

**Application to Canal Winchester City Council for the
Establishment of a
Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area**



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Michael Ebert, Mayor**

Introduction and Submittal of Application

Effective April 30, 2017 Section 4301.82 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes municipalities under 50,000 in population to create Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas or "DORAs." The City of Canal Winchester has a population less than 50,000 residents. In order to consider the creation of a DORA, the Mayor must file an application with City Council which meets certain statutory requirements outlined below. The application filing must be advertised for in a newspaper of general circulation within 45 days of being filed with Council. Not earlier than 30 days, but not later than 60 days, after initial publication of the notice, City Council may approve or disapprove of the application by ordinance or resolution. The creation of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area will serve as an economic tool to attract patrons to the City of Canal Winchester for special events, generate additional sales at local restaurants, and continue to highlight the Old Town area as a destination for dining and entertainment.

The purpose of this application is to request that City Council create and approve a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in the City of Canal Winchester. The application includes the following sections:

- A map of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (320 acres or less)
- A statement of the nature and type of establishments in the proposed area
- A statement verifying that not less than two liquor permit holders are included in the area
- Evidence that the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area is in accord with the City of Canal Winchester's Old Town Plan
- Proposed requirements that ensure the public health and safety in the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area
- Dates and hours of operations

Map of Proposed DORA, Not Exceeding 320 Contiguous Acres

Please refer to Exhibit A attached. Exhibit A includes a map of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area inclusive of 21.6 acres in the Old Town area. Six (6) establishments have been identified that qualify as A or D License holders to be included in the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area. In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(3) the DORA will encompass not fewer than two (2) qualified permit holders. These include:

- Blue Star INC, dba - Shade on the Canal (D1, D2, D3, and D6) Permit #0769151
- Barrel & Boar Canal Winchester, LLC, dba - Barrel & Boar (D1, D2, D3, and D6) Permit #0492515
- Alternative Products and Services, LLC, dba Harvest Moon and Loose Rail Brewing (A1A) Permit #01607720015 and 16077291501
- Romans Pizza Supersub Shop, LLC, dba Roman's Pizza Super Sub Shoppe (D1, D2, and D3) Permit #7497650
- Local Cantina Canal Winchester, LLC, dba Local Cantina (D5 and D6) Permit #5242022

The proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area is 21.6 acres in size which is well below the requirements of the area being 320 acres or less. Appendix B provides the street boundary information.

Nature and Types of Establishments Located With the DORA

The proposed DORA includes the Old Town Area of Canal Winchester. This area houses restaurants, boutique stores, financial institutions, professional services, and miscellaneous retail. While there are single-family residences in this area, the proposed DORA was specifically designed to encompass key areas of business and retail in the community.

Evidence that the Proposed DORA is in accord with the City of Canal Winchester Old Town Plan

One of the six main recommendations of the Old Town Plan is to Promote Commercial Growth. This was the highest priority of residents. Recommended commercial uses included retail, restaurants, and entertainment options that will increase foot traffic in the area and encourage people to linger. Establishing a DORA in Old Town will enhance those entertainment options and strengthen the existing restaurants and retailers through increased sales. The zoning of the area is Old Town Commercial and restaurants and bars that would serve alcoholic beverages are permitted uses within the Old Town Commercial zoning district.

Proposed Requirements for Ensuring Public Health and Safety Within the DORA

The City of Canal Winchester Public Service Department will be responsible for ensuring that all trash receptacles in the DORA are emptied regularly and are ample to handle generated waste. Special events which are anticipated to draw additional crowds will be addressed by the placement of additional temporary trash receptacles and portable toilets to handle increased sanitation needs. The Fairfield County Sheriff's Department will handle enforcement of DORA regulations during all hours and with special duty during events. Their substation is located within the designated DORA area which will include routine patrols to enforce responsible behavior. The boundaries of the DORA will be strictly enforced. Boundary signage will be installed on the perimeter of the DORA. For planned events that may draw an additional crowd staffing of safety and sanitation personnel will be included in the event plans.

Designated Hours of Operation

The DORA will be in operation the hours of Thursday to Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and on Labor Day from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Exhibit A: Map of Dora Boundary

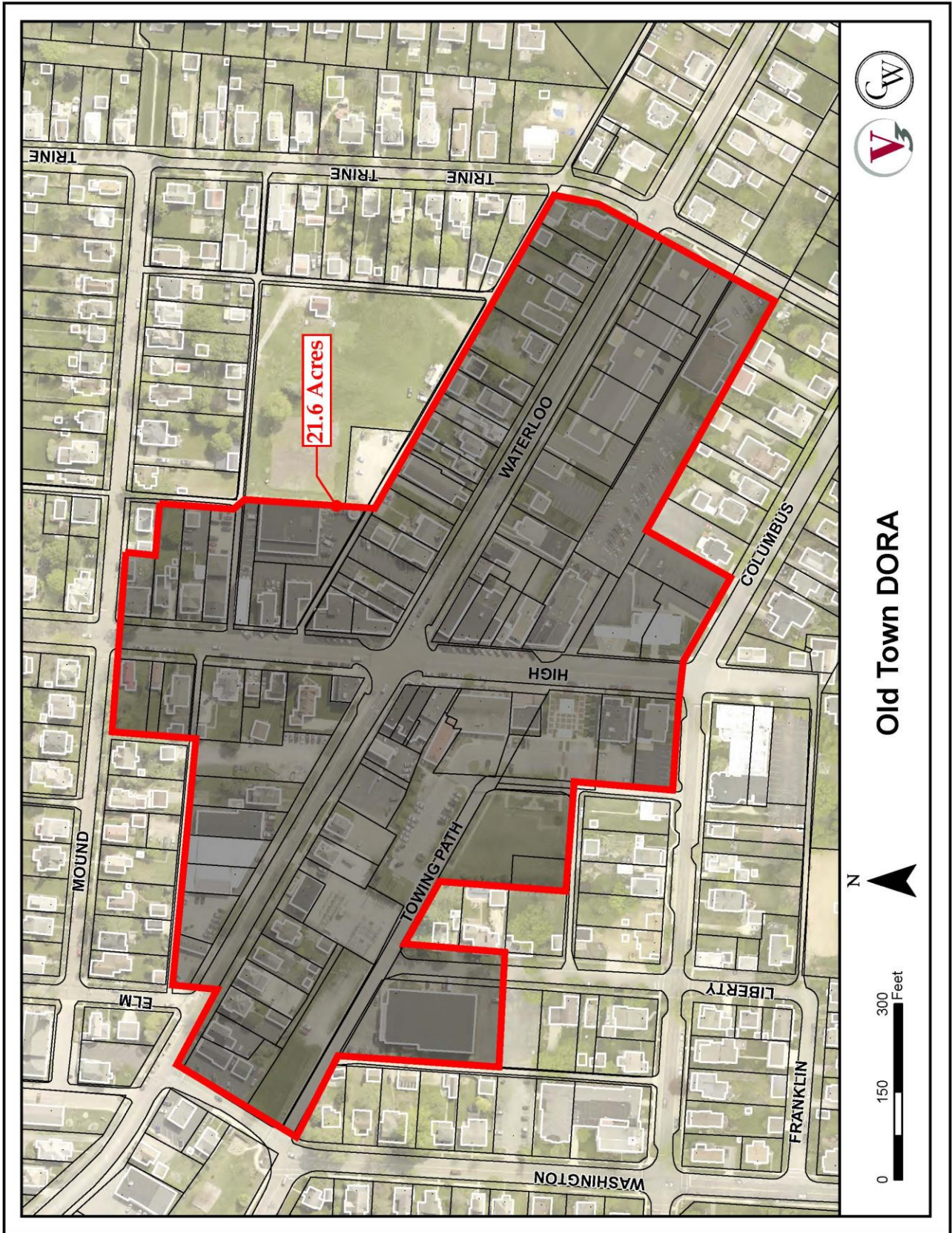


Exhibit B: Street Boundary Listing

The description of the DORA by street addresses is expressed as follows:

On the East Side of High Street (south to north):

- From 37 S. High Street to 45 N. High Street – Odd Numbers Only

On the West Side of High Street (south to north):

- From 44 S. High Street to 42 N. High Street – Even Numbers Only

On the East Side of Waterloo (west to east):

- From 4 E. Waterloo Street to 80 E. Waterloo Street – Odd & Even Numbers

On the West Side of Waterloo (east to west):

- 3 W. Waterloo Street to 71 W. Waterloo Street – Odd & Even
- Along Towing Path Alley including public parking lots, Stradley Park and 30 Liberty Street.

