AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", SECTION 52-9, PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES AUTHORIZING A SIXTH PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE PERMITTED DUE TO POPULATION GROWTH

WHEREAS, Section 52-9 entitled Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses authorizes no more than five Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses in the Township of Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.14 permits a municipality to maintain one plenary retail distribution license per each 7,500 of its population; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bridgewater Township Clerk has been advised by the Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control that the Township of Bridgewater based upon its present population is entitled to up to six Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses to exist at any time in the Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset as follows (deleted words and phrases are stricken; added words and phrases are in boldface and underlined; existing language is not highlighted in any way):

SECTION I

Section 52-9. Plenary retail distribution licenses.

No more than five <u>six</u> plenary retail distribution liquor licenses shall be permitted or allowed to exist at any time in the Township of Bridgewater.

SECTION II. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION III. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner provided by law.

Adopted: <u>September 8, 2022</u> Effective: September 29, 2022