

# **DOWNTOWN FOSTORIA DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)**

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## **FAQ FOR BAR/RESTAURANT OWNERS**

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DORA?**

Eligible permit classes are; A-1, A-1-A, A-1c, A-2, A-2f, D (except a D8 that holds a C permit). D4 permit holders (private clubs) are eligible to participate.

### **WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO PARTICIPATE?**

All eligible permit holders in the DORA district may participate. Interested eligible permit holders should complete and return the letter of intent to participate to the Fostoria Area Chamber of Commerce. Once legislation is passed by City Council and approved by the Division of Liquor Control, a new permit will be issued to participating permit holders. The new permit will designate your eligibility to participate in the DORA. The new permit will be issued at no cost.

### **CAN DORA BEVERAGES BE BROUGHT INTO MY ESTABLISHMENT?**

**No.** Patrons with a DORA beverage may not enter another permit holders establishment. All DORA beverages must be consumed or disposed of prior to entering another permit holders establishment. DORA beverages may be carried into non permit holding establishments, if, **AND** only if, the establishment allows DORA beverage in their business.

### **HOW WILL PATRONS KNOW DORA ESTABLISHMENTS & BOUNDARIES?**

All businesses in the downtown will be provided with window decals designating DORA participation/non-participation. Businesses will be provided rack cards and posters explaining DORA rules and boundaries. Ample signage will mark the DORA boundaries further alerting patrons to the DORA district area & rules.

### **WHAT COSTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATING IN THE DORA?**

The goal of creating a DORA is to be a economic driver not a financial burden to permit holders. Destination Seneca County has agreed to purchase cups for the Fostoria DORA. The Fostoria Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau in partnership with the City of Fostoria are working to secure funds for collateral materials such as posters, street signage, window decals and rack cards, to ensure a well-branded, consistent presence of DORA downtown. Private donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of these materials. At this time, there is no mandated cost associated with participating in the DORA.

### **WHAT OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE AS A DORA PARTICIPANT?**

All participating permit holders are asked to have an appropriate trash receptacle by their front entrance during the DORA hours of operation which coincide with your hours of operation. In addition, permit holders are asked to pick up litter around their establishment and assist with educating patrons on the rules and boundaries of the DORA. Materials will be provided to permit holders to assist with patron education and rule compliance.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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