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Subject:

Proposal for creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)

From:

Fairport Harbor Arts and Culture Alliance
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To:

Amy Cossick, Village Administrator
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Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077

Dear Amy,

Recently, our Alliance was made aware of a section of Ohio Revised Code, O.R.C. 4301.82, which authorizes municipalities to create Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas or "DORAs." A DORA is property within the municipal corporation or township, designated as an outdoor refreshment area. In this area, any person who is carrying an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor (if the container was purchased from an establishment with an "Outdoor Refreshment Area" designation on their liquor permit) is exempt from the Open Container Law.

The Alliance is requesting this designation for (2) reasons:

1. Allow full service (including alcoholic beverages) outdoor dining that is currently restricted because of our streetscape and due to health department rules for spacing from the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Large scale events would be made less restrictive with the creation of the D.O.R.A. Guests at these events would be able to circulate freely throughout the business district with their beverages that were purchased at one of the establishments within the D.O.R.A. This would include events like Village Fest, Harbor Hogs and Hot Rods, Harbor Pop-up Market, and the Friday Markets.

In order to consider creation of a DORA, the Village Administrator must file an application with the Fairport Harbor Village Council (Council) which meets certain statutory requirements. Please review the current ORC here: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4301.82>. The Ohio Department of Commerce has a step by step resource as well, which you can access here:

https://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/LIQR_DESIGNATEDOUTDOORREFRESHMENTAREAPUBLICATIO N.pdf.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Alliance. Thanks for your time.

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