

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2021-30**

RESOLUTION SETTING AN OPEN CONTAINER AREA IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-12 established policy goals and objectives for the City of Laramie, Wyoming, and;

WHEREAS, Goal A. Milestone #2 states, “consider and implement improvement program for primary retail corridors to include public-private partnership(s) and development policies,” and;

WHEREAS, the implementation of an open container area could assist with COVID-19 recovery efforts, and;

WHEREAS, retail liquor licenses are allowed by WY State Statute to serve alcohol for off premise consumption; microbreweries and wineries are allowed to serve their product only for off-premise consumption in the amounts permitted under Title 12 of WY State Statute, and;

WHEREAS, in an effort to support our local downtown businesses Resolution 2020-41 approved an open container area on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays running from July 16, 2020 through Labor Day September 7, 2020, between the hours of 11:00 am and 8:00 pm, subsequently extended until September 30, 2020 by Resolution 2020-56.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the City Council authorizes the creation of an open container area in the Downtown District as a special event on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays running from the Thursday prior to Memorial Day through the last Saturday of September, between the hours of 11:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Section 2. That the open container area only permits the consumption of alcoholic beverages purchased under a valid liquor license or permit in the area designated in Attachment A: Downtown Open Container Area Map.

Section 3. No sales or service of alcoholic beverage may occur within the open container area without a proper liquor license, an alcohol catering or malt beverage permit, or right-of-way Encroachment permit.

Section 4. Alcoholic beverages to be consumed in this area must be served in plastic cups or aluminum bottles.

Section 5. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by those 21 years old and older and open containers of alcohol are not permitted inside vehicles.

Section 6: Open container permit application fees will be waived for applications that are aligned with the considerations of this resolution.

Section 7: The open container area does not apply to special events. All necessary special event permits, alcohol catering, and malt beverage permits must be obtained for events as described in Laramie Municipal Code 12.60.030.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS ____ day of ____ 2021.

Paul Weaver, Mayor and President
Laramie City Council

Attest:

Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk