

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

### Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area

The Office of the Mayor and Playhouse Square Foundation have applied to create a new designated outdoor refreshment area (DORA) in the Theatre District part of the City of Cleveland. Based on its population, the City may establish up to six DORAs. We currently have one created in the East 4<sup>th</sup> Street area. The goal is to further establish the Theatre District area as a destination and to provide for cultural and economic betterment of the businesses in and around the area. As of late 2024, Ohio includes 167 DORAs state-wide.

Within each DORA, customers are allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages in specific cups from participating businesses and carry them outside and around within the boundaries of the DORA. Playhouse Square DORA is unique in that it plans to have two areas. The “Base Area” will be a smaller portion of the DORA that will be active on a daily basis. The “Expanded Area” will be a larger area used for special events, including:

- Cleveland International Film Festival
- Tri-C JazzFest
- BorderLight International Theatre & Fringe Festival
- Saint Patrick’s Day
- Octoberfest
- HB Half Marathon
- Arts & Culture Festival
- Fan Fest / Draft Party / Opening Day
- Weekly Plaza Programming
- Air Show Watch Party

This DORA will also have a Playhouse DORA Committee, which will be comprised of three people appointed by Playhouse Square Foundation. This Committee will be responsible for oversight of the DORA and shall determine the days and hours of operation, and the use of the expanded area. The Committee will also communicate with the Cleveland Police Department, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, and the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.