chip away at them. Highland is doing just fine - do not change the policies that have made it that way.

We need more local tax revenues. And I would like to go out to eat at a nice restaurant within 20 min of my house.

I like Highland the way it is. That is why I live here. Please do not let the camel get its nose inside the tent.
Part of the charm we have and security we feel here Highland is that our kids are safer here than in other cities because of the high caliber of people surrounding us. We do not want to attract any other!

Even the slightest amount of alcohol in your system affects you negatively and those old enough to drink don’t take seriously driving even after having only one drink. I want the city that I live in to be safe of those risks.

The state already has the strictest alcohol laws in the nation. Each city should abide by the state’s laws.

Utah is becoming more diverse and many people and culture drink alcohol, especially with meals. Not allowing alcohol may actually drive business away from Highland businesses.

This has always been prohibited in Highland as this doesn’t reflect our principles and values. In fact it has always been strictly prohibited as to reinforce the values of this community. Why would we or should we bend to the desires of others who come in at a later time who wish to change the law to suit their values and/or to benefit them economically? We can do better for our community and we should. As a moral principle, the Lord does not prosper a people who transgress His commandments. That is first and foremost in my mind. Obedience to my God.

I would like Highland City to remain a safe place.

Let’s keep Highland City unique. We stand out because of our laws like this one keeping alcohol out. Our city has a different energy and culture, and I think it’s a good one.

Not every city needs to allow alcohol sales. Let us 'dare to be different'. It is beyond any reasonable doubt that very nice retail establishments -even restaurants- are eager to locate in Highland, even with no alcohol or Sunday sales.

Please NO. THANKS

I am against this for several reasons: 1. From a pragmatic viewpoint I’m not confident that this change will be the deciding factor between restaurants coming to Highland or not. I would think that Sunday closures would be a bigger issue for restaurants rather than the ability to sell alcohol. 2. There are many sit down restaurants in Utah that do not sell alcohol, why is this a necessary change for Highland to attract business? I would suggest that it is not a major factor as the developer is suggesting. 3. I believe that requests to sell alcohol should come from the business seeking to come to Highland rather than from a hopeful developer who provides no guarantees on tenancy. 4. I don’t see any guarantees that the site will be developed to look like the proposed rendering. I worry that without some guarantee that it leaves open the possibility for the developer to over-promise and under-deliver.

Please preserve one of the main safety reasons we live in Highland city. Thank you!

I just don’t think it is necessary. I like Highland City as it is, with more conservative laws, and don’t feel like having a communal open space skirting shops/restaurants is that critical to necessitate changing laws (Nor does it really appeal to me personally as it will either be too crowded to really enjoy or might feel like a germ bath?). I definitely think it would be a good idea to fill in the gaps with current laws in commercial areas and make laws consistent throughout the city- ultimately, I would rather draw businesses to our city that comply with current laws- rather than cater to a few that would seek to change them. I realize that allowing restaurants that serve alcohol into the city doesn’t necessarily mean that patrons would purchase or consume alcohol - and in a way it concerns me that those anchor businesses may not generate the revenue they want from alcohol sales and may move out of the city anyway and then we have a developed area dependent on anchors that don’t succeed, and what then will draw consumers in to all the other businesses that depend on those anchors? We will have changed laws to accommodate a business model that just doesn’t feel like the correct fit for our conservative area.

I lived in the Washington DC area for almost 25 years. I moved here because it has a small town feel and for the unique trait that all shops are closed on Sunday’s and no alcohol served. Changing the law will absolutely change the dynamic over time of an area that is hard to find anywhere else. If we wanted to live around a
place with restaurants, we would have either stayed in DC or moved to the SOC valley... Please don't change this area!

I don't think our city has the population base, and certainly not enough who would want to consume alcohol, to make alcoholic beverages profitable for the anchor businesses. It seems like their business model requires attracting consumers from other areas, I don't want our streets crowded because our city infrastructure wouldn't support the influx of consumers from other areas. I would find that a nuisance. Once you change the laws there's no going back. We don't need to be Lehi. We already have a Lehi. I like our city how it is.

Please refuse their request. We do not need more people on our roads after drinking alcohol.

Majority of our residents DO NOT drink alcohol. That's why we like this area so much. keep it that way.

My family move to Highland three year ago. Several important reasons we selected Highland were due to the city policies regarding commercial development, commercial property not being open on Sunday, and restrictions on alcohol sales. Highland needs to remain a unique place to live and family centered.

I’m not in favor of the new development. I don’t believe the city has the infrastructure in place to accommodate the increased traffic and people. SR92 is already too congested and Alpine Hwy is worse with only one lane in and out. Any commercial development wanting to draw in outside patrons would overwhelm the road system currently in place in my opinion. I have the same concern with the new park across from Mountain Ridge Jr High. My concern is not necessarily the alcohol. I just don’t think the city is ready for an influx of patrons to a commercial development.

This is a slippery slope. I saw the results of giving in to this idea in my last home in a small town near Dallas, Texas. Once we allowed beer and wine in the restaurants, they demanded beer and wine in the stores. Then they pushed for liquor in the restaurants, then for liquor in the stores, then for liquor stores. A few years from allowing beer and wine only in restaurants, we had 9 liquor stores in a town that was only a few miles wide. Don't give an inch.

We live close enough to American Fork and Lehi that allow alcohol sales that we don’t need them here. I also don’t want the added traffic.

We claim the privilege of worshipping Almoghty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow ALL men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

Not sure why we would restrict alcohol? A patron can drive 2 miles and purchase alcohol. Seems silly.

I would rather have nice sit down restaurants in Highland than just fast food.

I know that a majority of people in highland City are members of the church and will vote according to church doctrine. But, highland City is not a province of the church, it is a city of Utah and should follow Utah law. This is a good opportunity for future tax dollars in a city that is limited on commercial property as well as an investment of the city.

The developers knew before they bought the property that there was a no alcohol rule. Why should we change it for just them?

I would suspect that many of the people who don't want restaurants serving alcohol here, still patronize those same restaurants in other cities. I do have a concern, however. Will the restaurants challenge the Sunday closure law next? If there's a chance that also may be challenged, it might make sense not to budge on the alcohol issue.

I support the change to allow the type of restaurants that already operate in any other part of Utah to be built in the new development. If the developers push for any other law changes, I will want to reconsider allowing them an exception.

The city should limit the number of places/ restaurants that can sale alcohol. Chose no on question 2 because I don’t think it should be allowed unlimited. Would like to see criteria proposed to determine where and who would be able to sell. Definitely would limit to beer and wine only. Opening up further could eventually lead to bars and clubs in the future unless cityclaw specifically contin7es to prohibit these
I would appreciate nice restaurants here, but I like the uniqueness of living in a dry city. I believe there are only 9 dry cities in Utah. Once alcohol is allowed, over time, I’m confident the closed Sundays rules will change too. It is very helpful with teenage children knowing your children can work anywhere in the city and they won’t have to work on Sundays. I moved to Highland because of the culture here and it is sad to have others want to change that unique culture and force it to be like everywhere else.

I don’t think having alcohol at restaurants will help our community since alcohol is known to increase societal problems. I don’t want to invite those problems into our community, just to make a dollar. The cost is too great for our families.

We want to keep the atmosphere of Highland as it is. This is the reason we moved here.

I feel that keeping a limitation on licenses to serve aligns better to Highland values and gives more business development opportunities.

We don’t need these types of establishments here. We moved here to escape these types of situations

I would love to see Highland City expand it’s restaurant offerings. By allowing some limited alcohol sales, I believe restaurant owners may be more interested in bringing in unique, good quality eating establishments that could help Highland City’s economics.

It doesn’t benefit our city. It just causes more problems. We are prohibiting liquor stores, bars and grocery stores why do we need to make an exception for restaurants. Where does it end. Hold the line. No alcohol in Highland.

Upholding restrictions while all communities around Highland do not have similar restrictions is only hurting Highland citizens financially. People who want those services will get them regardless of Highland limitations. Let’s allow more revenue into Highland.

I believe that allowing alcohol to be sold in Highland City restaurants would lead to their demanding to be allowed to open on Sunday. I’m vehemently against that.

Individual agency is a key tenant of my belief system. Allow agency.

Would also like the city council to review stores being allowed to sale alcohol in accordance with Utah state laws. Also. To revisit stores/restaurants being allowed to be open on Sunday. At this time all my shopping and dining out is done outside of Highland as these restrictions cause me to use other resources.

I have witnessed first hand how alcohol consumption destroys lives. Specifically, I have lost 2 siblings and a Father from the terrible affects this vice can cause. Not to mention all the road issues others have witnessed and felt, unfortunately, due to the extremely harmful results alcohol can cause. We don’t need this in our community wherein if it is passed, we would not be able to retrieve such a terrible decision. I believe it could lead to added crime and significant irresponsibility in our great City of Highland, UT. Thank you for asking for feedback on this critical issue. Good day.

Highland has always been a unique community. This area draws people here because of the quiet and beautiful area. It is unique for a reason and needs to remain that way.

Thank you for asking for Residents feedback. We appreciate it.

I want to see good businesses come to Highland, and I don’t believe the added beverage licenses will change Highland for the worse.

We want quality food choices, a great gathering spot, and revenue in Highland. This will only have a positive impact as we all already frequent similar establishments in neighboring cities.

We are opposed to this proposal for multiple reasons: 1) Accepting this proposal will not only "open the door" to additional alcohol sales today, but enable consideration for related proposals, whether this involves currently elected city officials or a future administration. Allowing this initial proposal to pass will ultimately expand alcohol sales across Highland City. 2) At the current proposed location, traffic is already unacceptable with risky traffic flows behind existing structures and complicated access to primary thoroughfares. And adding further commercialization to this location will only exacerbate this problem and increase traffic, similar to the impact of other recent commercial developments. 3) Considering this and
other alcohol-related proposals could lead to potential lawsuits. Defending litigation is costly and would likely increase Highland City's revenue requirements. 4) Cities are often required to subsequently provide added infrastructure and support resources to resolve issues after implementing developments. Consider the cost of what's been required of the neighboring community of American Fork City residents through adding commercial developments along State Road. 5) Does Highland City need more restaurants and commercial establishments? Current developments are sufficient for the needs of residents in Highland City. Why add others that require alcohol, when we don't have a need? This proposal primarily benefits the developer, not the residents of Highland City. 6) Highland has long been known as a rural community. Many residents reside in this area to get away from expanded commercial developments. This community is one of the only in Northern Utah County with less of a commercial expansion. As the adage goes, more is often less.

The ability to attract good restaurants is needed in the area.

It is a slippery slope. I don't want to even start on the slope.

I do not like how the city has approached this topic. It has been very biased in the presentation toward the developer. Find another developer/restaurant that doesn't need to sell alcohol to be successful. Please also to not change the law to be open on Sundays. That mayor and council were very bad and not in touch with the citizens when that was tried years ago. There was two or three referendums in that period just so the people's voice could be heard. Let's not require the people to do another referendum on alcohol sales. Thank you,

The developer knew what the law and restrictions were when the land was purchased. Don't change the law to provide the developer more money. We moved to Highland because of its environment, and asking us to change that for their profit is out of the question.

We do not drink alcohol so this to us only increases our odds of having drunk drivers around us. We do understand the business reasons for wanting to serve alcohol and see growth. If the growth this proposal is associated with had high density housing around it, which made a more walkable community I would be more incline to saying yes; however, there are no plans as of now for that. Making this a drive to venue area.

A safe and non threatening area to live; keep Highland unique and lovely! It just feels right to keep it without opening on Sundays or selling alcoholic beverages.

We moved to Highland because of the Highland vision statement. It's about the big picture. I still want Highland City to primarily be a residential community. I don’t mind alcohol per se but I don’t want the added traffic this brings. The sale from these items and business taxes really doesn’t change our real estate tax nor much else so there is little to no benefit and only downsides like added traffic. I’d rather be consistent with Highland’s long term vision. I don’t want to be Lehi nor American Fork, that is why we chose to live in Highland.

They knew the rules when they bought the property.

I feel that as long as they drink on premises and order food - and follow the State codes, they should be allowed. Otherwise they won't locate in Highland and we as residents are punished - we need MORE restaurants. We have to travel to other cities to patronize them because we are woefully lacking in good restaurants and shopping choices.

Especially in this economy, difficult to make a restaurant successful. Alcoholic beverages are a high-margin item. Would love to have more high-end restaurants in our town, and selling alcoholic beverages are a part of their menu and helps them be successful.

This is a great opportunity for the community to have quality restaurants and revenue. I don’t believe the updates to beverage laws will negatively impact our city. I don’t personally drink, but almost all of us already frequent restaurants in neighboring cities with these same licenses. I believe allowing these same establishments in our city would only enhance it and not bring additional trouble. I side with the chief of police that this would not create more problems in Highland. When do we break ground?
Highland should not be enforcing any religious standards on its residents or businesses. Residents are free not to patronize any business they don't agree with, or not to order alcoholic beverages at any business that lawfully offers them.

Several of the possible restaurant owners courting the city council in order to open their restaurants in Highland are open for Sunday brunch. Inevitably, those business owners would want to do the same in Highland. My understanding is that businesses in Highland are closed on Sundays because of an existing rule/law/regulation. In the case of several of the aforementioned businesses (listed on the "Highland Mains" Facebook page), the desire to cash in on the lucrative Sunday brunch crowd will come into conflict, eventually, with the "Closed on Sundays" rule. That's the crux of my concern and opposition. Thanks!

It'd be GREAT to have quality sit-down restaurants in town. Too many fast causal locations in Highland.

Love the Updated Site Plan, having a courtyard. Definitely want to facilitate that by having some terrific fine restaurants in the development. Tired of standard, bland, ugly plazas.

I would love to have a couple of higher end restaurants in Highland and also do not support adding several fast-food restaurants, but do not want to have the alcohol law changed to accommodate the proposed project. I would like to see some type of compromise or another restaurant that would be willing to come without alcohol or a few mid-level restaurants without alcohol.

This is contrary to the values of our community. The developers are using bullying and intimidation tactics. (ie. If you don't do this, we will do that...) The percentage of those who consume alcohol in the community is small in comparison to the total Highland City population. Consequently, allowing the serving of alcohol at the restaurant will encourage those who do consume alcohol to come into our city for the sole purpose of consuming alcoholic beverages with their meal.

No alcohol please

People can go elsewhere. Let's leave our town the way it is

There’s a risk that alcohol could be distributed to those below the age of 21 accidentally or consensually.

I think this is a great opportunity for the city to grow.

Very much for local restaurants. Classy instead of repetitive chains will increase values. So excited, this is being brought up. We really look forward to my family and guests having accessibility and not having to leave the city. More revenue for Highland is a beautiful thing!

We have a unique community and I would like to keep highland that way. I feel we have a smaller commercial section than most city's and it is in the heart of the city surrounded by mostly homes with families. Anyone consuming alcohol would have to travel through residential areas to leave highland. Not all who consume alcohol do so responsibly. I don't think we want to entertain in our community that potential Hazzard.

Highland is a unique place. Let's keep it that way. This won't lower taxes but it will increase traffic and in my opinion start us down a slippery slope to being just like every other city around us.

Not just against allowing alcohol but against building out that space with businesses that will increase traffic to make it even busier than it already is. Why do we insist on making Highland like every other city. Keep Highland unique.

We don’t need the increased traffic that would be brought in. We don’t have the proper infrastructure to accommodate this.

This would open it up for more developers to change the dynamics of our city. This is too close to our residential community.

I moved to Highland 10 years ago because of how Highland is. I didn’t move here because I wanted highland to change and add alcohol. I think changing this law will open the door to other locations to serve alcohol and bring unintended negative consequences to our community. The negative impact of allowing alcohol will far outweigh any potential benefits of having better restaurants.
I don’t want this law changed in the city of a highland. We love the community being super family friendly and wholesome.

Increasing the risk of DUI or DWI related vehicle accidents within Highland is not worth the risk.

The area in question should not be allowed special consideration. This property is adjacent to residential neighborhoods where children play and ride bicycles. Families drive in vehicles on the streets surrounding this area. Alcohol impairs brain function and subsequently driving ability. When my children’s lives are stake, no amount of intoxication is safe—whether consumed with food or not.

There are many places locally that people can be served alcohol within 6-7 miles. Highland is distinguishable for a few things, and so far, this has been one of them. To me, this is not a religious issue. I have seen what introducing alcohol does to communities. Not the drinking of alcohol - everyone gets to choose whether to drink or not - but the introduction of alcohol purchases in a community brings that community down in the long run.

I chose to live in Highland City because it is a safe and family-oriented community. The current alcohol bans are an important part of maintaining this environment. I applaud all city council members who remember the principles this community was founded on and have the foresight to realize that changing those principles will degrade our city.

I do not drink alcohol, however it is inconsistent and unfair that the exclusive golf country club can serve alcohol and be open on Sundays while other businesses cannot. It is elitist and discriminatory to allow the exceptions for them, but disallow the exceptions for other newer places of business where you do not need a membership to enjoy.

I don’t see why I should care what a restaurant sells when it doesn’t affect me. And I can enjoy eating at the restaurant. I live near the development and would enjoy a high-end shopping area near me that reflected highlands status rather than more car washes and fast food.

Adults should be free to choose if they want to have an alcoholic drink at a restaurant. Alcohol is not illegal.

Social problems are increased the more readily available alcohol is. I like my law abiding community. We don’t need to invite problems in.

We came to Highland years ago because of the community standards and don’t want those to change to appease developers who are interested in making money off of their development. Once you make an exception to this you have set the precedent. Do not change our standards. Do not change our community.

We don’t need to change to be like everyone else. SLC has followed the alcohol trend and now it’s a dump.

Just because I drink, doesn't mean I should prevent others from drinking responsibly. The arrival of some additional family style sit down restaurants would be nice. However, if there aren't limits on alcohol the nature of Highland City could change in negative ways.

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We don't need alcohol to have good businesses. Look at how Lehi has done north of Thanksgiving Point. Also look at most of the thriving businesses around Smiths in Lehi. We are selling out to the devil liquor for money?

I feel it is important for Highland to keep with the traditions and values that it always has. That is what makes this area unique.

I would hate to see the character of Highland City change just to meet the needs of the few. This is what makes this area unique â€“ I don’t want to see it become Orem.

I am ok if the results of the decision turn out to allow some restaurants to sell alcohol with the purchase of food, but considering how frequently accidents happen on Timpanogos Highway, access to alcoholic drinks will, in my mind, only increase the chances of car accidents due to drunk or buzzed driving.

I really like that Highland is different from other areas. Honestly, I don’t think it would be a big deal if alcoholic beverages were sold in restaurants as outlined. I know at the end of the day this is a revenue issue. I get it. If
the council decides to make the change, so be it. I just don't think the city needs to be wetter than it already is.

Restaurants across most of Utah already allow this, and there are so few quality dining options in or near Highland. The city should update its law to be in line with the state.

While I favor this "isolated" approval, the danger is in a continual "creep" to allow more and even overturn the Sunday closing law. Accordingly, I would only approve if sufficient permanent restrictions can be put in place to insure limitations into the future.

FREEDOM. We can choose to partake or not on our own as Adults, and American citizens. I respect the right to choose and expect the same of others irregardless of religion or beliefs.

Let's create some tax revenue and keep our property tax down.

Whatever you put there needs to be viable. What has been there in the past hasn't worked.

If council has studied the issue and feels like it is the most viable option then we'd support the decision. We want it to be successful and help with taxes.

Let's do a movie night and show FootLoose at the Highland Fling!

WRITE IN JON LEFRANDT!

I believe that having that option will not change the small town feel of Highland and gives people the ability to make their own choices and decisions.

I don’t see this as a benefit to our community.

Our city desperately needs the tax revenue and neighboring cities currently serve alcohol. It's time to grow up and behave like adults. Allowing alcohol to be sold according to state code will not negatively impact our City.

Highland City is a great community with no night-time community gathering spaces for couples and families. This development will bring a much-needed community space. The developers are honest and earnest in their desire to create a world-class community space. Restaurants in neighboring cities serve alcohol and the world has not come to an end. It's silly to have a vocal few dictate what other adults can and cannot do. Whatever happened to teaching good principles and letting people govern themselves? I do not and will not consume alcohol, however, we need a gathering space to create more of a community feel. Good luck. My advice is to ignore the vocal minority and vote to improve Highland City.

I would like to have a decent restaurant in the city of Highland.

Hopefully this brings business to our area which could contribute to lower property taxes.

Prohibition doesn't work!

I recognize the need for additional commercial revenue in the city. I also believe that agency should generally be the overriding principle in many public policy decisions (such as Sunday closures). However, the modification of this specific ordinance, although increasing the agency of the citizens, poses potential risk to the general public, no matter how minimal, and I cannot support it.

I recommend Highland pass a law similar to Utah state law regarding percentage of revenue from alcohol served in restaurants - so that if state law changes - behavior of restaurants serving alcohol remains similar (whether 20% or 25% of revenue comes from alcoholic beverages is not significant to me - 45% is significant).

I've lived in many cities over the years, and I've seen small laws like this be changed, on the surface it's seems like a little thing. However, a year or two later another law is changed, then another. Slowly the environment and community that made living in the city are eroded. In ten years time I've seen a wonderful city like Highland become an undesirable place to live. I've been running from this thing my whole life. I came to Highland because the laws and values make it a great place to raise a family, please don't change it to appear cultured or for developers that want to make money at the expense of what makes Highland a great place to raise a family.

Alcohol sales in Highland retail spaces will NOT increase restaurant leases in Highland significantly. It has taken WPI almost 3 years to get 4 leases on the new retail space north of Mire Meat. Highland is NOT a prime
retail or restaurant city due to NO Sunday business. Increasing alcohol usage will NOT bring in the chain and franchise businesses that residents are accustomed to in American Fork because Sunday sales are NOT prohibited.

Because highland city does not allow for Sunday opening, alcohol laws to attract more restaurants seems silly. Any desirable restaurants that would benefit from relaxed alcohol laws, such as an olive garden or Texas roadhouse, will not be able to come due to the Sunday opening restrictions. We did not allow a Home Depot or smiths, due to Sunday opening, but now the developer wants alcohol laws relaxed. This seems like a money grab only and does not benefit the city in any way. I believe this will only attract local bars, which is not what living in highland city is all about.

Cities around us are taking all of Highland's revenue. People go to these cities and consume alcohol. So any perceived negative is already here without any of the upside to us or the city.

I don't drink alcohol at all. But I realize alcohol is already being consumed in every other city. We could walk to the other city and get it. So any possible negative people bring up would already be here. We shouldn't let all these other cities take our tax revenue. Right now we're getting all of any possible negative without any of the positive benefits. Plus, this is America. Let's let adults have the freedom to choose what they want to do within the law.

Survey Monkey allowed one submission. This survey money can be frauded easily also because I can guess unique Id's at 5 digits on different computers. Submitting this ballot also.

I am so completely satisfied and grateful of how Highland city is... I don't approve of any changes that might be a negative change! Yes, I attended the meeting – very impressive! Still no to alcoholic beverages! I do not believe the alcohol would be a positive move for our City!

1- Our Highland is a family based community 2-Our current laws though needing clarification, serves our city well. 3-We do not need to change our laws on prohibiting alcohol to meet the financial need of any developer!

People were drawn to Highland because of the feel for family values. The uniqueness of who we are and have chosen to be here because of it. So now the very essence of what we have had is possibly going to change and become like hundreds of other towns. Once we give it away we don't get it back- Life long resident.

Highland City would get more tax money from me if there were restaurants with alcohol, right now surrounding cities are getting that money from me.

The extra taxes brought in would be a big help. It would be nice to have good restaurants here. I believe it is not my job to police others behavior. This type of alcohol sales will not make a difference in driving around here.

This is a first step. Ist alcohol then they will want to be open on Sundays. Sunday is the Lords and if you think money is more important you will destroy Highland.

Residents need tax breaks from businesses! House taxes have tripled because good businesses won't close on Sunday! Old people have to move and young ones cannot afford to live here.

It is allowed in AF, Cedar Hills, etc. But- We need to be open on Sundays. We have no tax benefits on our homes. We lost Walmart, Mc Donalds, Smiths.

I prefer that no one drink alcohol, but I have no right to impose that on anyone. We are free. Let's be free. As for safety on the highways, others are going to drink elsewhere and drive on our highways as they go through town at as high a speed or more than they would if they get their drinks here.

I believe in freedom of speech, press, and religion. All should be allowed to have the freedom to choose what to drink. We should align with Utah State code.

Our family moved to Highland 36 years ago. The beautiful area, friendly people, and lifestyle brought us here. It has been a wonderful place to raise our children and grandchildren. Hoping our elected council will continue that vision of being in the world and not of the world.
We need to attract business to Highland to increase our tax base. Even if it allows business to be open on Sundays or to offer full service alcohol. We need more sit-down restaurants rather than drive thrus.

We moved to Highland because it is a "dry" city.

I don’t drink, but the tax revenue would be very appreciated. Especially when only 2 miles away they can buy!

I agree with my wife’s assessment. I’m grateful not to have a drinking problem…Except to enjoy Highland’s wonderful water!

Give and inch and take a mile! The next step is to be open Sunday! We don’t need alcohol in our city! We are gateway to a canyon!

Highland has done well without alcohol being sold in the city ever since the late 1800’s when my family moved to this city and I don’t want to see that change.

We need to maintain our city’s morals and not the world’s values.

I love Highland the way it is!

We moved here because of the current laws and want to keep it that way.

People should be able to choose for themselves. The city needs the money! This should be decided by the residents on the ballot not by city council.

We should be able to make our own choices. This city gives way too much money to the surrounding cities. Revenue!!!

Highland is a special quiet community. This will change it for the worse. We don’t want it to become Lehi!! We don’t need the restaurants here! It’s all about money!

Highland is unique due to the growth we have seen. We can drive 5-15 minutes if we want a drink. Why become another Lehi? AF canyon attracts huge crowds—do we want them coming here to party? This will change Highland!

Bring one they all come.

There is no upside to the consumption of alcohol. Please don’t sell out like you have with residential density requirements.

We have a son with severe alcohol problems. Keep the alcohol away.

This could change the atmosphere of the city.

This is a business question— not a moral one. Highland will continue to lose out to Lehi and Cedar Hills if we don’t update our ordinances.

Let’s get some good restaurants in this city! Please!

This is a family community majority don’t consume alcohol and kids should not have it available to them.

I don’t drink and thus don’t want to change the status quo!

We need to maintain the current laws to prevent the sale of alcohol. This is a slippery slope if we allow this to start in the restaurants.

The current laws have protected our community. Please do not change our laws to facilitate a business! They are invasive to our present standards and way of life.

Moved to Highland because it was a “dry” city!

By saying yes the city is creating an opportunity for drunk drivers and fatalities. The change will cause someone to die.

I really don’t care what they serve, but rather there wasn’t a physical bar in the restaurant. Hopefully there is a formula to figure out how many licenses would be allowed.

Highland is the way it is because we follow God’s laws.

Free agency has been taken away from us this long, might as well keep it going...

We have done just fine without it and will continue to do so.

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We need "all you can eat" nice restaurants like Chuck-A-rama. Restaurants that do not serve alcoholic beverages. Let Highland be different. People can go sin and drive to Lehi or AF to get their highs. That's all I can alcohol does.

I vote with God.

I don't approve of alcoholic beverages in Highland. I don't want drunk drivers on the roads.

A yes, vote would be a vote to deteriorate the values we held dear. It will increase danger and crime. In our beautiful God blessed area. No! No! No!

City should have aheard to existing municipal code and ordinance, prohibiting alcohol sales from the beginning, and notified the developer from the beginning. This would have put this issue to rest before it got to this poin

Family moved to Highland because of the values and lifestyle it projected as a safe community. Accidents crime abuse, all increase with alcohol consumption. Progress is not progress if it's in the wrong direction.

I do not want to assist people to drink and drive.

Haven't allowed it in the past! Don't need it now.

Alcohol leads to other devices, for example, drug driving. I like it like it is. Most people in the area are LDS!

It starts in one place alcohol sales will be everywhere.

We should buy the property and build a community center/rec center

We should be voting on this issue! With all the moms in this area with children, I think the first option, drive-through's, would get so much more used from way more people in Highland.

You were not elected to represent us!

This community was built and maintained as a family place of safety. The council should never place the people in jeopardy over a commercial entity.

It would greatly increase revenues and attract good sit down restaurants.

We don't need to make it easier for people to DUI

Look forward to an Irish coffee after dinner

It would be nice to have some sit down restaurants in town

One or two beverages with a meal is OK. If they serve more, they would lose their license.

I am really opposed to having alcohol easily accessible to people who want to drink. Alcohol causes people to be under the influence while driving and other actions. It will open the door for other laws that make alcohol easier to be accessed. I do not want it.

Most patrons are usually going to be driving to get there. DUI is already a big problem. We don't need it worse in our neighborhood. And it opens the door to other related issues.

I do not want the city to change for the few! I like the city how it is! They'll get drunk and head up the canyon. Put others lives in danger.

The developer and plan will eventually allow later impact on the city that is currently unforeseen!

I like not having alcohol sold in Highland

It is nice to live in this community without alcohol sales

I think it is wonderful that Highland is abstinent from alcohol

We moved to Highland, because we didn't have to worry about alcohol being served. You're going to bring problems when you serve alcohol!

Keep Highland, unique, and surreal. Do not copy other cities and bring the negative consequences of alcohol here!

I don't think we need to risk someone leaving drunk and driving in our area with all our kids.
This is the last place left that hasn't caved to the pressure of serving alcohol. We want to keep Highland
Highland.

We didn't move to Highland to do with the rest of the state and country due. We moved here because it
doesn't.

Open on Sundays no restrictions.

I believe there should be no restrictions on beverages and restaurants. I believe they should be open on
Sunday. People like Sunday brunch.

Highland is a safer community without adding opportunities for alcohol consumption.

Our neighborhoods are safer without alcohol consumption

If Highland continues to beat this, you will continue to lose new businesses to the city. The residents will
continue to bear the taxes to operate this city. We need some businesses to share this cost.

Need more businesses to share taxes. If you allow restaurants to sell alcohol come to Highland, it will help the
residences with the tax burden we are under.

I think it is only fair to allow highland businesses to be competitive, with other businesses in the country.
Grocery stores and convenience stores should also be allowed.

All businesses should have a level playing field with their competitors.

People drink responsibly there should be no problems.

If Highland city's alcohol laws are altered I feel that it would just be a foot in the door to widen said laws to
be enlarged and allow more allowances for alcohol consumption and sales. I feel the use of alcohol in our
community will be slash or lead to unsafe conditions. Needing more police to patrol our streets and neighb

I would agree to wine only, with a full meal, for the four new restaurants only. A full-service bar brings in
crime. Even the country club has problems with prostitution and drugs. We would need more police officers
hired for each additional liquor license. This should provide one year salary for one officer each year. Having
more police officers is good, but needing them is the problem.

I voted for businesses to stay open on Sunday, but there is a big difference of Sabbath, observance and
drinking and driving. It puts residence at risk and monitoring of alcohol intake at restaurants is poor. The
difference in taxes to a resident is minuscule.

It will increase the danger of drunk driving. They will say it won't, but there will be an incident. There are
plenty of counties across the country that are dry. Highland, does it need to legalize alcohol consumption.

Who wants drunk drivers in our city? The traffic is already a challenge.

Have you ever sat by a drinking group when you were trying to enjoy a nice dinner?

I moved to Highland five years ago because of the peaceful family oriented atmosphere. This doesn't feel like
that at all.

I do not want establishments that alcohol will bring to the city. There are restaurants close enough in other
cities that anyone wanting to can go there.

Highland is different in many good ways, and now people are seeking to make it the same as everywhere else.
I want to see Highland stay a great place to live.

No – eventually it will increase to having bars. One follows the other. Things are OK the way they are let them
build somewhere else.

This nice town needs to be left alone, if not it will turn into California.

Serving mixed drinks would cause more people to be drunk and cause problems in the community.

I look to Doctorine and Covenants 89. It is not good for us to put up with that kind of a drink. Thanks.

Highland has a major highway through it, and another main road that our high school children must cross.
Encouraging alcohol consumption in our city will increase DUI, accidents, and deaths. There is also higher
crime rates in places that serve alcohol...
Alcohol consumption is linked with health issues, abuse, destruction of property and families, robbing lives of potential and peace, higher crime rates, and death. Let's use intelligence and integrity.

Even though I think drinking is stupid, this is a free country and all the cities around us allow it. Thanks.

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No alcohol due to increased deaths!

No alcohol due to drunken behavior and deaths.

We feel it just opens the door to more overtime.

Keep Highland dry. I don't want a change in the law.

I live close by – it would be nice to have a cocktail with dinner and then I can walk home.

I want to protect my family.

I moved to Highland, because of the no alcohol and closed on Sunday ordinances. I do not want it to change! Build your business somewhere else!

I moved my family to Highland, because businesses are required to be closed on Sundays and no alcohol sales. I will do everything in my power and influence to remain so!

Minimum drinks sold per person.

Yes – if there was a minimum of one or two drinks, sold to each customer. So no one leaves drunk and driving.

How can Highland handle 4 restaurants, when they can't get one in the existing strip space?

Keep Highland clean of this evil influence.

Why change something that has been good and beneficial for a new breed of people who do not uphold the values that Highland was founded on and attracted them here in the first place? It is because they are wealthy, entitled, and want out of California? Tell me what good has alcohol brought to people besides getting stoned and escaping reality? Or is it because we want more revenue, that we will no longer believe in what we were taught? Just wondering...

We can't legislate morals.

Allowing restaurants to sell alcohol will not impact the quality of life for Highland residents in a negative manner. It will have a positive effect on, allowing their establishments to flourish in Highland and contribute to our tax base.

It would be nice to have some good restaurants in town, not just fast food places

Highland city should remain dry

There is no doubt that Highland city Council needs to be more pro business, but alcohol is the wrong way to do that. You need to get more revenue from businesses.

There are many national restaurant chains that sell beer and wine only. It would be wonderful to have those national restaurant chains interested in Highland/Alpine area.

Absolutely not! Keep island clean from all the negative influences of alcohol evident throughout the world!

D&C 89:4 "I have warned you and forewarned... Thus sayth the Lord"

Can we just have one place on earth that doesn't cater to this in trapping addiction?! It might be one of my beloved neighbors, who falls to alcoholism or is killed by a local drunk driver.

Highland was incorporated, almost as an experiment: The citizens decided what their city should be rather than developers. One of the unique characteristics promoted by the residence – in addition to Sunday closure, controlled commercial and residential development – was prohibition of beer and alcohol sales. Highland was to be a quality community for families and it has been. Developers will always seek changes to our city structure, not to better the family environment, but to create profitability. And their pitches are alluring; a need for alcohol sales always receives great creativity and scintillating presentation pertaining to community advantage. There is no net gain to a city, ultimately only lost. To the city Council – have the
courage to keep our unique community among the best in the USA for the raising, and preservation of families! (L Rhodes- City Council late 1980's)

Please do not change Highland. No alcoholic beverages. Thank you.

Only in sit down restaurants; not fast food.

I do not want alcohol easier for adults to consume and then drive home.

It's foolish to add any drivers and alcohol too our already extremely crowded roads.

Why would you want alcohol here with all its accompanying problems? I do not want our youth exposed to drinking in any form. First pittied, then endured, then embraced.

I don't drink, nor have I ever tasted alcoholic beverages. There are those that do, who go elsewhere to buy their alcoholic drinks. If we allowed alcohol to be sold to Highland, we then will benefit from the taxes this generates, which I think would be beneficial.

(Strict rules of #1.) (Family Style) I wouldn't like just any restaurant in Highland. Some thing that's going to do well, like the Olive Garden and be sucessful.

I would love to have the Olive Garden build a restaurant here in Highland. Or another family style restruant like Tuscany. Only allowing alcohol with strict compliance to #1. On the property of a restaurant, only with food, following Utah State code. No under age drinking.

We came here to get away from the city life, but it looks like Highland city wants to become a major part of the big city. We have enough accidents in the city without the alcohol.

You've heard the saying" if you give a mouse a cookie" you can't stop alcohol direction once it gets started.

It would be nice to have an adult environment and enjoy good food and a drink with your meal

I strongly feel we can have this outside of our community

If you do not drink, don't order a drink.

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Yes vote, will allow more high-quality restaurants to come into the city.

People have the right to choose for themselves

We need less people driving after drinking, not more. Protect our highland, roads and families.

The city needs to realize that there is a whole other world out there besides the Mormon church.

I'd rather have folks able to walk home then having to drive home after a beverage with their meal.

We don't need that in our city.

We don't need alcohol served in the city.

Selling alcohol in grocery stores and gas stations would increase accidents on SR going up the canyon and encouraging unruly behavior in campground sand picnic areas.

I have seen what alcohol does-please no!

Highlanders were folk coming to raise families in a quiet, safe place. If anyone wants alcohol, it is readily available available in all the surrounding towns. As to being dry and closing on Sunday deterring developments in commerce, well that's OK. We don't need any extra traffic, we have enough! Taxes will be high, no matter how much commerce we have.

Possible accidents

Keep drunk drivers off the road. No accidents.

We moved to Highland, because they wanted a quiet family friendly bedroom community in which to raise kids. Restaurants which insists on serving alcohol as a condition of operating here are in conflict with that goal and will promote behavior we don't want to see in our community.

I like the existing laws, it will be a foot in the door for more changes.

You're inviting trouble
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<td>As a parent, I would not want my child around or working at or near an establishment that serves alcoholic beverages. Keep Highland a family friendly community.</td>
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<td>It makes more sense to allow our grocery store to sell wine and beer, since now local folks buy their groceries elsewhere so they can purchase wine and beer. Which also creates more traffic. And they will partake at home and not drive.</td>
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<td>Developer knew the rules when he bought the property. Highland residence should not have to suffer even more increased traffic and inebriated drivers.</td>
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<td>Lived in Highland 30+ years. Allow alcohol and this will be a gateway for all establishments to serve alcohol. Floodgates will open. No way that Highland/Alpine can support 4 restaurants. They would be lucky to be able to support even one!</td>
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<td>No to allowing sales of alcohol in Highland Mains restaurants. 1. Highland has consistently attracted new residence despite the developers, so-called &quot;unmet needs of the community.&quot; We are surrounded by an abundance/overabundance of retail and dining establishments within an easy drive. The residential aspects of Highland are the overwhelming attraction to live here. 2. I do not buy that it is strictly an either/or choice for MNG: allow alcohol-serving restaurants or &quot;revert to an earlier (?undesirable?) plan.&quot; These cannot be the only two possibilities. 3. Some of the already developed commercial space in Highland, anchored by a grocery store, has had difficulty retaining tenants without attracting more non-residence, will more shops and restaurants do better? Do existing Highland residence want more non-residents coming into Highland? 4. I see a big $$$ for the developers in their proposed Highland Mains development with alcohol as a drawing card; and I see undesirable impacts for Highland residence. If MNG's request is granted. The profit motives of developers, who do not even live in Highland, should not be accommodated to the detriment of existing Highland residence, who came loving Highland as it is. Undesirable impacts from MNG's proposed lifestyle center at Highland Mains: 1. Significant additional traffic from non-residence who are not invested in maintaining the safe residential atmosphere of Highland. 2. Non-residents using the &quot;local gathering place for lunches, date nights, and family outings&quot; would work against the &quot;local benefits&quot; claims of the developer. 3. The inevitable negative affects of alcohol on those who consume it (and those they interact with) even when consumed in &quot;moderate&quot; amounts in a &quot;controlled&quot; environment. 4. Fewer jobs created for Highland teens looking for employment, since drinks could only be served by staff 21 years and older (as opposed to development that could provide employment for younger highland residence looking for work.)</td>
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<td>City is cleaner without alcohol</td>
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<td>Safer city, please</td>
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<td>If this is allowed, It is the nose of the camel in the tent. I have seen this happen in other cities I have lived in outside of Utah and overtime became more and more relaxed until it caused great destruction of neighborhoods and of individuals.</td>
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As long as proposed restaurants have a limited menu of items, and no other parts of the city are allowed the same license. I am fine with this proposal.

Local residents who wish to drink are already doing so at restaurants in neighboring cities. It would be nice to have a few more restaurant options locally and the associated tax revenue. Existing restaurants should be allowed fair treatment.

There are other places to catch a drink and patrons can make alcoholic purchases personally. Perhaps we can't appreciate the healthy impact our present law has had on our community. I'd like to keep things as they are. No rights are being violated with this law. Alcohol is expensive to communities and especially the innocent.

If they want to drink, let them drink at home. Why would you let or encourage driving under the influence in our community. Do the GC's live in Highland?

One of the reasons we moved to Highland over 20 years ago, was because of the laws against alcoholic beverages served locally. Please help us keep it clean by keeping the laws as they are!

Let's keep our city clean. Bringing in alcohol increases youth exposure to alcohol, as well as increases more opportunity of DUI. Let's not go there!!

It opens the door for others to apply for a liquor licenses. If the city denies an alcohol license then those denied could take the city to court adding more unnecessary expense to taxpayers. The state controls the liquor license while cities control, alcohol license, a.k.a. beer, malts, etc.

The founding partner of MNG, Brian C. Malk, is a vintner in California. I feel that it is self-serving to have our community approve the sale of alcohol, so an entity, such as his (Malk) can reap the benefits while highland reap the consequences of opening the community to alcohol sales. I have lived in Highland for 45 years and the community has not had a problem in that time not having access to alcohol. DUI and related loss of human life and destroyed families because of access to alcohol should be the reason to decline.

I don't see a need for alcohol to be sold to create a new development. We have loved Highland for 40+ years and want to continue to be a family friendly community.

Isn't it sad that the safe attractive, appealing environment of Highland that already pleases thousands of residence now has to be adjusted by the incentive of alcohol. Since when is that a priority?

Is staying closed on Sundays for commercial enterprises matters, and for good reason, so does the avoidance of alcohol! Let those who want alcohol go where it is already served and leave us alone!

Do you love the quiet, clean, low crime climate we have in Highland bringing in bars or restaurants that sell alcohol will be the beginning of leading our town down that slippery slope.

We want Highland to continue with the low crime and family oriented culture we have now. Please don't allow alcoholic beverage sales here.

This is part of what makes highland, unique and attractive. Changing this, alcohol sales, will affect the complexion of our community.

The primary reason I moved to Highland was its unique laws specific to alcohol sales, and Sunday business closures.

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A variety of full-service restaurants in Highland would be nice and for those that would like an alcoholic beverage with their meal that would also be nice.

People should have the freedom to choose what they drink. Government should stay out of our personal lives.

Hell, no! Oust Kirt Ostler! No more city or commercial development!
Hell no! We don't need any more taxes or developments around the main intersections of Highland. I moved here 20+ years ago because of the half acre home requirements and the peace and quiet, not a gathering center. You already have plenty of playground area near Mountain Ridge.

Less drunk drivers.

I moved here because Highland was a small town that was different than any other city. It's uniqueness will go away if we add alcohol and high density housing and big box stores. Let's keep that to Lehi and American Fork.

Safer roads with less alcohol.

People get loud when they start drinking and it is nice to enjoy going out without that distraction.

We don't need to change things in Highland that has worked for so many years.

I see no reason to change the law alcohol does far more harm than good to a society.

I do not want any drunk or influenced drivers on the road putting themselves or others at risk.

People take their families to restaurants like Applebee's and Chili's and don't give a second thought to there being a bar there. Highland city needs to stop imposing Mormon fear and prejudice on everyone. Alcohol purchased and consumed in the community is not going to affect the children.

Alcohol isn't bad. Having a drink with dinner is nice and won’t hurt anyone.

Changes to city ordinances should go through the residents first, NOT developers! And not rogue city councils!

Please keep Highland city dry

The decision to allow restaurants in commercial areas to sell alcoholic beverages should consider factors first safety and economic impact and we already have Alpine country club serving six days a week.

The decision to allow restaurants in commercial areas to sell alcoholic beverages, citywide, or only in specific sites, should consider factors like community preferences, safety, and economic impact striking a balance is key.

We are in a very unique situation. All the communities surrounding us serve alcohol. If people are looking for restaurants that serve, there are plenty nearby. Please preserve our unique quality of life by not bending to MNG's developmental pressures and keep our community development alcohol free. Thank you.

1. Preserve Highlands quality of life surrounding communities offer alcohol. We do not need to do so. 2. It is not unrealistic for the exception to be followed with additional requests. Can we be open on Sundays? For example. 3. Void potential drunk, driving related accidents. 4. Avoid additional need for more police and emergency personnel. 5. Avoid exposing our children to alcohol consumption.

I prefer no alcoholic beverages as it has been. I understand restaurants by Macy's could I prefer none anywhere here. I'm glad no one has done so so far.

Dead set against, same as last time. Thanks for asking.

Higher end restaurants won’t come to Highland, if their alcohol restricted. They can go anywhere else and give their revenue to another city. We would end up being the fast food Mecca of Utah.

We are not drinkers, but we have friends and family who come to visit who do drink and it would be helpful to have a local place to offer those options.

City Council should absolutely vote based upon resident feedback, and not based upon anything else

Enjoy the atmosphere and integrity we have in our city limits.

I like the area the way it is there’s no need for alcohol

Welcome to the 21st-century

We voted no opening on Sunday and this should be the same. Keep our community safe and rural and do not vote with developers who don't live here.

Free agency
No alcoholic beverages. No, drinking and driving. No one will be held accountable for drunk patrons.

I have lived in Oregon, California, Hawaii with no alcohol laws. Non-drinkers are not affected. There are more DUIs while living in Utah. So let's keep the taxes low.

Our culture is changing. An increasing number of people are moving to Utah who are not Mormans. We shouldn't push the restrictions of our standards onto them.

Things are changing in Utah. Not everyone is LDS and we shouldn't force them to hear to LDS cultural practices.

No need

Why do we need it? Highland has been a dry city since its creation and maintain high standards of living. Don't fix what isn't broken.

I like how Texas roadhouse has their section for people buying alcohol

We lost revenue, not allowing Smith to be in our city. That was close minded. Those restaurants will do the same- build in Lehi and give that city the benefit.

We already have drunk driving issues in Highland. As well as we shouldn't turn ourselves into Lehi. Why can't we maintain our family friendly community?

I look forward to having a nice place to eat in Highland.

First a restaurant, next a bar. Stop now! We don't need the area developed and we don't need alcohol in the city.

I do not want any alcohol in my food whether or not it is cooked. So if you want my sales, count me out. I hope there's tons more that believe like I do!

We are surrounded by other communities who have different laws. Let them take the alcohol question and preserve our way of life. Highland is unique – let's keep it that that way.

It seems like you should stick to the city charter. If you have a vision, you are working towards, questions like this are easily answered. Perhaps instead of spending money on a feedback like this one tool you should upgrade your charter.

No community benefit for changes that outweigh the status quo. The developers will clearly benefit financially, as well those who will control the licensing if approved. Citizens win nothing.

Why does it have to be restaurants that sell alcohol? Look at Riverwoods – it is struggling to stay alive.

We have enough restaurants nearby that serve alcohol. We don't need them to serve here – we that Highland is a safe, quiet, peaceful place to live in which we have enjoyment and pleasure without involving alcohol. Also, we don't want the added risk of drivers on the roads to the influence of alcohol.

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We don't need alcohol sales in Highland. In a 5 to 10 minute drive in any direction you can get to all the alcohol and food you want. All the marketing and promotion of this issue is very disingenuous and misleading at best. You cannot equate family values, community, gathering, and children's play areas with alcohol sales. It is absurd! The only people who profit from this are the developers! They will profit from any of these models without alcohol!

50 years without alcohol and we're doing fine. We don't need it and only a few want it.

I don't want it in my community

Serving alcohol would increase the number of drivers with alcohol in their system. I think it's fair to say that most people who have lived here a long time came because of the atmosphere values and lifestyle. High density housing has changed that. And now alcohol? It's not right to let developers keep getting their way. We should keep at least a few of the principles Highland was founded on.
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<td>No one would work at the restaurants anyway I moved to Highland because I like the places that we have and don't want more traffic for the restaurants and people not driving smart</td>
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<td>I recently read comments by the Highland city mayor in the &quot;American Fork chamber of commerce community guide&quot;, which included the following: &quot;for 2023 Highland was once again awarded the safest city in Utah by safewise, and we appreciate our public safety for their hard work to help accomplish this rating.&quot; The mayor referred to various reasons residents have been drawn to Highland, which include &quot;community feel&quot; and &quot;the place felt right.&quot; We do appreciate, dedicated professionals, who watch over and protect our citizens and city. Could it also be that among the reasons, individuals and family are drawn to Highland to settle and stay here is because of values established and upheld, since the city was incorporated, namely, honoring the Sabbath, by keeping the business is closed that day, and by restricting the sale of alcohol, which many feel have actually protected the city in various ways? I am troubled by developers, who are aware of those values having been affiliated with BYU, and who are apparently members of the predominant faith who want to come into the city and compromise those values for profit. I am troubled that a selling feature of the proposed restaurants is outdoor areas where liquor will be served and conversation and gathering areas, which, in fact, will likely be used only by those who frequent the restaurants, and not by families who do not.</td>
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I am troubled by developers who anticipate that the proposed restaurants will be "destinations places "aside from increasing traffic into and out of our city, if customers ever come from surrounding areas, and exclusive use of outdoor gathering areas, what example is this to youth, especially, that it is OK to compromise values for profit and to satisfy one’s appetites. Apparently a couple of years of research has been done regarding the profitability of restaurants being built in Highland which serve liquor. Why does a survey of residence attitudes toward this proposal not done at the outset of the research rather than when approval by the city has apparently been narrowed down to two alternatives: restaurants which serve liquor or by default fast food drive-through establishments? It is, is it accurate that profit to the city from the proposed restaurants would be less than 1% of tax on liquor sales, with the bulk of liquor tax revenue going to the state? If you choose not to compromise, long-held values live there, perhaps providentially be other options? What development would best maintain long-standing city values, and bring revenue to the city for critical infrastructure, a well trained police force, and other emergency responders- while forgoing unnecessary luxuries and staying within our annual budget? Putting every citizen of the city in debt under municipal bonding, feels reckless and wrong, especially in these trouble times. Taking out bonds, the principle of which may not be paid down early, is unconscionable. Has serious consideration, been given to a reasonably priced assisted-living complex for seniors- Full of light, surrounded by trees, with a walking path and outdoor visiting area? From my neighborhood alone, I am aware of at least six individuals who became residents of River Meadows senior living community in Alpine; five. Passed away there, and one recovered enough after a long illness to return home. The mother of a neighbor was first a resident of River Meadows, then of Point Meadows Health and Rehabilitation in Lehi, and finally of Bellevue Assisted Living in Lehi, where she passed away. Another neighbor was moved to Bellevue, about two years ago, where she still resides. A relative lived with me for a while and is now a resident of Point Meadows, probably permanently. My neighbor from across the street, first moved to the Charleston in Cedar Hills, and from there to Highland Glen memory care where she still resides. Another neighbor was moved to assisted living in Lindon, where he passed away. The mother of yet another neighbor, who lived in Highland Glen until her passing. The father of this neighbor, is currently in Bellevue. That is a total of 13 neighbors of which I am aware, who have needed assistance because of age related problems within a relatively short period of time. My professional employment included working as a police dispatcher, a police officer, and as an investigator before I was recruited by the juvenile court, where I carried a never ending caseload, and then directed a community work and restitution program for youth. During those years, I was called to be a ward and stake youth leader, and I volunteered at the Provo, Utah Valley Hospital, primarily in the emergency center. I retired from the Marriott school of management at BYU where I was a student advisor. Neither of the best chiefs in the world, nor financial gain, could convince me to support, expanding the use of alcohol in Highland city! I wonder if we will retain the designation by Safewise as "the safest city in Utah" if we compromise the standards established by early residents?

We live in Highland because it is a safe conservative community with no alcohol. Please do not ruin that.

Safety comes first

The city needs to separate church and state, plain and simple. The fact that restaurants and businesses cannot stay open on Sundays or sell alcohol is strictly religious perspective, and is unconstitutional in every sense of the word.

Dude, just let people sell what they want. Within the law of course.

Nothing against alcohol, but this area should stay residential. I can go out to more commercial and retail areas for fine high-end dining and alcohol.

I want to keep the area where I live quiet and residential. That's why I live here. I don't want to live in a commercialized area. I can go outside my area for that.

Alcohol has ruined too many lives. It starts out to be harmless, and then destroys families and individuals.
I do not think this issue should have come up. It is always been under the master plan to not have alcohol sold in Highland. All you as a city Council had to do is say no. Also, I do not think that any big restaurant will make a go of it here. The blue lemon could not make it let alone a bigger one.

This issue should be voted on by the Highland residence by means of a formal ballot. It was never intended for Highland to become this kind of city. The city Council has already changed the master plan too many times.

Will increase tax. You will need a DUI officer. Do not want my kids around that. Keep our beautiful city dry. Public safety concern.

We think you can have a great area without serving alcohol.

You don't need alcohol to have a great environment

Alcohol is related to 60% of all mayhem in society. Why would we even consider this notion?

What could be better than a few more inebriated drivers on our city streets in the evening? Let's keep Highland Street safe.

I don't drink alcohol, so I don't care to have it sold in Highland

I feel like there is no need for it to be sold in Highland.

Higher end, restaurants have not done well in the past, it would be doubtful another would, we don't have the crowd to support it. Highland has long held the line on no alcoholic beverages sold it in the city boundaries. This policy should not be changed to appease an out-of-town non-resident developer. Keep values and traditions. That is the reason most people choose to raise their families here and to remain here. They knew what the ordinance was before they started developing. We should not change it.

This would not allow the opening of bars which only sell alcohol and no food?

Alcoholic beverages aren't needed in our community and the problems surrounded with it aren't welcome in our community.

The intersection at 5300 W. and State Highway 92 is an extremely busy intersection in the past few weeks I have heard of numerous accidents caused by DUIs. I am not anxious to have that problem in Highland.

I prefer alcohol not be made more available

They knew the ordinance before they started

I believe in people and their abilities to make decisions for themselves on what is best for them. I would be supportive of all of those policies I have chosen above, as well as supporting, but not limited to businesses being open and operational if they chose all days of the week. The free market should choose, and I support capitalism where owners can run their businesses how they see fit and let the market dictate the outcomes.

I'd like the opportunity to have better restaurants than just chain food or drive-through's. I think they say sit down restaurants can foster communities and relationships. Places where friends can gather after the big game and event. I also think this could bring greater revenue to our city for important projects, like a rec center for my kids?!

Majority of the state already allows this it would be nice to have a more high end and non-chain restaurants nearby

This just opens a gateway to every business selling alcohol. I'm concerned about of her going into the canyon. Specially, if other businesses are allowed to sell it. I prefer to keep Highland as it is, which is a huge reason why we bought our house here. I will happily drive for food and dining.

Enjoy highland the way it is and prefer to keep things the same

Gort=Force to restrict or compel, for the common good or saftey. In 10 years, no problems at the country club related to alcohol consumption with meals. Why restrict behavior when there is no problem related to it? This seems to be a religious problem. Government has no place there.
I do not personally drink, but I do feel that we need to be aware that many in our community do. It would go a very long way towards fostering better community relations, and understanding of our neighbors feelings as well as their rights. It would also help with very much needed city revenue as would be being open on Sunday.

I don’t or didn’t build a home in Highland for alcohol access. I built it for a quiet, clean family feeling. I can commute for all else.

Alcohol is the number one cause of traffic deaths health challenges, domestic violence in the city, deep tear your realization. Go to any major city, and the crime rate is directly linked to drugs and alcohol consumption.

If you want alcohol drive two minutes east to Cedar Hills or drive three minutes west to American Fork.

We don't need or want to be like other cities or the rest of the state. Highland is a unique and wonderful city. And gateway to AF canyon. So beautiful, friendly, safe and family friendly. This long-standing law is crucial to this. I think Highland should encourage restaurants and businesses to come here who respect our deep roots and values. What makes us who we are. We don't have to bend or undermined ourselves to be a better city because it'll do the opposit

Less people on the road under the influence, especially near the two main highways that crossed each other in Highland. This is a family community, no drunks!!

Take off your blinders and get a tax base for Highland. Pays for roads and other things the city needs. Not the homeowners property taxes.

Let Highland grow like Lehi. Don't control what you think everyone wants. Welcome everyone even if they want to have a drink. Bring in a good tax base.