

Public alcohol consumption allowed in additional designated areas

In an effort to combat the economic toll that many restaurants and bars have suffered throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, limited public alcohol consumption and food consumption will be temporarily allowed in designated areas. This will enable local businesses serving alcohol to offer a convenient ‘to go’ option for patrons, and offer safe public spaces for patrons to enjoy a meal with an alcoholic beverage.

Alcoholic beverages consumed within the designated public space (Designated Zone) must be purchased from licensed establishments within the Designated Zone, and businesses and patrons must abide by the following restrictions:

- Alcoholic beverages removed from an establishment must be in a container closed with a lid
- The container must bear a label reading: ‘WARNING: Do not open or remove seal while in transit (vehicle)’
- All alcoholic beverages sold by a retailer must be accompanied by a food purchase
- Alcoholic drinks may not be brought into any establishment after they have been purchased
- Alcoholic drinks may not be brought back into the restaurant or bar from which they were purchased after having been removed from the premises
- Alcoholic beverages purchased outside the Designated Zones may not be carried into or consumed within the Designated Zone
- Consumption of alcohol is not allowed in any other City Park, Open Space or outside of the designated zones.

Due to the success of the initial launch, an additional area was added to the Designated Zone, effective June 26.

The additional designated Zone begins at the Southwest corner of West Lehigh Avenue and South Broadway, then East on West Lehigh across South Broadway to the Southeast corner of East Lehigh Avenue and South Broadway, then South along the East side of South Broadway to the Northeast corner of East Radcliff Avenue, then West across South Broadway to the Northwest corner of West Radcliff, then North along the West side of South Broadway to the point of beginning, approximately six City blocks.

This area does not include and private or business parking lots.

Patrons may enjoy the consumption of an alcoholic beverage purchased within the Designated Zone on Sunday through Thursday from noon until 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from noon until 11 p.m.

