City Council Agenda Item Request

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** March 23, 2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Jon Fillman, Community & Regional Entertainment Facilities

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** April 28, 2026

4. **Subject:** Permission for the Possession and Consumption of Malt Beverages and/or Unfortified Wine at Outdoor Special Events

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of resolutions to permit the possession and consumption of malt beverages and/or unfortified wine at Asheville Veganfest to occur on June 7, 2026.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Need consideration for Asheville Veganfest to occur on June 7, 2026.
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8. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:** None

9. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).** None

10. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** None

11. **Identify key issues:**
    - N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 18B-300(c) authorizes the City by ordinance to regulate or prohibit the consumption and/or possession of open containers of malt beverages and unfortified wine on the public streets and on property owned, occupied or controlled by the City and to regulate or prohibit the possession of malt beverages and unfortified wine on public streets, alleys or parking lots which are temporarily closed to regular traffic for special events.

    - The City Council of the City of Asheville has adopted an ordinance pursuant to that statutory authority, and that ordinance, codified as Section 11-11 in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville, provides that the City Council may adopt a resolution making other provisions for the possession of malt beverages and/or unfortified wine at a special event or community festival.

    - Triangle Vegfest is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to help educate the community about easy ways to reap the health benefits of a plant-based diet, provide a marketplace for vegan-friendly businesses to promote

their offerings and encourage local restaurants to offer vegan menu options, has requested that City Council permit them to serve beer and/or unfortified wine at Asheville Veganfest to be held on June 7, 2026, at Pack Square Park and allow for consumption at the event.