

RESOLUTION _____

1 A RESOLUTION relating to a request to the Washington State Liquor Control Board to amend
2 State Administrative Rule WAC 314-11-070 and create a new section to allow local
3 governments to petition the Board to establish extended hours service areas within local
4 jurisdictions.

5 WHEREAS, a well-planned and managed nightlife can have a profound positive impact on a
6 local economy, generating direct tax revenues, and growing public funds through
7 increased property value, revitalized business districts, and increased tourism; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington’s post-Prohibition approach to liquor service, with its state-wide
9 uniform 2:00 a.m. closing time, is increasingly in contrast to urban economies, lifestyles
10 and general values associated with drinking and entertainment; and

11 WHEREAS, at least 15 states across the country allow local jurisdictions flexibility to extend
12 hours of service based on market demand and regulatory capacity; and

13 WHEREAS, allowing local jurisdictions to modify closing times can lead to better allocation of
14 public resources, provide a more uniform flow of patrons from venues, allow increased
15 mobility by taxi and public transit services, and reduce the concentration of crowds; and

16 WHEREAS, modified closing times can improve quality of life in local jurisdictions by
17 mitigating public safety and nuisance issues associated with the uniform 2 a.m.
18 “pushout”; and

19 WHEREAS, local jurisdictions can better maximize benefits and minimize risks of flexible
20 service hours by reviewing the successes and failures of other jurisdictions, and
21 identifying and tailoring best practices for use in the local jurisdiction; and

22 WHEREAS, this effort is a critical component of the broader Seattle Nightlife Initiative, which
23 was launched July 13th, 2010 as a full suite of eight actions that together provide a
24 comprehensive, balanced approach to managing the city’s nighttime economy; and

25 WHEREAS, this effort can only be realized with the approval of the Washington State Liquor
26 Control Board;

27 WHEREAS, the Executive will work with the City Council and the Liquor Control Board to
28 develop rules necessary to implement an extended hours policy,

NOW THEREFORE,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
2 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

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4 Section 1. The City of Seattle supports a request to the Washington State Liquor Control
5 Board to modify existing WAC 314-11-070, which strictly prohibits service of any alcohol
6 between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and establish new rules allowing local authorities to petition to
7 establish extended hours service areas within their jurisdictions.

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9 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2011, and
10 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day
11 of _____, 2011.

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13 President _____ of the City Council

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15 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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18 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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20 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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23 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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