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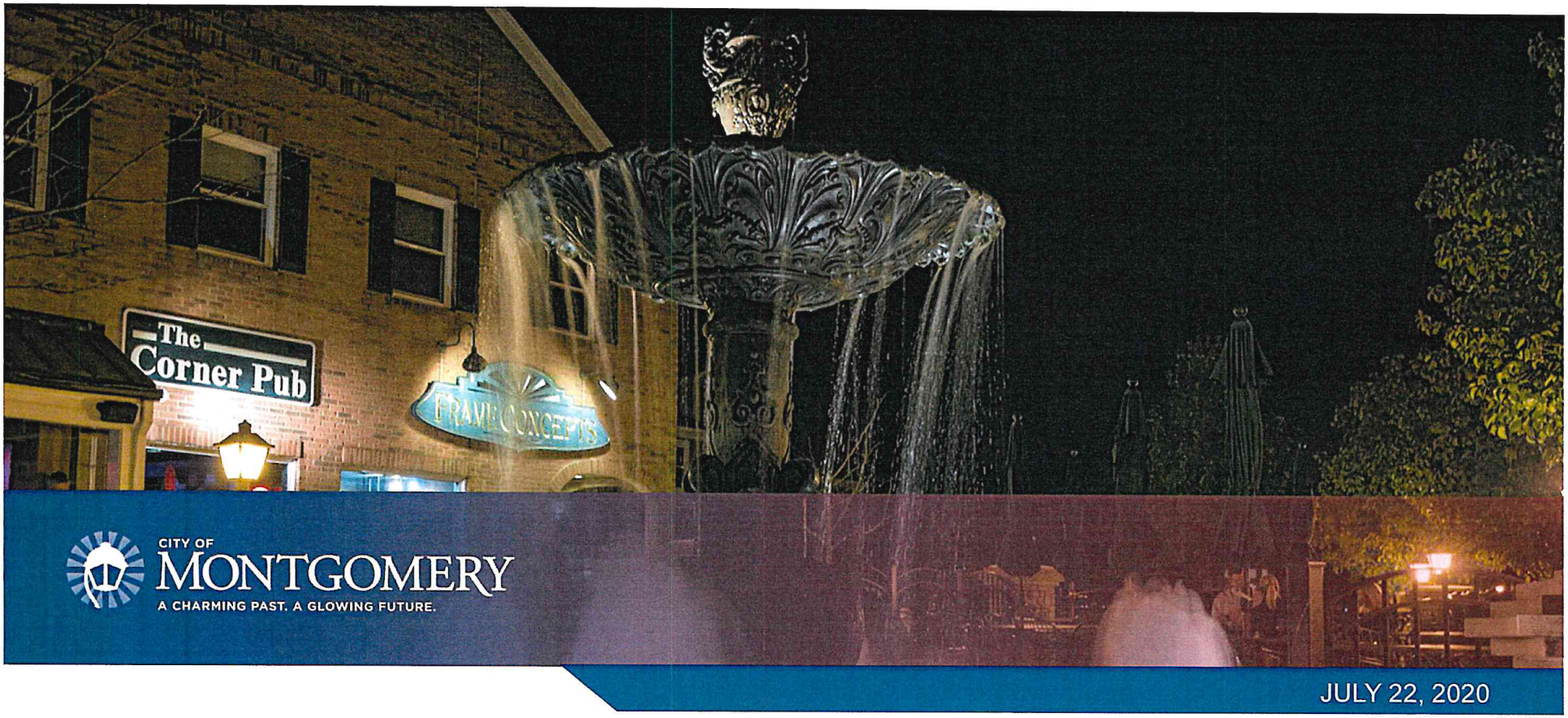
Public Hearing Agenda

July 22, 2020
Montgomery City Hall
10101 Montgomery Road

6:30 P.M.

City Council Work Session will commence in City Hall observing social distancing guidelines and also by teleconference immediately following the conclusion of the Updates. To phone in please use the following phone number: 1-866-228-9900 with access code 204938.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Guests and Residents
4. Old Business
5. New Business
   a. Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment



DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)

WHAT IS A DORA?

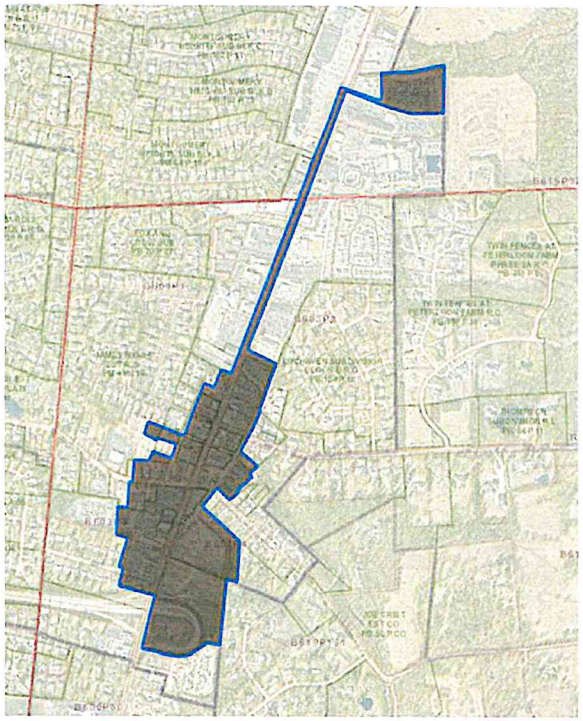
- A specifically designated area that allows patrons over the age of 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages from an establishment and carry them within a clearly defined area within the City

- Established in April 2017 by Section 4301.82 of the O.R.C.; it creates an exemption from the Open Container Law; under the statute, a person who purchases beer or intoxicating liquor from the holder of a permit with a DORA designation is permitted to have that beverage in an open container at any outdoor location within the DORA

WHY A DORA?

- Economic draw for the businesses and the City
- Building on the lively, pedestrian friendly environment of the areas
- Provide an additional incentive for restaurants to locate in the area and potentially drive redevelopment of under-utilized properties
- The Comprehensive Community Plan calls for the City to work with developers and property owners to ensure that redevelopment in the Old Montgomery Gateway District includes pedestrian friendly features and connects to the Heritage District
- The Comprehensive Community Plan states that the City will define a vision for the future of the Heritage District which will expand entertainment and restaurant opportunities
- Goal 3, Strategy 3 of the Strategic Plan calls for the creation of an environment in the Heritage District and Old Montgomery Gateway District that attracts a sustainable mix of retail and restaurants that caters to employees and residents

MAP OF PROPOSED DORA



- Proposed DORA Area – Market Place, Old Montgomery Gateway and Heritage District
- Total Acreage – 63.8

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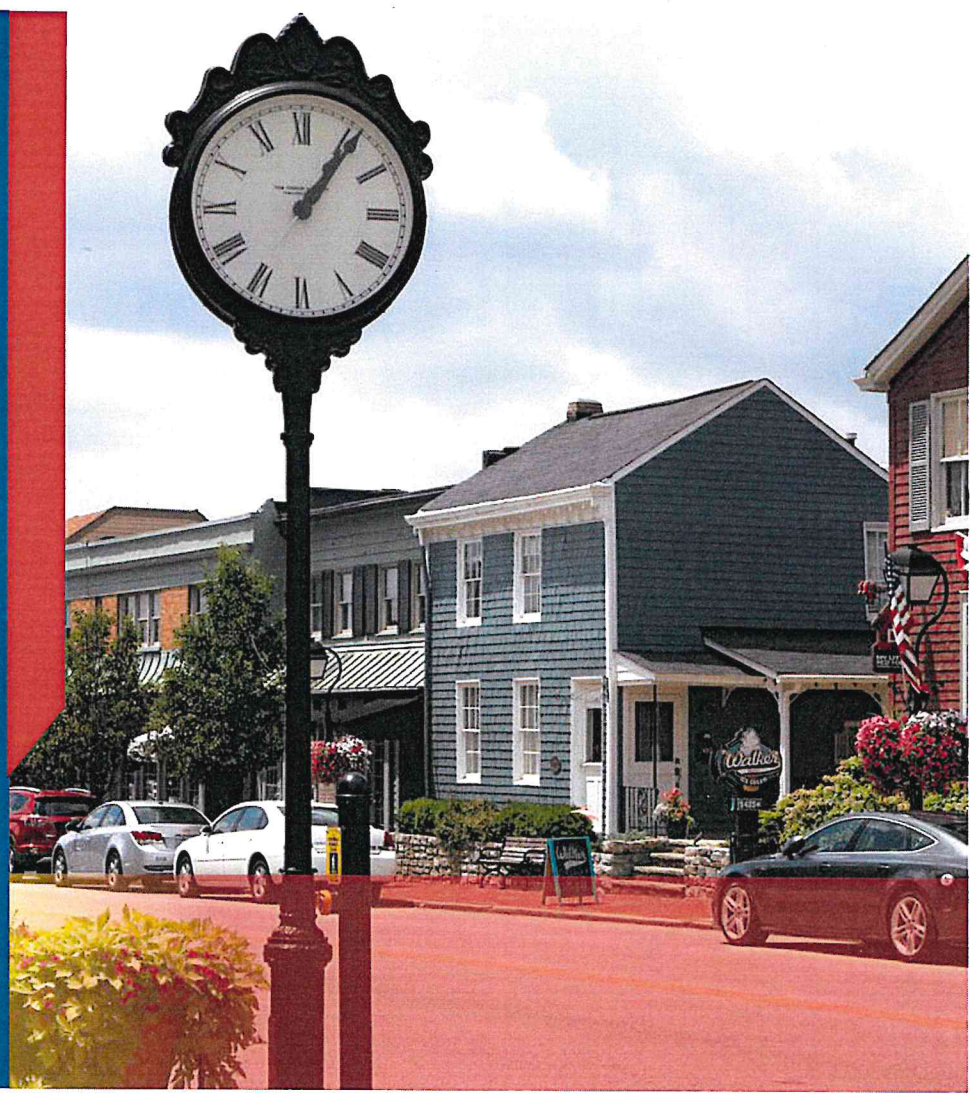
STEPS TOWARDS DORA CREATION

- City Manager submits Application to City Council
- Public Notice is provided to the Community (newspaper, posted agenda and website)
- Public Hearing on July 22nd 6:30 p.m. prior to a City Council meeting
- If City Council chooses to move forward the item would be added to the August 5 City Council Business Session for consideration
- Notice to and approval from Ohio Department of Liquor Control

QUALIFIED BUSINESSES WITHIN THE DORA

- Montgomery Inn
- Forno Osteria & Bar
- Montgomery Public House
- Board and Brush
- Artemis Mediterranean Bistro
- The Corner Pub
- The Village Tavern
- Napa Kitchen and Bar
- Z Place
- Tandoors
- MEI Japanese Restaurant
- Go Bananas Comedy Club
- Sukhothai
- Pacific Kitchen
- The Corner Pub
- The Belle and the Bear

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



FAQ'S

Q: Can I walk anywhere with my DORA cup?

A: Patrons can only carry DORA beverages in the defined area. Retail and private establishments may allow DORA beverages in their establishment or they may opt to not allow them. Each establishment within the DORA will have their own policy and will have signage on their establishment door defining their DORA policy

FAQS

- Q: Are the hours of the DORA limited?

- A: Yes, the DORA hours are Monday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday from 5:00 p.m. to midnight, Saturday from noon to midnight, and Sunday from noon to 9:00 p.m. Special hours of DORA operation will be allowed as designated in advance by the City Manager for the occasion of holidays or special events, with the consent of City Council.

FAQS

- Q: What is a DORA cup?

- A: A plastic, reusable, designated cup for all establishments. The cup is purchased at restaurants for a nominal fee. The cup will be branded for the City of Montgomery.

FAQS

- Q: Can I take my DORA beverage into another restaurant?

- A: No, once a DORA beverage has left a restaurant, it must be consumed before entering another restaurant. Empty cups may be taken into a different restaurant for another beverage.

FAQS

- Q: How will patrons know the DORA limits?

- A: Each patron purchasing a DORA cup will receive a card with the map and DORA rules. Restaurants will have large laminated maps on hand to show patrons the DORA limits. Signs at key egress areas of the DORA will be installed.

FAQS

- Can I pour my own alcoholic drink into a DORA cup and carry it?

- A: No. Beverages must be purchased from participating restaurants. No cans, glass bottles, or outside alcoholic beverages are allowed within the DORA boundaries. Alcoholic beverages may not be carried outside of the boundary area or patrons are subject to legal consequences.

FAQS

- Q: Will the area become littered, unruly, or noisy due to the DORA?

- A. Mason, Milford, Hamilton, Loveland and Wyoming all have DORAs. City Administration has made inquiries to those communities and none have negative experiences to report
- The City has numerous garbage cans in the DORA area; however, cups are intended to be kept and reused
- The Police Department will conduct routine patrols and will enforce responsible behavior. The boundaries of the DORA will be strictly enforced
- Special events may require additional Police and Public Works staffing, as is already the practice.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

- Except as provided in the DORA statute, all State of Ohio and City of Montgomery laws regarding public intoxication, impaired driving, and open containers apply to areas both inside and outside of the DORA boundaries.
- Failure to comply with the rules as stated is a crime

THANK YOU!

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