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City Clerk  
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Columbus, OH 43215

Clerk Blevins:

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4301.82 gives the executive officer of a municipal corporation the authority to file an application with the legislative authority of the municipal corporation to have property within the municipal corporation designated as an outdoor refreshment area.

The attached application meets all the requirements outlined in ORC Section 4301.82.

ORC Section 4301.82 outlines the next steps that need to be followed by City Council.

Hannah Reed, Assistant Director in the Department of Development, is the point person from my administration on this application should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Ginther  
Mayor

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THE CITY OF  
**COLUMBUS**  
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

# APPLICATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA

## I. INTRODUCTION AND SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 4301.82, I, Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor of the City of Columbus (“the City”), respectfully submit this application to Columbus City Council for approval and enactment of the Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in the area depicted and described below, encompassing the western part of Downtown and the eastern part of the Franklinton neighborhood.

The Center City DORA will be operated by Center City DORA, Ltd. (“the DORA LLC”), a subsidiary of the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (“CDDC”), in cooperation with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District and the Franklinton Special Improvement District.

The proposed application meets all the state requirements and includes the following sections:

- II. POPULATION REQUIREMENTS
- III. BOUNDARY MAP OF THE PROPOSED DORA
- IV. NATURE AND TYPES OF ESTABLISHMENTS
- V. QUALIFIED PERMIT HOLDERS
- VI. LAND USE AND ZONING
- VII. SAFETY PLAN
- VIII. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION PLAN
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- XI. COMMUNITY SUPPORT, PUBLIC NOTICE, AND LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

## II. POPULATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective March 23, 2022, ORC 4301.82(D) authorizes municipalities with a population of more than fifty thousand to establish up to six outdoor refreshment areas. Currently, there exists only one DORA in the City of Columbus in the neighborhood known as the Arena District.

The United States Census Bureau estimates that the population of the City of Columbus is 907,971 as of July 1, 2022.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau (2022). *QuickFacts Columbus city, Ohio*.  
<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/columbuscityohio>

### III. BOUNDARY MAP OF THE PROPOSED DORA

The boundaries of the proposed DORA are depicted in the map provided in **Exhibit A**. The DORA boundary encompasses 0.62 square miles (396 contiguous acres) in size, which is less than the maximum of one (1) square mile (640 contiguous acres), in accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(1)(a).

A list of all parcels and street addresses that define the DORA boundary are listed below in **Exhibit B**. However, a general overview of the proposed Center City DORA boundaries are as follows:

- Western boundary: Gift Street
- Eastern boundary: 4<sup>th</sup> Street (with the addition of Cherry Street between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Zettler Street)
- Northern boundary: Broad Street on the western half and Nationwide Boulevard on the eastern-most part
- Southern boundary: Main Street and extending to Mound Street in the eastern-most area

Active areas of the DORA within the boundary are defined as all parts of the pedestrian public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, crosswalks, and public spaces, such as parks, plazas, and greenways.

Qualified permit-holding businesses whose exterior faces the right-of-way within or along the boundary are eligible to participate in the DORA.

### IV. NATURE AND TYPES OF ESTABLISHMENTS

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(2), the nature and types of establishments that will be located within or adjacent to the proposed DORA include a broad array of institutions, businesses and uses, including retail, office, residential, dining and drinking establishments, entertainment venues, and services sectors.

There is no intention of changing the nature and types of establishments in the DORA. Rather, the DORA is intended to support these establishments by serving as an amenity to residents and employees and attracting more visitors and customers to them.

Downtown represents a dense, diverse built environment with a variety of uses and purposes. Within the Center City DORA, many of the buildings contain businesses with retail, restaurants, and commercial services on their first floor, with upper levels consisting of office space and residential units. There are also institutional uses typical of a downtown within the proposed DORA boundary, such as the Ohio Statehouse, the Supreme Court of Ohio, Columbus City Hall, James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, and city-owned park land.

Residential housing within the proposed DORA consists primarily of urban apartments and condominiums (usually located on the second floor or higher of buildings) along with a small number of townhomes at LC RiverSouth, near Front and Town Streets, and at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Gay Streets.

Examples of retail, restaurant, service, and institutional establishments located in the Center City DORA:

<b>RETAIL</b>	
Peanut Shoppe	21 E State St
zerOz	17 E Gay St
Joan Madison The Boutique on Third	265 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> St
Heidi's Flowers & Wine	17 S High St
Jewelweed Flower & Plant Shop	391 W Rich St
State & Third	65 E State St #0103
K C Sports	195 S High St
Dye Mad Yarns	57 E Gay St

<b>FINANCE/SERVICE COMMERCIAL</b>	
Fifth Third Bank	21 E State St
Heartland Bank	101 S High St
Huntington Bank	17 S High St
WesBanco Bank	33 N 3 <sup>rd</sup> St
Chase Bank	100 E Broad St
Bank of America Financial Center	20 E Broad St, Ste 110
KeyBank	88 E Broad St

<b>DINING</b>	
Lexi's on Third	100 E Broad St #150
Danny's Delicious Deli	37 W Broad St #50
Yellow Brick Pizza	415 W Rich St
The Spaghetti Warehouse	150 S High St
Market 65 Local Eatery & Bar	65 E State St
Alley Burger	26 N High St Rear
Pecan Penny's	113 E Main St
Flatiron Tavern	129 E Nationwide Blvd

<b>INSTITUTIONAL/GOVERNMENT</b>	
James A. Rhodes State Office Tower	30 E Broad St
Ohio Statehouse	1 Capitol Sq
The Supreme Court of Ohio	65 S Front St
Columbus City Hall	90 W Broad St
US General Administration	200 N High St
Ohio Department of Education	25 S Front St

## **V. QUALIFIED PERMIT HOLDERS**

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(3), the Center City DORA will encompass a minimum of four qualified permit holders as defined by ORC 4301.82(D)(1). The qualification of the permit holders is defined by ORC 4301.82(A)(1) as an A-1, A-1-A, A-1c, A-2, A-2f, or D class permit (not including D-6 or D-8 permits) issued under Chapter 4303.

To date, at least 80 current qualified permit holders have been identified in the proposed DORA and are listed in **Exhibit C**.

## **VI. LAND USE AND ZONING**

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(4) and as depicted in **Exhibit D**, the uses of land within the proposed DORA boundary are zoned DD – Downtown District and EFD – East Franklinton District.

Attached as **Exhibit E** is a letter from the City’s Department of Building and Zoning Services confirming that the uses of land within the DORA are permitted and in accordance with the Columbus Downtown Design Guidelines, Franklinton Review Board Guidelines, and Columbus Zoning Code.

## **VII. SAFETY PLAN**

The City of Columbus and Center City DORA, Ltd. are committed to ensuring the safety of DORA patrons, as well as visitors, residents, and employees in the area.

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(5), the proposed requirements for the purpose of ensuring public safety within the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) are as follows:

### Fire/EMS Responsibilities

The Columbus Division of Fire will be responsible for providing Fire, Rescue, and EMS within the DORA. Columbus Fire Station 1 & 9 is located at the northeast corner of the DORA boundary at 300 N 4th Street. Additionally, Station 2 is located at 150 E. Fulton Street, just outside the southeast border of the DORA boundary.

For planned events that may draw larger than normal attendance in and around the DORA, the Fire Chief may station personnel and/or equipment in a location within or near the DORA to allow for an immediate response.

### Law Enforcement Responsibilities

The Columbus Division of Police will be responsible for providing law enforcement services within the DORA. Precinct 16 on Patrol Zone 5 encompasses Downtown Columbus and Franklinton, and the precinct substation located at 333 W. Town Street is within the proposed DORA boundary.

The current staffing profile of the officers and supervisors assigned to the precinct on any given shift is adequate for effective patrolling of the DORA. Patrol officers are also augmented with additional patrol

units that work varying shifts. There are two (2) bicycle officers from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and four (4) from 3:00 – 11:00 p.m. when the 16<sup>th</sup> precinct is fully staffed.

Also housed in the Precinct 16 substation is the Zone 5 Community Response Team, which is a group of officers responsible for problem-oriented policing projects in the zone, as well as patrolling other public events. This team of officers and a sergeant are bike-certified.

#### Additional Safety and Security Coverage

The proposed Center City DORA has additional safety and security coverage throughout most of the area and operating hours. This coverage is provided by the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District, Franklinton Special Improvement District, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, and Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation via safety ambassadors (on foot and bike), private security, and special duty officers (Columbus Police officers, requested and paid for by the Capital Crossroads SID, CDDC, and Capitol South).

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82(F)(1)(d), a map of the coverage areas, staffing profile and schedules can be found in **Exhibit F**.

#### Special Events

As has been the case before creation of the DORA, all permitted special events taking place within the DORA boundary will be required to provide a safety plan specific to their event as part of the standard permitting process with the City's Recreation and Parks Department.

The City and the DORA LLC believe the current safety and law enforcement staffing levels, including those already required to be a part of special events, are sufficient to maintain public safety within the DORA. However, the City, DORA LLC and its partners will continually assess the DORA's operation and any issues that arise to adjust the safety plan as needed in the City's reasonable discretion, including, but not limited to the hiring of special duty officers.

The City retains the right to temporarily or indefinitely suspend the operations of the DORA or alter operational parameters at their sole discretion if determined necessary for public health, safety or welfare.

### **VIII. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION PLAN**

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82(B)(5), (F)(1)(e), and (F)(1)(f), a plan has been developed that will help maintain the appearance and public health of the area within the DORA. Based on feedback from other communities with DORAs of similar size and scope, the Center City DORA is not expected to generate a significant increase in waste and, therefore, the Public Health and Sanitation Plan can be executed with existing resources as outlined below.

There are 254 existing public trash and recycling receptacles within the boundary of the DORA, a map which can be found in **Exhibit G**. These containers are serviced as follows:

- **Public Right-of-Way:** The City's Department of Public Service ("DPS") is responsible for installing and routinely emptying the trash and recycling receptacles on the public right of way downtown.

Stations are serviced either Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday, based on how full the containers in different areas are.

- Scioto Mile and Dorrian Green: From May 1 to September 30, the Recreation and Parks Department services the city trash receptacles along the Scioto Mile on both the east and west sides of the river, including Dorrian Green, every day during normal business hours (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.). Two staff members are required for collection and disposal and the task averages 4-6 hours to complete. During the off season (October 1 to April 30) the bins are checked twice per week (typically Monday and Friday during normal business hours). There is no scheduled weekend service during the off season.
- Columbus Commons: The 12 permanent trash and recycling containers are serviced two times per week during the off-season (January through mid-April) through a contracted company as part of a 4-hour shift that also involves picking up litter and cleaning restrooms, and the Commons' internal operations team maintains them between those visits. During the event season (mid-April through December), trash and recycling receptacles are emptied 3 days per week at a minimum, and more often as needed to support the event schedule.
- Franklinton: In anticipation of the DORA, the Franklinton Board of Trade and the City recently installed additional trash and recycling containers at seven key locations on W Rich, W Town, and McDowell streets. The trash units are serviced by the City's Department of Public Service and the Franklinton Special Improvement District, while the Franklinton SID is solely responsible for servicing the recycling containers. The trash receptacles on Broad Street in Franklinton are also serviced regularly by the Department of Public Service.

Center City DORA, Ltd. is committed to working with the City and the Capital Crossroads and Franklinton Special Improvement Districts on an ongoing basis to evaluate areas in need of placement or relocation of a trash or recycling receptacle to best support the proper disposal of DORA containers.

## **IX. SIGNAGE PLAN**

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(F)(1)(b), approximately 88 signs will be displayed throughout and along the boundary of the Center City DORA. The signs are depicted on attached **Exhibit H**. District identifier and informational signage will be placed in key areas of the DORA with greater anticipated use by patrons. Boundary signs will be located at street intersections along the boundary of the DORA. The location and spacing of the signs are shown in attached **Exhibit I**. All planned signage will be installed in coordination with appropriate City departments.

Additionally, information about the DORA will be displayed on three IKE digital kiosks that are located inside the proposed DORA boundary.

The DORA LLC will continually assess the need for additional signage in and around the Center City DORA to ensure the rules and boundaries are displayed clearly to patrons.

Qualified and participating permit holders that may serve DORA beverages will display a sign (in an exterior facing window or door) informing patrons that DORA beverages can be purchased at the establishment. Participating establishments will also be provided with interior signage by the DORA LLC to display the DORA rules. Non-permit-holding retail establishments may display a sign indicating

whether they do or do not accept patron entry with DORA beverages. These signs are depicted in **Exhibit H**.

If a special event organizer requests to participate in the Center City DORA and is approved by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, Columbus Division of Police, and the DORA LLC, as applicable, the event organizer will be responsible for placing temporary DORA signage (templates to be provided by Center City DORA, Ltd.) as deemed necessary by the DORA LLC and the City to communicate DORA rules.

## **X. DORA RULES OF OPERATION**

### **A. Hours of Operation**

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82 (F)(1)(c), the hours of operation for the DORA will be:

- 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., daily

The Mayor, Columbus Division of Police, Columbus Recreation and Parks Departments, and Center City DORA, Ltd. reserve the right to temporarily suspend or reduce the DORA's operating hours to accommodate the permitting of special events that may occur within the boundaries of the DORA or to address safety incidents or other issues or concerns.

### **B. Official DORA Container**

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82 (F)(1)(g), beer, wine, and intoxicating liquor shall only be consumed within the DORA as follows:

- Beer, wine, and intoxicating liquor shall only be served and consumed within the DORA in 20 oz. or less non-glass, eco-friendly containers, including:
  - Plastic cups that can be recycled in the current stream
  - Aluminum cups
  - BPI compostable cups

No other containers will be permitted unless approved by the City's Refuse Administrator.

- The DORA containers shall be distinctly marked with a specifically designated logo or sticker approved by the City (the "Official DORA Sticker") as depicted in **Exhibit J**. No other cups or stickers will be permitted.
- Used containers must be recycled or properly disposed of before exiting the DORA boundary, or when entering any liquor establishment of a qualified permit holder (including special event perimeters) or a business displaying a sign prohibiting DORA beverages.

### **C. Additional Requirements**

In accordance with ORC § 4301.82 (B)(5), and in conjunction with other rules, standards and requirements set forth in this application, additional rules and requirements for the purpose of ensuring public safety and health within the DORA are as follows:



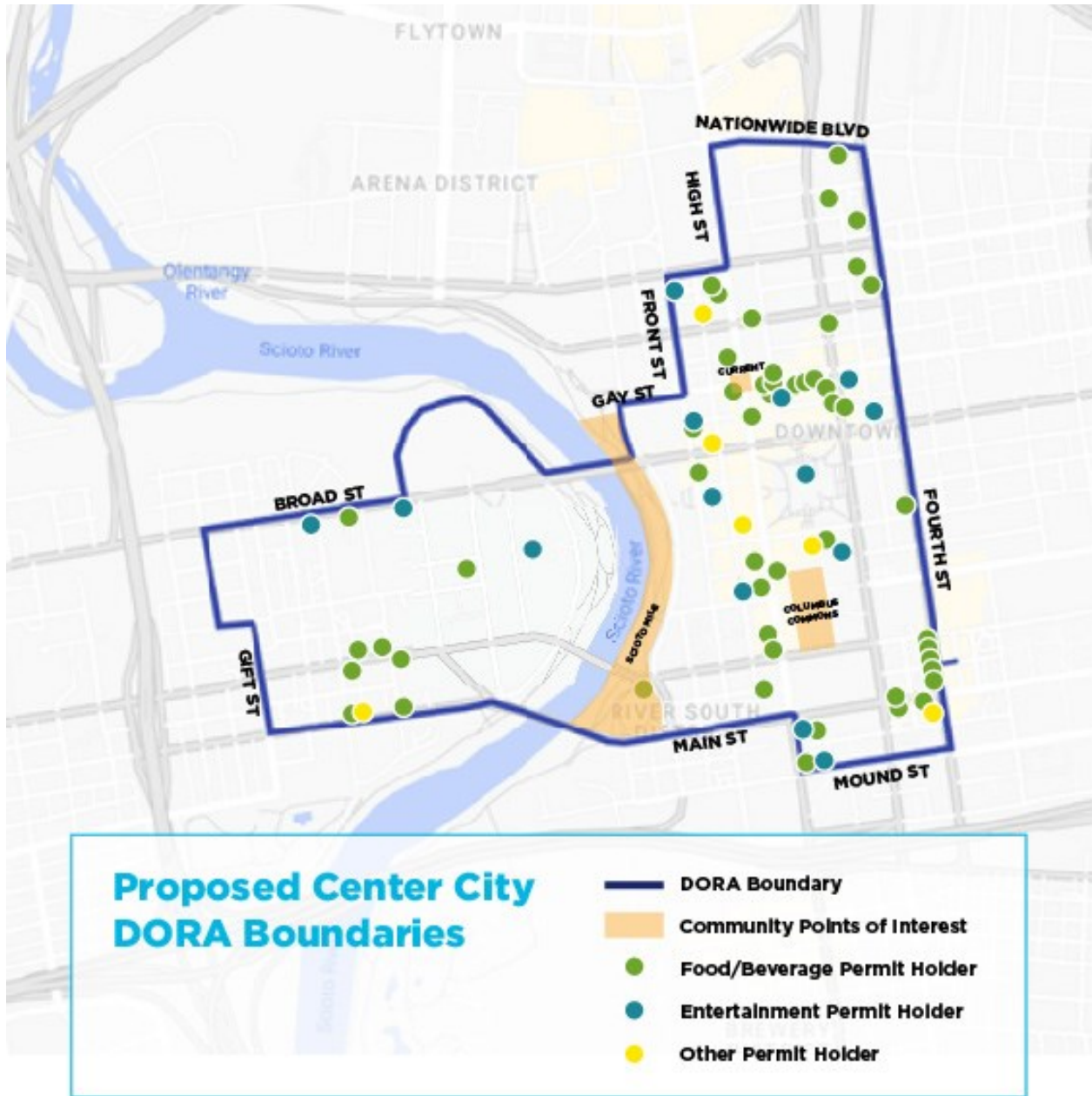
1. A person may have in their possession a single open container of beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor at a public outdoor location within the DORA provided it was purchased from an establishment that is a qualified permit holder with an outdoor refreshment designation as defined in ORC 4301.82(A)(1), is located in the DORA boundary, and has signed an agreement approved by the Center City DORA, Ltd., to participate in the DORA.
2. In accordance with ORC Sections 4301.62 and 4301.82, no person shall do any of the following:
  - a. Enter the premises of an establishment of a qualified permit holder within the DORA while possessing an open container of beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor acquired elsewhere.
  - b. Enter the premises of a non-permit holder establishment that does not allow DORA beverages.
  - c. Possess more than one (1) DORA beverage at a time.
  - d. Leave the boundaries of the Center City DORA with an open container.
  - e. Possess or consume DORA beverages outside of the DORA hours of operation.
  - f. Possess an open container of beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor while being in or on a motor vehicle within the DORA, unless the possession is otherwise authorized under division (D) or (E) of ORC § 4301.62.
3. Owners of unpermitted businesses may determine if and when they allow open DORA containers in their establishments.

## **XI. COMMUNITY SUPPORT, PUBLIC NOTICE, AND LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS**

To date, there has been significant community support expressed for the Center City DORA. As part of the public engagement efforts led by the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation in partnership with the Franklinton Board of Trade and Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District, a community input survey was completed. A summary of the results from this survey can be found in **Exhibit K**. Additionally, letters of support from key stakeholders are included in **Exhibit L**.

Following filing of this application with the Clerk of Council and in accordance with ORC 4301.82(C), the Clerk will publish public notice of this application in the *City Bulletin* and *The Daily Reporter*, which is a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or township as outlined in accordance with Section 7.16 of the ORC. The notice will indicate that the application is on file and available for inspection in the Clerk's office. Additionally, the application will be available for review in the *City Bulletin*. Further, the notice will indicate the date and time of the identified City Council committee hearing to which the authorizing legislation has been referred to provide for a public hearing on the proposal.

EXHIBIT A: DORA BOUNDARY



### EXHIBIT B: ADDRESSES AND BOUNDARIES

Below is a list of real addresses that form the boundary of the Center City DORA.

<b><u>Street Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address Range</u></b>	<b><u>Even/Odd</u></b>
S Skidmore Street	101 - 137	Even & Odd
Shepherd Street	596	Even
S Gift Street	49 - 203	Odd
W Rich Street	301 - 553	Odd
W Main Street	15 - 303	Odd
S High Street	315 ¼ - 345	Odd
E Mound Street	14 - 150	Even
S 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	30 - 344	Even
E Cherry Street	176	Even
N 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	22 - 266	Even
E Nationwide Boulevard	15 - 151	Odd
N High Street	200 - 306	Even
W Spring Street	21 - 35	Odd
N Front Street	84 - 150	Even
W Broad Street	90 - 584	Even

**EXHIBIT C: QUALIFIED PERMIT HOLDERS**

#	Permit Holder	DBA Name	Permit Number	Permit Class(es)	Address
1	113 EAST MAIN LLC	*Pecan Penny's	6547800	D2, D2X, D3, D3A, D6	113 E MAIN ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
2	16 BIT LLC		81999110005	D5, D6	254 S FOURTH ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
3	401 WEST TOWN LLC	DBA STRONGWATER N/W 1ST FL & BSMT	2847792	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	400 W RICH ST & PATIOS COLUMBUS, OH 43215
4	401 WEST TOWN LLC DBA STRONGWATER		284779200003	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	400 W RICH ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
5	4TH & STATE LLC		2850881	D1, D2, D6	152 E STATE ST & BSMT COLUMBUS, OH 43215
6	ALLEY BURGER LLC		0125748	D5, D6	26 N HIGH ST REAR COLUMBUS, OH 43215
7	ARACRI PIZZERIA 2 LLC	DBA ARACRI PIZZERIA ON GAY 1ST FLOOR ONLY	0255285	D5, D6	51 E GAY ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
8	ATHLETIC CLUB OF COLUMBUS CO		0309133	D4, D6	136 E BROAD ST & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
9	BARROLUCO LLC		0492510	D1, D2, D3, D3A	47 N PEARL ST & BSMT & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
10	BESHAY LLC	(District North)	0045846	D1, D2, D3	1ST FL ONLY 10 E LONG ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
11	BREWDOG BREWING CO LLC		09124150005	A1A, A1C, D6	463 W TOWN ST & PATIOS COLUMBUS, OH 43215
12	BUCKEYE HOTEL INC	*Buckeye Bourbon House	1653875	D5A, D6	36 E GAY ST 1ST FL & MEZZ COLUMBUS, OH 43215
13	CAVE BAR & LOUNGE LLC		14054110005	D5, D6	122 E MAIN ST BSMT ONLY COLUMBUS, OH 43215
14	CB ON 3RD INC	DBA LEXIS	13458600010	D1, D2	100 E BROAD ST STE 150 AND PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
15	CLUB ROOM ENTERTAINMENT LLC	*Side Bar	1572260	D5, D6	122 E MAIN ST BSMT ONLY

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16	COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS	DBA CAPA BSMT & MEZZANINE	16498250005	D1, D2, D3, D6	34 W BROAD ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
17	COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS	DBA CAPA 3RD 4TH & 5TH FL	16498250010	D5, D6	77 S HIGH ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
18	COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS	DBA CAPA	16498250015	D5, D6	21 E MAIN ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
19	COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS	DBA CAPA OHIO THEATRE ENTIRE BLDG	16498250020	D2, D2X, D3, D6	55 E STATE ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
20	COLUMBUS ATHENAEUM LTD		1650205	D1, D2, D3, D6	32 N FOURTH ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
21	COLUMBUS FIRE FIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 67		1653270	D1, D2, D3, D6	379 W BROAD ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
22	CRESTLINE HOTELS OHIO BEVCO LLC	DBA MARRIOTT COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN	18219510015	D5A, D6	35 W SPRING ST & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
23	DEMPSEYS FOOD & SPIRITS LLC	DBA DEMPSEYS FOOD & SPIRITS 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL BSMT & PATIO	2051195	D1, D2, D3, D6	346 S HIGH ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
24	DIS COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER LLC	DBA DRUBY PLAZA HOTEL COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL & 5-8 FLS & PATIO	1881487	D5A, D6	88 E NATIONWIDE BLVD COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
25	DITTO 25 LLC	*Veritas	2206320	D5, D6	11 W GAY ST & BSMT & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
26	DSWDWK LLC	DBA TAFTS BREWPOURIUM COLUMBUS	18815580010	A1A, A1C, D6	440 W BROAD ST & PATIOS COLUMBUS, OH 43215
27	DUE AMICI RESTAURANT LTD		2330662	D2, D2X, D3, D3A, D6	65-67 E GAY ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
28	DUELING AXES COLUMBUS LLC	DBA DUELING AXES 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL ONLY	2330309	D1, D2, D3, D6	309 S 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
29	EVENT VENTURES INC	DBA THE VAULT 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL & MEZZANINE	25909820001	D2, D2X, D3, D6	35 E GAY ST SUITE 100 COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
30	FIRST LEVEQUE F&B LLC	*The Keep	2739178	D5A, D6	50 W BROAD ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLRS 1-2 & MEZZ 5-10

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31	FLAT IRON CORP	DBA FLAT IRON TAVERN 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL & BSMT & PATIO	6264677	D2, D2X, D3, D3A, D6	129 E NATIONWIDE BLVD COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
32	FRANKLINTON GROUP LLC	*Rehab Tavern	2886450	D5, D6	456 W TOWN ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
33	GRAVITY EVENTS LLC		3333130	D5, D6	480 W BROAD ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL & COURTYARD COLUMBUS, OH 43215
34	HAVELI BISTRO LLC		3674275	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	185 N HIGH ST & PATIOS COLUMBUS, OH 43215
35	HOOTLESS LLC	DBA TIP TOP KITCHEN & COCKTAIL	39616630005	D5, D6	73 E GAY ST & PATIO & BSMT COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
36	HOTEL 50 S FRONT OPCO LP	DBA DOUBLETREE SUITES	3995555	D5A, D6	41 S HIGH ST FLRS 7-8 & PATIO 50 S FRONT FLRS 7-16 COLUMBUS, OH 43215
37	HOTEL 75 E STATE OPCO LP	DBA SHERATON COLUMBUS HOTEL AT CAPITAL SQUARE	39954700005	D5A, D6	75 E STATE ST & PATIOS COLUMBUS, OH 43215
38	INDUS HOTEL 77 LIQUOR LICENSE LLC	*Canopy by Hilton	4137154	D5A, D6	77 E NATIONWIDE BLVD COLUMBUS, OH 43215
39	JEFF RUBY'S COLUMBUS LLC	DBA JEFF RUBYS 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL & BSMT & PATIO	4273225	D5, D6	89 E NATIONWIDE BLVD COLUMBUS, OH 43215
40	KA RESTAURANT CONCEPTS LLC	DBA MILESTONE 229	4425228	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	229 CIVIC CENTER DR & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
41	KAY GROUP CORP	DBA ESCOBAR RESTAURANTS & TAPAS & PATIO & MEZZ	4525190	D5, D6	31 E GAY ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
42	LAND GRANT BREWING CO LLC		5007227	A1A, A1C, D6	424 W TOWN ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
43	LITTLE PALACE LTD		5239204	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	238-40 S 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

44	LKLASTDANCE LLC	DBA LOLAS KITCHEN & BAR (*Now Hydeout Kitchen & Bar)	4951900	D5, D6	201 S HIGH ST & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
45	M K RESTAURANTS LLC	DBA MARKET 65 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL & PATIO	6070863	D5	65 E STATE ST SUITE 102 COLUMBUS, OH 43215
46	MAD COLUMBUS ENTERPRISE LLC	DBA JURY ROOM EVENTS 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL BSMT & PATIO	5407553	D2, D2X, D3, D6	22 E MOUND ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
47	MHF WC OPERATING VI LLC	DBA WESTIN HOTEL COLUMBUS & PATIO	5401891	D5A, D6	310 S HIGH ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
48	MIGRATORIUS LLC	*Speck Italian Eatery	6035330	D1, D2, D3, D3A	89 N HIGH ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL COLUMBUS, OH 43215
49	MITCHELLS ENTERTAINMENT INC	DBA MITCHELLS	60639540015	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	45 N THIRD ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
50	MKRDY SCIOTO LLC	DBA THE JUNTO	6071172	D5A, D6	77 BELLE ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
51	MKRDY SCIOTO LLC	DBA BAR 3 8 <sup>TH</sup> FL CNTR	607117200003	D5A, D6	77 BELLE ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
52	MONEY LRAE LLC	*ML Lounge	6109639	D5	39 E GAY ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
53	NO SOLICITING LLC		6430511	D5, D6	117-121 E CHESTNUT ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
54	NOIR LOUNGE LLC		6450050	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	15 W CHERRY ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
55	NRBF VENTURES LLC	*The Forum	6277291	D2, D2X, D3, D3A, D6	144 N WALL STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215
56	OH PIZZA AND BREW LLC	DBA OH PIZZA AND BREW	64840150001	D1, D2, D3	88 E BROAD ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL COLUMBUS, OH 43215
57	OHIO COFFEE COLLABORATIVE LTD LLC	DBA ONE LINE COFFEE & PATIO	6547819	D1, D2, D6	471 W RICH ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
58	OHIO GROWN LLC	DBA HOUSE TACO 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL BSMT & PATIO	6517599	D1, D2, D3, D6	79 S 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
59	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	DBA URBAN ARTS SPACE	65217750155	D5	50 W TOWN ST SUITE 130 COLUMBUS, OH 43215
60	OMAR ALBERTO TAPIA	*Sidebar Tapas Bar & Grill	8798545	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	122 E MAIN ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215

61	PARABLE COFFEE INC		66938730005	D1, D2, D3, D6	149 S HIGH ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
62	PAT AND GRACIES KITCHEN X TAVERN LLC		67411700005	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	121 S HIGH ST & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
63	PILSNER BOYS LLC	DBA ELEVATOR BREWERY & DRAUGHT HAUS	6928262	A1A, A1C, D6	161 N HIGH ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL BSMT & PATIO COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
64	PINS MECHANICAL CO LLC		69335310005	D5, D6	141 N FOURTH ST & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
65	PRIMUS GROUP LLC	*XO Nightclub	7085824	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	40 E LONG ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
66	R & S ASSOCIATE LLC	*Danny's Delicious Deli	7151475	D1, D2	37 W BROAD ST STE 50 COLUMBUS, OH 43215
67	RABU LLC	*Rishi Sushi Kitchen & Bar	7154917	D5, D6	114 N THIRD ST & PATIOS COLUMBUS, OH 43215
68	RED BRICK PARTNERS LLC	*The Walrus	72479890015	D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6	143 E MAIN ST & PATIO COLUMBUS, OH 43215
69	RENAISSANCE HOTEL MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC		7296840	D5A, D6	50 N THIRD ST COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
70	ROSU RESTAURANT CONCEPTS LLC	DBA RINGSIDE CAFE	7548855	D2, D2X, D3	19 N PEARL ST & PATIO COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
71	SERVICE SYSTEMS ASSOCIATES INC	DBA COSI	79908150005	D5, D6	333 W BROAD ST & PATIOS COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
72	SONESTA INTERNATIONAL HOTELS CORP	DBA SONESTA COLUMBUS	83748550055	D5A, D6	33 E NATIONWIDE BLVD & PATIO COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
73	SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE OF OHIO INC	DBA SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE	83995600025	D5, D6	150 S HIGH ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL COLUMBUS, OH 43215
74	TAVERNESQUE LLC	*Hadley's Bar + Kitchen	8864950	D5, D6	260 S 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
75	TIGERLILY LTD	DBA TIGERLILY BSMT & PATIO	89306120005	D5, D6	19 E GAY ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL COLUMBUS, OH 43215

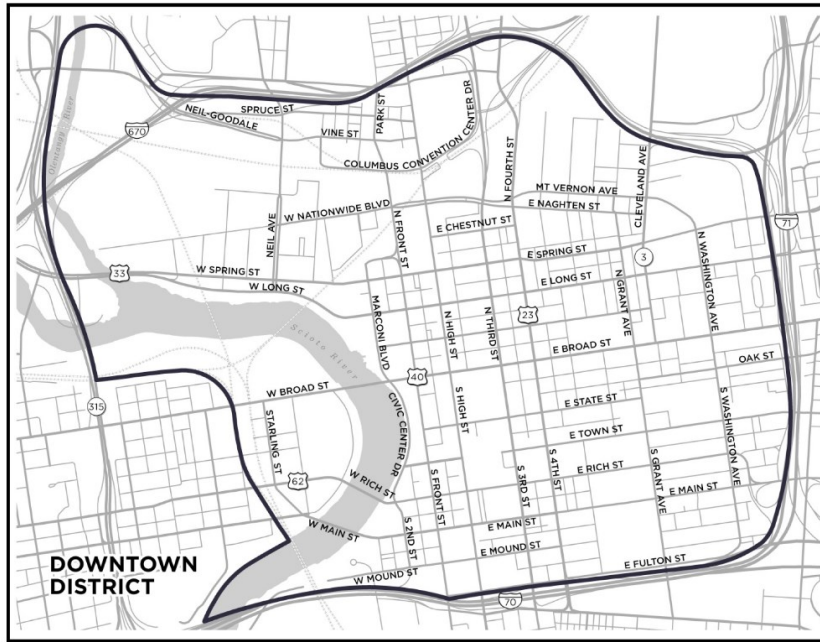


76	WEINER TAKES ALL LLC	DBA DIRTY FRANKS HOT DOGS & PATIO	9602999	D5, D6	248 S 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL & PARTIAL BSMT COLUMBUS, OH 43215
77	WOLFS RIDGE BREWING LLC	DBA WOLFS RIDGE BREWING	97476350020	A1A, A1C, D6	215 N 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
78	YELLOW BRICK FRANKLINTON LLC	DBA YELLO BRICK PIZZA 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL & PATIO ONLY	9987745	D5, D6	415 W RICH ST STE A100 COLUMBUS, OH 43215
79	ZOD LLC	DBA JACKIE O BREWERY & PATIOS	99576350015	A1A, A1C, A2, D6	165-71 N 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215
80	ZOD LLC	DBA BAR 3 2 <sup>ND</sup> FL MEZZANINE PATIO	995763515003	A1A, D6	165-71 N 4 <sup>TH</sup> ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215

*\*DBA name is not listed on permit record, but business name at listed address included for recognition*

## EXHIBIT D: LAND USE AND ZONING

Ordinance 1532-2013  
Map 1 Downtown District



Ordinance 1508-2013, § 1, 7-22-2013  
East Franklinton District



**SUB-DISTRICTS**

- 
 West Broad Street
- 
 Dodge Park
- 
 Arts & Innovation

EXHIBIT E

SCOTT MESSER  
DIRECTOR

THE CITY OF  
**COLUMBUS**  
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING  
AND ZONING SERVICES

Mayor Ginther,

In connection with the proposed establishment of a designated Center City outdoor refreshment area ("DORA") generally encompassing roughly 0.62 square miles from East Franklinton to Fourth Street in Downtown Columbus, including the Scioto Mile, Columbus Commons, and the Broad Street, Gay Street, Main Street, and North Fourth Street corridors, this letter is to confirm that the uses of land within the DORA area are permissible and in accordance with the Columbus Downtown Commission Design Guidelines, the East Franklinton Review Board guidelines, and the Columbus Zoning Code.

Boundaries of the DORA:



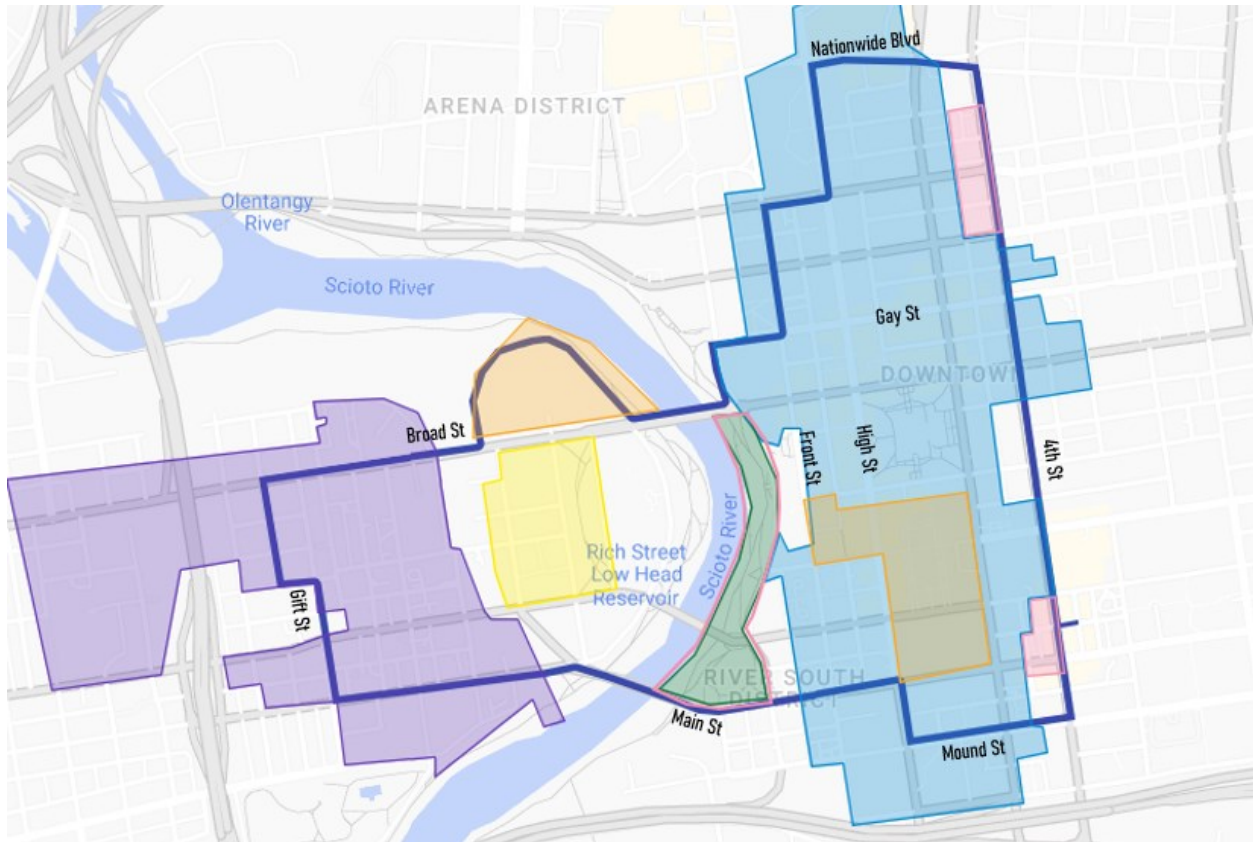
Sincerely,

Scott Messer  
Director, Department of Building and Zoning Services

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Director's Office	(614) 645-7776	Research/Records Center	(614) 645-6082
Building Plan Review	(614) 645-7562	Zoning Clearance	(614) 645-8637
Code Enforcement	(614) 645-2202	Zoning Public Hearings	(614) 645-4522
Customer Service Center	(614) 645-6090	Zoning Confirmation Letters	(614) 645-8637
Engineering Plan Review	(614) 645-0032		

## EXHIBIT F: SAFETY AND SECURITY COVERAGE MAP



### Franklinton Special Improvement District

- Two (2) Safety Ambassadors, 3-11 pm Tuesday through Saturday

### Private Security (Contracted through Capitol South)

- National Veterans Memorial and Museum: One (1) on-foot patrol officer, 24/7
- Columbus Commons: One (1) on-foot patrol officer in the park and one (1) in-vehicle garage patrol, 24/7
- Lazarus Building: One (1) Communication Center officer, 24/7
- One (1) security supervisor on duty 24/7

*The above security staffing profile is the base deployment schedule. Additional security personnel may be deployed according to the property needs.*

### Private Security (Contracted through Capitol South)

- Three (3) unarmed patrol officers, 4pm-12am, nightly
- Bicentennial Park: Two (2) unarmed patrol officers, 4pm-12am Monday through Sunday

### Private Security (Contracted through the Scioto Peninsula New Community Authority (NCA))

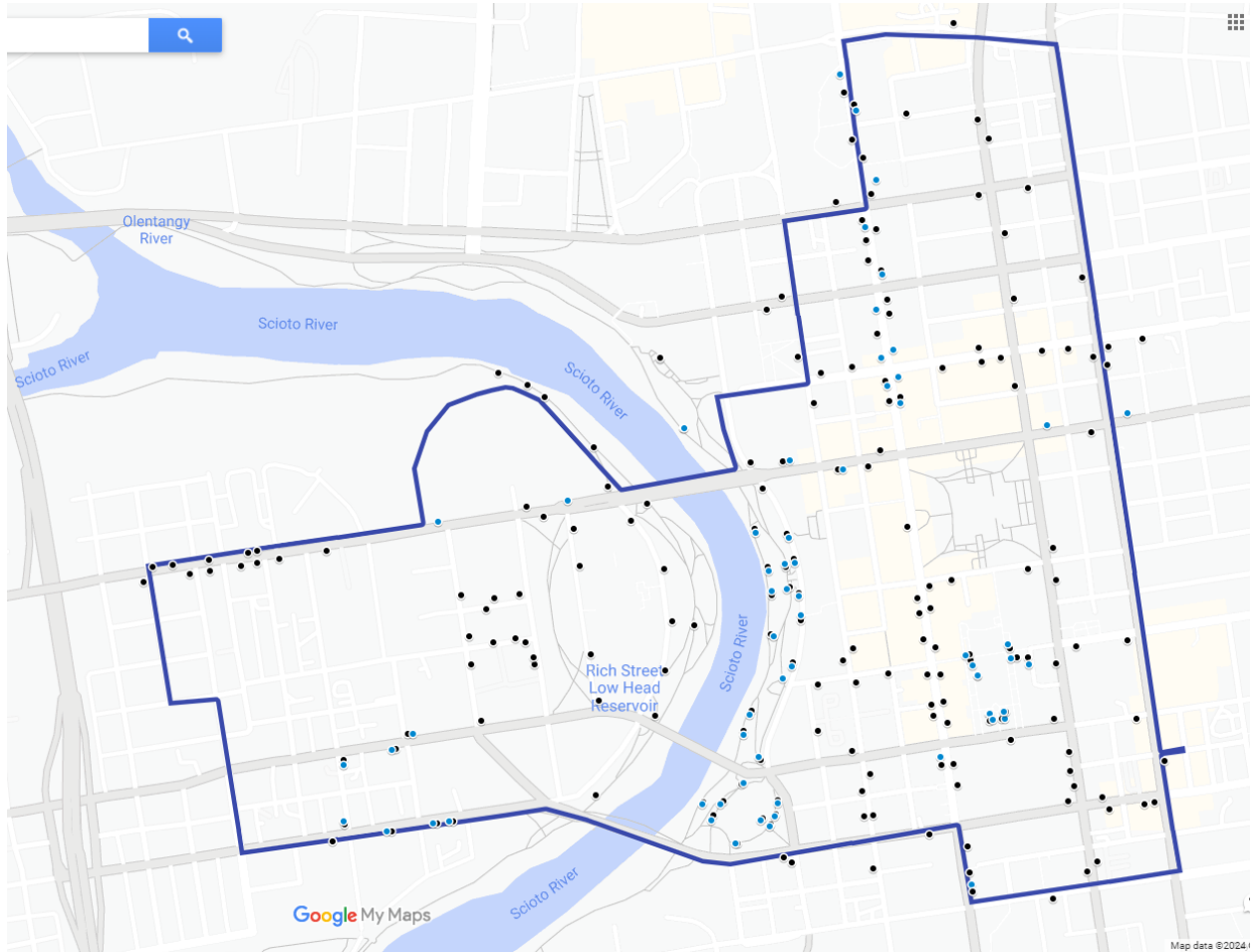
- One unarmed foot patrol officer, 24/7

### Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District

- 3-4 Safety Ambassadors Monday through Saturday, 6 am – 11 pm; Sunday, 9:30 am – 8 pm.
- One special duty officer Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 11 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm
- **Extension of Capital Crossroads Safety Ambassador patrol area provided by partnership with CDDC: same staffing profile as above.**

### EXHIBIT G: SANITATION MAP

The map below depicts the existing trash and recycling bins that are in the public right of way in and around the Center City DORA boundary.



Existing public trash cans: 192

Existing public recycling bins: 62



## EXHIBIT H: SIGNAGE EXAMPLES

Note: Designs are conceptual and subject to change based on material, size restraints, and placement.

### Boundary signage

Indicates where beverages cannot be taken past or where patrons are entering the DORA.

1. Aluminum signs placed on public infrastructure (approx. 12" w x 14" h)
2. Sidewalk decals to be placed in locations where attaching to public infrastructure is not possible or to supplement boundary enforcement in key areas (will be a minimum of 12" diameter)



### Informational signage

Provides awareness to patrons that they are in a DORA, lists guidelines, and provides details on where to find additional information.

1. Aluminum signs (approximately 18" w x 24" h) placed on public infrastructure
2. IKE Smart City display graphics

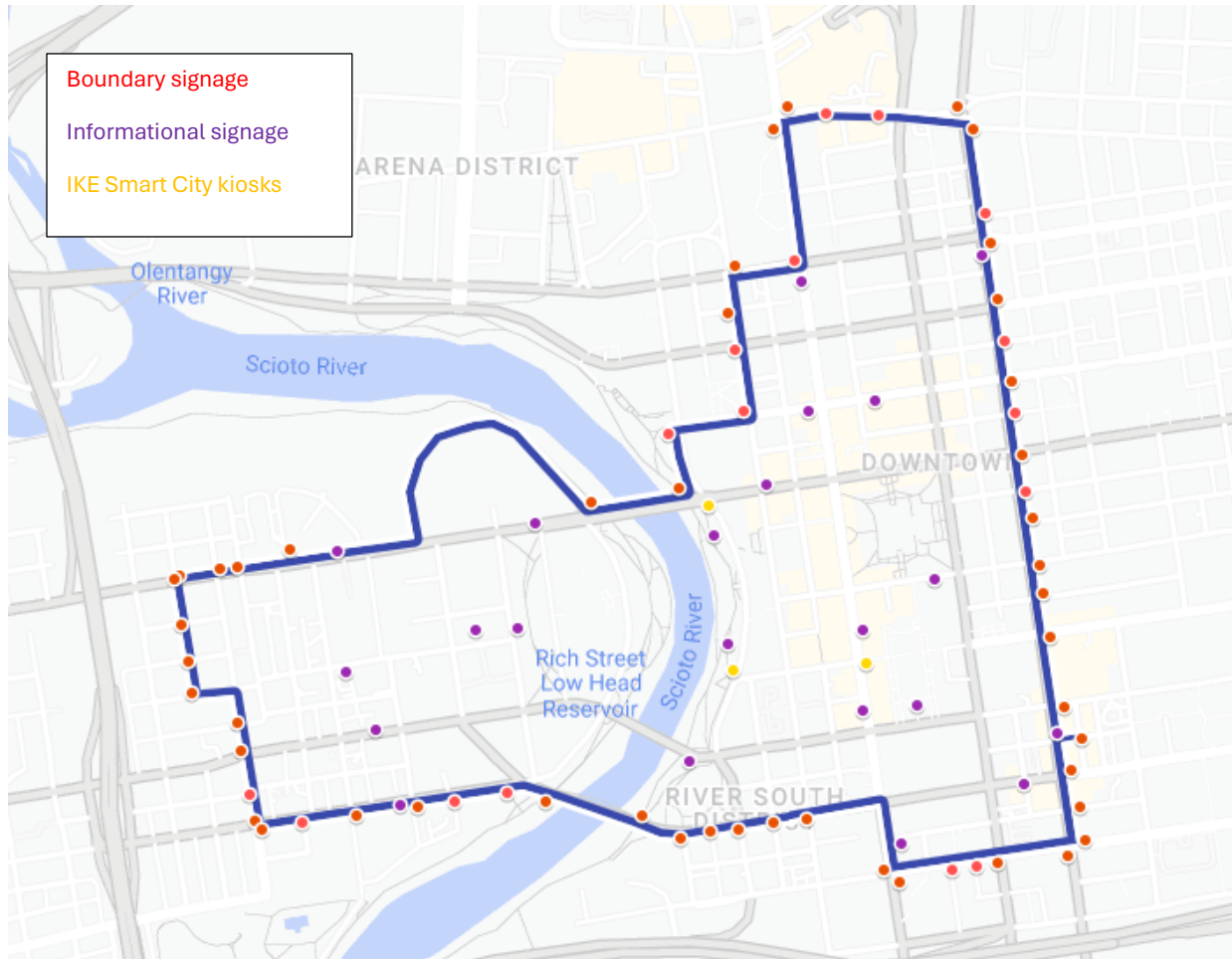


### Business signage

1. Window decals (approx. 12" diameter) indicating whether the business is participating in the DORA



## EXHIBIT I: SIGNAGE PLACEMENT MAP



**Boundary Signs:** Each intersection along the DORA boundary will have a minimum of one (1) sign. Where available and approved by the Department of Public Service, an aluminum sign will be affixed to existing City infrastructure in the public right-of-way. If an intersection or key location along the boundary requires signage, but there is no infrastructure available to hang an aluminum sign from, a sidewalk decal will be used. Sidewalk decals will also be used to supplement aluminum boundary signs in areas where extra boundary enforcement is needed.

**Informational Signs:** Aluminum signs displaying the Center City DORA rules will be placed in key areas in the DORA district where greater anticipated DORA patronage is expected. These will be installed on existing City infrastructure in the public right-of-way.

**Additional signage:** Digital graphics displaying information on the DORA will be displayed on the IKE kiosks within the DORA boundary. Additional signage beyond what is included in this plan may be added if deemed needed once the DORA is operational.

**All signage that requires installation within the public right-of-way will go through proper approval and permitting with the Department of Public Service.**



## EXHIBIT J: OFFICIAL DORA CONTAINER

Note: Designs and cup type pictured are conceptual and subject to change, as determined necessary by Center City DORA, Ltd. Recyclable cups will include language or symbol to indicate proper disposal.

### STICKER DESIGN

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### CUP DESIGN

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## EXHIBIT K: COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

### Survey Submissions:

The Center City DORA community survey was active from November 17, 2023 to December 13, 2023. The total number of submissions was 363.

### Results Highlights:

- 82% of respondents believe the proposed DORA would make them more likely to visit or stay longer in the Downtown/Franklinton areas.
- 83% of respondents indicated that they were comfortable with the proposed DORA's boundary and operating hours.
- Those respondents who had experienced DORAs in other communities felt very positively about the proposed DORA and did not indicate any major concerns.

### Community Input Survey Respondent Breakdown:

#### **Please indicate your connection to the proposed DORA location (select one):**

Resident - I live in Downtown/Franklinton:	111 (30.5%)
Employee - I work in Downtown/Franklinton, but do not live there	109 (30%)
Both - I live and work in Downtown/Franklinton	58 (16%)
Visitor - I do not live or work in Downtown/Franklinton, but visit the area	82 (22.5%)
Other	3 (>1%)

#### **Would the proposed DORA make you more likely to visit and/or stay longer in the area (Downtown/Franklinton) if you could purchase a beverage to sip while you stroll?**

Yes	296 (82%)
No	38 (10%)
Neutral	29 (8%)

#### **How comfortable would you be with the creation of a DORA in Downtown Columbus and Franklinton with the proposed boundaries and hours?**

Very comfortable	277 (76%)
Slightly comfortable	26 (7%)
Neutral	13 (4%)
Slightly uncomfortable	17 (5%)
Not comfortable at all	30 (8%)

### **Top reasons for support:**

- Greater connectivity between and within Downtown and Franklinton
- Boost patronage at local businesses
- Increased pedestrian foot traffic leading to...
  - Greater vibrancy
  - Improved safety with more eyes on the street
- Attract more visitors to the area
- Create an attractive environment for new businesses
- Encourage exploration
- Stay competitive with amenities offered in other cities

- Enhances events and festivals in the area
- Success of other DORAs

Quotes to support this thinking:

- *“Establishing DORA will encourage visitors/residents to explore more of the area and encourage business growth. Along with a healthy bar/restaurant area I believe retail shops and art establishments will increase as well. This would help promote downtown Columbus as a destination spot.”*
- *“Better pedestrian experience, build connections across our City Center (not just Franklinton), generate more business and tourism in Downtown.”*
- *“I think it would bring a lively atmosphere to the area. Many of the Columbus suburbs that have established DORAs don't have issues with public safety or littering, which are common pieces of feedback I see. I don't think that would be an issue, and I am enthusiastic about the idea of having a DORA so close to where I live!”*
- *“[Downtown/Franklinton] receive guests gathering for special events, but a DORA can make every weekend a special event. As Columbus continues to grow rapidly, the DORA is an opportunity to have locals invest more of their leisure time back into downtown that was lost during Covid. Downtown/Franklinton will be the plan where locals can have dinner, beverages, tour art experiences and other local businesses with this new DORA location”*
- *“More foot traffic makes everyone safer and leads to more businesses being able to succeed.”*
- *“I've experienced the DORA impact elsewhere and have never had an issue with comfort.”*

**EXHIBIT L: LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

# COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION & CAPITOL SOUTH

January 22, 2024

Mayor Andrew J. Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Andrew J. Ginther, Columbus City Council President Shannon G. Hardin, and Council Members Rob Dorans, Nicholas J. Bankston, Lourdes Barroso De Padilla, Nancy Day-Achauer, Shayla Favor, Melissa Green, Emmanuel V. Remy, and Christopher L. Wyche:

On behalf of the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation & Capitol South, and in partnership with the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District and the Franklinton Board of Trade, I am writing to support the Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) that we have proposed.

We listened to the community during the 2022 Downtown Strategic Plan process, and their desire was clear: they want more – more activity, more shopping and dining experiences, more connectivity within Downtown and to key adjacent neighborhoods. A DORA is a powerful tool to help realize the vision outlined by Columbus residents by increasing the vibrancy of the pedestrian experience, the economic impact of Downtown visitors, and the connectivity between Downtown establishments and events.

There is currently great momentum in the Downtown and Franklinton neighborhoods, with immense growth, development and activity happening in our city's core. As the economic anchor for the city and region, it's vital that Downtown continues to be a destination for visitors, thriving community for residents, and an attractive area for businesses and their workforce.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local businesses and contribute to Columbus' competitiveness as an attractive place to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,



Amy Taylor, President  
Columbus Downtown Development Corporation & Capitol South



February 29, 2024

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

On behalf of Capital Crossroads SID, I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

The many stakeholders of Downtown Columbus have been working hard for years to increase the vibrancy in downtown and improve the experience for residents, workers, and visitors. As the heart of our city and state, it's important that we continue to position these central areas as attractive destinations for visitors, thriving communities for residents, and favorable districts for current and new businesses.

A DORA would provide greater connectivity between Downtown and Franklinton, as well as the businesses and amenities located there, allowing both neighborhoods to experience the benefits of additional visitors, revenue, and overall time spent in the area. Furthermore, an increase in pedestrian foot traffic would both deter crime and improve visitors' sense of safety. The establishment of a DORA would contribute to the overall competitiveness of Columbus as a vibrant and growing city among its peers.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local businesses and enhance the experience of those who live, work, and visit here.

Sincerely,

Marc Conte  
Executive Director

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January 31, 2024

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

On behalf of Franklinton Special Improvement District (FSID), I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

There is currently great momentum in the Downtown and Franklinton neighborhoods, with immense growth, development, and activity happening in our city's core. As the heart of our city and state, it's important that we continue to position these central areas as attractive destinations for visitors, thriving communities for residents, and favorable districts for current and new businesses.

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As the Executive Director of Franklinton Board of Trade, our mission is to Advocate, Beautify, Connect. It has been our goal to not only help the revitalization of the Franklinton community, but also establish and maintain connections to our neighbors in ways that benefit both. Seamlessly connecting Franklinton and Downtown assets for the enjoyment of residents and visitors, and the benefit of our businesses, will help the momentum continue on both sides of the Scioto River. We look forward to being a partner in the success of this program.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local businesses and enhance the experience of those who live, work, and visit here.

Sincerely,



Trent E. Smith, Executive Director - Franklinton Board of Trade

**Board of Directors:** President- MIKE AMERINE, Heartland Bank / Vice-President- THOMAS PALMER, Thompson Hine LLP / Secretary- JEFFREY MOHRMAN, Finance Fund / Treasurer - AMANDA MCVEY, COSI / Trustees - KATHY GATTERDAM, Reading Rock + CCL / BRIAN PIERSON, Mount Carmel Health Systems / JASON KOMA, Charitable Healthcare Network / MARK GABEL, Machinery & Tool Rentals, Inc. / BRIAN BAINBRIDGE, CRT Realtors / CHAKEYLA ANDERSON, Bottom's Up Coffee / MICHAEL PAPPAS, Tommy's Diner



**Franklinton Special Improvement District of Columbus**  
1091 W Broad St. Columbus, OH 43222



January 31, 2024

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

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As the Executive Director of Franklinton Board of Trade, we have managed the Franklinton SID services since June 14, 2021. Our work for the Franklinton SID is all about helping Franklinton achieve and sustain a Clean, Safe, Inviting atmosphere. Seamlessly connecting our assets for the enjoyment of residents and visitors, and the benefit of our businesses, will help the momentum continue on both sides of the Scioto River. We look forward to being a partner in the success of this program.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local businesses and enhance the experience of those who live, work, and visit here.

Sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trent E. Smith".

Trent E. Smith, Executive Director - Franklinton Board of Trade  
Managing Director for Franklinton Special Improvement District

Board of Directors: Kristopher Howell – Chair, Katie Robinson – Vice Chair, Chrissy Hand – Secretary, Jim Sweeney, Chris Sherman, Jessica Tomsik, Christina Coughlin, Chris Knoppe, Steve Bollinger, Adam Benner, Dewey Stokes, Jamie Gentry, Kathie Harper, Arian Ulloa-Olavarietta, Keith Bennet.

January 23, 2024

Mayor Andrew J. Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mayor Ginther and Members of Columbus City Council:

On behalf of Experience Columbus, the destination marketing organization for Columbus, I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

There is currently great momentum in the Downtown and Franklinton neighborhoods, with immense growth, development and activity happening in our city's core. As the heart of our city and state, it's important that we continue to position these central areas as attractive destinations for visitors, thriving communities for residents and favorable districts for current and new businesses.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local businesses and enhance the experience of those who live, work, and visit here.

Sincerely,



Brian Ross  
President & CEO  
Experience Columbus

January 26, 2024

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

On behalf of the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA), I am writing in support of the proposed Center City DORA - designated outdoor refreshment area.

It's an exciting time in the performing arts and entertainment community, and the excitement is magnified by the projections for growth and expansion within the Columbus community. With a diverse and high-caliber lineup of events that draws thousands of visitors to our city's core every week, there's tremendous enthusiasm for the arts in our post-pandemic world. The arts bring people together through shared experiences and memories, and we provide that in the heart of our city at our four downtown venues. Our recent announcement of a fifth venue, the former Central Presbyterian Church, that we expect to open in 2026 is further proof of our commitment to downtown and our expectation for continued growth of the demand for arts and entertainment in this community. A DORA would enhance the experience of our patrons, encouraging them to further explore the surrounding neighborhoods and the many great amenities these neighborhoods offer.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support the arts, local businesses, and the vibrancy of our community.

Sincerely,



Chad Whittington  
President & CEO  
CAPA



January 22, 2024

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

On behalf of John F. Wolfe Columbus Commons, I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

Columbus Commons has been hosting events for the community to enjoy since 2011, and we have seen first-hand the excitement that visitors and residents alike have for Downtown Columbus. Our park patrons are passionate about the programming that we provide each event season, attending our more-than-200 events each year. The excitement for Columbus Commons has continued to increase; in 2023, we welcomed nearly 60% more visitors than we did in 2022. As our city evolves, we want to ensure that the heart of Downtown remains exciting, inviting, and fun for all residents, employees and visitors, and the DORA will help us amplify those goals.

Layered Downtown events happening in synergy have always been successful; however, the addition of a DORA will increase the overall pedestrian foot traffic within the boundary, which would both deter crime and improve visitors' sense of safety. Being able to offer Columbus Commons patrons the ability to extend their experience throughout Downtown and Franklinton through the Center City DORA would be an added benefit, elevating the overall atmosphere and competitiveness of Columbus as a vibrant and growing city among its peers.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local businesses and enhance the experience of those who live, work, and visit here.

Sincerely,

Ashley Myers

Director, John F. Wolfe Columbus Commons

January 19, 2024

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

As a Downtown Columbus resident and on behalf of the Downtown Residents Association of Columbus (DRAC), I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

There is currently great momentum in the Downtown and Franklinton neighborhoods, with immense growth, development, and activity happening in our city's core. As the heart of our city and state, it's important that we continue to position these central areas as thriving communities for residents, favorable districts for current and new businesses, and attractive destinations for visitors. Please keep moving us forward and continue with making Downtown and Franklinton destination spaces that people want to be in.

A DORA would provide greater connectivity between Downtown and Franklinton, as well as the businesses and amenities located there, allowing both neighborhoods' businesses and residents to experience the benefits of additional visitors, revenue, and overall time spent in the area. Furthermore, an increase in pedestrian foot traffic would both deter crime and improve residents' sense of safety. I live Downtown for its walkability and activities unique to the area, and as a resident, I'm excited about the increased activity and foot traffic a DORA would bring to my neighborhood. Additionally, the establishment of a DORA would be an attractive amenity to potential residents looking to move to the neighborhoods and contribute to the overall competitiveness of Columbus as a vibrant and growing city among its peers.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to enhance the resident and visitor experience and support local businesses.

Sincerely,

*Matt McPeck*  
*Resident, Event Director with DRAC*

January 23, 2024

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

On behalf of Rockbridge, I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

The recovery in the Downtown and Franklinton neighborhoods from COVID-19 is progressing, with growth and development advancing in our city's core. As the heart of our city and state, it's important that we continue to position these central areas as attractive destinations for visitors, thriving communities for residents, and favorable districts for current and new businesses.

A DORA would provide greater connectivity and activation between Downtown, the Peninsula, and Franklinton, as well as the businesses and amenities located there, allowing these neighborhoods to experience the benefits of additional visitors, revenue, and overall time spent in the area.

Specifically, tourism in Central Ohio is critical for building a thriving city across many dimensions. As an export, tourism brings activity, revenue and taxes to our community while benefiting local small businesses, creating jobs and ultimately supporting city and community services. While the DORA is just one piece of the puzzle, the City can lead the way by advancing this important element of a connected, walkable city and building entertainment and activity in our urban core will help induce much needed demand to our city center.

Further, an increase in pedestrian foot traffic would both deter crime and improve visitors' sense of safety. The establishment of a DORA would contribute to the overall competitiveness of Columbus as a vibrant and growing city among its peers.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local businesses and enhance the experience of those who live, work, and visit here.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Merkel

CEO and Co-Founder

Rockbridge

THE  
**JUNTO**

January 18, 2024  
Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

On behalf of The Junto Hotel, I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

There is currently great momentum in the Downtown and Franklinton neighborhoods, with immense growth, development, and activity happening in our city's core. As the heart of our city and state, it's important that we continue to position these central areas as attractive destinations for visitors, thriving communities for residents, and favorable districts for current and new businesses.

A DORA would provide greater connectivity between Downtown and Franklinton, as well as the businesses and amenities located there, allowing both neighborhoods to experience the benefits of additional visitors, revenue, and overall time spent in the area. Furthermore, an increase in pedestrian foot traffic would both deter crime and improve visitors' sense of safety. The establishment of a DORA would contribute to the overall competitiveness of Columbus as a vibrant and growing city among its peers.

Thank you for your consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local businesses and enhance the experience of those who live, work, and visit here.

Sincerely,



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To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Downtown and Franklinton. As a local business owner in Franklinton, I am confident that the establishment of a DORA would significantly benefit both my business and our community at large, particularly in bridging the gap between Central Downtown and Franklinton.

The East Franklinton Creative Community District Plan, adopted by the Columbus City Council in 2012, envisioned a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood, well-connected and distinct in its character. The proposed DORA aligns perfectly with this vision, particularly in the “Arts and Innovation Neighborhood” subsection, where it is primarily located. By enhancing the pedestrian experience and complementing the area’s unique arts and entertainment offerings, the DORA will not only embody but also amplify the neighborhood’s dynamic spirit.

One of the most exciting aspects of the DORA proposal is its potential to unite Central Downtown with Franklinton. The Scioto River, while a natural and beautiful part of our city, can sometimes act as a barrier between these two vibrant areas. The DORA would serve as a bridge, enhancing the opportunity for customers of both parts of downtown to safely and enjoyably traverse between locations. This increased connectivity is key to enriching the overall experience for residents and visitors alike.

In recent years, the hospitality industry has faced unprecedented challenges due to the pandemic. Now, as we navigate the path to recovery, initiatives like the DORA are crucial for revitalizing our local economy. By attracting more visitors and encouraging them to explore and enjoy our district more extensively, the DORA promises to boost foot traffic and revenue, offering both immediate and long-term benefits to businesses and the community.

I am enthusiastic about the potential of the Center City DORA to enhance the vibrancy and appeal of our neighborhood and to foster a greater sense of unity between Central Downtown and Franklinton. On behalf of my team and our patrons, I urge you to consider this proposal favorably, recognizing its significant potential to support and uplift local businesses like ours.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Adam Benner  
President / Co-Founder  
Land-Grant Brewing Company  
[adam@landgrantbrewing.com](mailto:adam@landgrantbrewing.com)



January 25, 2024

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Downtown and Franklinton. As a local business owner downtown, I believe a DORA would have a significant positive impact on my business and the overall community.

We picked downtown Columbus to start our business more than 10 years ago and believe strongly in the overall vision and direction of the plans for downtown. However, the past few years have brought numerous challenges to the hospitality industry as a result of the pandemic, particularly to bars and restaurants. So, as we round the corner in recovery -- both as an industry and city -- there is no better time to participate in initiatives to drive additional foot traffic and revenue. A DORA would not only attract more visitors to the area, but also encourage longer stays and greater exploration of the district – providing both short- and long-term benefits. Additionally, I believe by increasing the downtown foot traffic we will see greater adoption of the Vision Zero project which I have fully supported.

On behalf of my staff and patrons, I appreciate your consideration of the Center City DORA and its great potential to support local businesses like mine.

Sincerely,



Bob Szuter  
Co-owner  
Wolf's Ridge Brewing  
215 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, OH 43215



February 26, 2024

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

To Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council:

On behalf of the Franklinton Arts District (FAD), I am writing in support of the proposed Center City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA).

The Franklinton Arts District is a subset of the Franklinton neighborhood, located just west of downtown Columbus, Ohio. Featuring artist studios, performance venues, galleries, and maker spaces, FAD sits west of the Scioto Peninsula, bordered by SR 315 on the west, the river on the south, and railroad tracks to the north and east.

The mission of FAD is to provide leadership related to expanding the acceptance, appreciation, support, and impact of the arts and artists in Franklinton, the city of Columbus, and beyond.

With the proposed DORA in the heart of FAD, we feel the DORA will advance our mission by improving connectivity between Downtown and the artists and businesses located in Franklinton. This allows the neighborhood and community to experience the benefits of additional visitors, revenue, and overall time spent in the area. Additionally, this allows FAD to engage with partners on this new initiative and continue to foster a working relationship built on collaboration and shared commitment to the success of Franklinton.

Increased pedestrian activity will contribute to the success of FAD's regular special events, such as Franklinton Fridays, Scrawl, Art for Franklinton, and others. This heightened visibility and excitement for these events will increase attendance, benefiting the adjacent art studios and businesses and ultimately attracting more individuals to the downtown neighborhoods.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the Center City DORA and its potential to support local artists and businesses and enrich the experience for residents, workers, and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

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Sophia Hess, Board President  
Franklinton Arts District

Mayor Andrew Ginther  
Columbus City Council Members  
Columbus City Hall  
90 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215

February 27, 2024

Dear Mayor Ginther and Members of the Columbus City Council,

I am writing to express Wild Goose Creative's enthusiastic support for the establishment of a City Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) between Downtown and Franklinton. This initiative presents an exciting opportunity to enhance connectivity between these vibrant neighborhoods while bolstering local businesses and fostering a sense of community.

The Downtown and Franklinton areas are currently experiencing unprecedented growth and development, making it imperative to capitalize on this momentum and further solidify their status as a destination for both residents and visitors alike. By implementing a DORA, we can create a seamless link between these neighborhoods, encouraging safe exploration and engagement across the Scioto River.

One of the key benefits DORA brings is its ability to attract increased foot traffic, which not only supports local artists and businesses but also contributes to a greater sense of safety and vibrancy in the area. Additionally, the DORA designation enhances the overall competitiveness of Columbus as a dynamic and thriving city, positioning us favorably among our peers.

As the Executive Director of Wild Goose Creative, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of community-driven initiatives in revitalizing neighborhoods and fostering meaningful connections. It is our mission to build a creative community at the intersection of art, risk and meaning. This promotes cultural vitality of Franklinton but also to forge strong partnerships with neighboring communities for mutual benefit.

The establishment of a DORA represents a significant step towards achieving these goals, allowing residents and visitors alike to enjoy the diverse offerings of both Downtown and Franklinton while supporting local businesses and cultural institutions. We firmly believe that this initiative will further the ongoing revitalization efforts on both sides of the river, creating a more vibrant and interconnected urban landscape.

Thank you for considering the implementation of the Center City DORA and its potential to enrich the lives of those who live, work, and visit our city. We are excited about the opportunities it presents and look forward to contributing to its success.

Sincerely,  


Sarah C. Barr, Executive Director  
Wild Goose Creative