

DORA INFORMATION SHEET

What is a DORA?

- DORA or Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area is a specific area in which licensed liquor establishments may serve alcoholic beverages in an approved cup that allows the consumer to leave the premises with the alcoholic beverage in a DORA cup and continue consuming the beverage within the boundaries of the DORA.
- Limitations are set for designated days of the week and hours of the day when alcoholic beverages in a DORA cup may be consumed within the DORA.
- All minimum age laws remain in effect as normal and only patrons 21 years of age and older may purchase and consume an alcoholic beverage within the DORA.

What rules apply in a DORA?

- DORA beverages purchased at one licensed establishment (bar/restaurant/club/event) may not be taken into another licensed establishment (bar/restaurant/club/event).
- DORA cups are to be placed in a proper receptacle upon entering another establishment or leaving the DORA boundaries and are not to be reused for multiple servings.
- Retailers may choose to permit or refuse to allow DORA beverages in their establishment at their own discretion.
- Only those alcoholic beverages purchased at a licensed liquor establishment within the DORA boundaries may be consumed in a DORA cup. NO outside alcoholic beverages are permitted.

Why establish a DORA?

- Downtown bars/restaurants/clubs/events effectively increase outdoor seating options available to patrons.
- Downtown visitors have opportunity to support local businesses while also enjoying the public art, architecture and streetscape amenities found in the downtown setting.
- Shoppers and visitors may be inclined to spend more time exploring downtown shops.
- Enhances the social environment, entertainment qualities and liveliness of downtown.
- Promotes the appeal of living in a walkable and attractive downtown atmosphere.

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Piqua's proposed DORA

- Boundaries – The central business district area bordered by North Street, Spring Street, Wood Street and Wayne Street, extending west on Water Street to Roosevelt Avenue, including Fort Piqua Plaza, McColloch Square and Lock 9 Park, and excluding the YMCA, YWCA, St James Church, Municipal Government Complex, and U.S. Post Office.
- Licensed Establishments within DORA – 3 Joe's, Scottish Thistle, 311 Drafthouse, Lucky's, American Legion (special events with temporary license). Each license holder decides if they want to offer DORA cups for use by patrons frequenting their establishment.
- Days/Hours - In the spirit of keeping things simple the current proposal for Piqua's DORA is 7 days a week, noon to 10pm.
- Cups – Mainstreet Piqua will manage the distribution of approved DORA cups for use by the participating licensed establishments. The current plan calls for securing a sponsor to underwrite the cost of the cups and to provide the cups to the participating establishments at no cost.
- Business Markers – Mainstreet Piqua will provide window stickers that businesses can place near the building entrance to let patrons know if it is okay to consume from a DORA cup inside the establishment.
- Signage – The boundaries of the DORA will be clearly marked with signs so patrons know the limits of where they can consume from a DORA cup.
- Trash receptacles – Trash receptacles will be placed at key locations to ensure patrons can properly dispose of cups within the DORA boundaries. City personnel will empty the receptacles on a regular basis.
- Enforcement – Each person is responsible for their individual behavior and conduct. Serving establishments may refuse service at any time they believe it is necessary. Piqua Police Department will patrol the downtown area the same as they do today and will respond accordingly to any inappropriate behavior or activity within the DORA.
- Test Period – As currently proposed the DORA will be closely monitored and data will be collected for a period of 90-days following its implementation. The information collected during this period will allow for an evaluation of the DORA and an advancement of recommendations concerning any changes that may be desired.