



Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: Resolution 2023-27, Setting an Open Container Area in the Downtown District

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that City Council approve Resolution 2023-27, setting an open container area in the Downtown District, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Improvement program for primary retail corridors by increasing visitors to the Downtown District.

Background:

For the past three years the Laramie City Council has approved similar resolutions establishing the rules, areas and constraints related to an Open Container Area in the Downtown District. Over the past two years no major concerns have been identified through law enforcement related to the open container area.

The resolution will create an open container area in the Downtown District according to the approved map attachment with the following rules/constraints:

1. Dates: Thursday prior to Memorial Day through the last Sunday in October.
2. Days: Monday through Sunday
3. Times: 11:00 am and 9:00 pm.
4. Permitted: The consumption of alcoholic beverages in the designated area purchased under a valid liquor license or permit with the exception of alleyways.
5. Constraints:
 - a. No sales or service of alcoholic beverage may occur without a proper liquor license, an alcohol catering or malt beverage permit, or right-of-way Encroachment permit.
 - b. Alcoholic beverages to be consumed in this area must be served in plastic cups or aluminum containers. (no glass outside)
 - c. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by those 21 years old and older and open containers of alcohol are not permitted inside vehicles.
 - d. Open container permit application fees will be waived for applications that are aligned with the considerations of this resolution.
 - e. 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.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

N/A

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION: N/A

N/A

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Attachments:

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