

MOTION

NO. M-26-254

CITY HALL: June 18, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBER MCCARRON

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, Cafe Malou, located in the Uptown neighborhood at 5433 Laurel Street, wishes to sell alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the site also houses Octavia Books, located at 509-515 Octavia Street, operating under the umbrella of Octavia-Laurel, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Octavia-Laurel, LLC applied for a zoning change from an HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District to an HU-B1A Historic Urban Neighborhood Business District and conditional use to permit a standard restaurant in the HU-B1A Use Restriction Overlay District; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2026, the City Council approved the application subject to ten provisions, following a favorably recommended from the City Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, one of the most prominent concerns raised by the adjacent and near neighbors of the petitioned site was future possible uses under the HU-B1A zoning, given its proximity to purely residential uses; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has agreed to revert the petitioned site to HU-RD2 and protect those residential uses; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the City Planning Commission is directed to conduct a public hearing to consider a zoning change from HU-B1A Historic Urban Neighborhood Business District to HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District, for the property located on Square 187, Lots 1, 2, and 3, in the Sixth Municipal District, bounded by Octavia Street, Laurel Street, Constance Street, and Jefferson Avenue (Municipal Addresses: **5433 Laurel Street and 509-515 Octavia Street**).

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That the required Neighborhood Participation Program (NPP) meeting and the zoning change fee of \$2,000 is hereby waived.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL; THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.