

Application to Cleveland City Council:

**Playhouse Square  
Designated Outdoor  
Refreshment Area**

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## 1. Overview

With this Application, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Cleveland, Justin Bibb, petitions the Cleveland City Council to approve and enact a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (“DORA”) at and around the Playhouse Square theater complex. Creation of a DORA within Cleveland’s Theater District will provide for cultural and economic betterment of the businesses in and around the immediate area, as well as the whole of Cleveland, by further establishing the area as a destination for entertainment, culture, and economic activity. The proposed name of the DORA shall be: Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.

Per R.C. § 4301.82, the City of Cleveland may classify an area within its boundaries as a DORA. A DORA acts as a partial and conditional exemption to Ohio’s opened container law (R.C. § 4301.62). Customers are allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages from participating permitted businesses within the DORA and carry them outside of the permitted premises for consumption within the boundaries of the DORA. As of November 2025, there are over 140 DORAs in operation across the state of Ohio.

Playhouse Square Foundation (“PSF”) is the largest property owner and steward of the Theatre District, which is one of the largest performing arts centers in the United States outside of New York City. As a not-for-profit performing arts organization and real estate developer, Playhouse Square is committed to preserving, managing, and growing the Theatre District in Cleveland, Ohio. Its mission is to present and produce a wide variety of performing arts, advance arts education, and create a destination that is vibrant, safe, and welcoming to all.

By establishing a DORA, Playhouse Square seeks to support ongoing efforts to boost tourism, enhance the guest experience, and create a more vibrant, walkable downtown environment that benefits residents, visitors, and local businesses alike. Planned development and activation within the proposed DORA is focused on increasing foot traffic and enhancing the visitor experience throughout the Theatre District. By offering more flexible, outdoor-friendly environments, Playhouse Square aims to encourage patrons to linger before and after performances, turning a single event into a more immersive and social experience.

The Playhouse Square DORA will use a unique dynamic boundary concept to better maintain safety and control. The “Base Area” of the DORA will be a smaller portion of the DORA that will be used on a day-to-day basis. Meanwhile, an “Expanded Area” will provide greater coverage for use on an event-by-event basis. Playhouse Square estimates that there will be approximately 10-15 events per year where the expanded DORA could be activated. In the immediate future, community events where the full DORA could be activated include:

- Cleveland International Film Festival
- Tri-C JazzFest
- BorderLight International Theatre & Fringe Festival
- Saint Patrick’s Day
- Oktoberfest
- HB Half Marathon

- Arts & Culture Festival
- Fan Fest / Draft Party / Opening Day
- Weekly Plaza Programming
- Air Show Watch Party

The purpose of this initiative aligns with Playhouse Square’s vision to energize the district in ways that support local restaurants, bars, and retail establishments. Rather than a transactional visit where guests attend a Broadway performance and immediately return home, the goal is to inspire a more dynamic neighborhood culture, one where visitors stroll, graze, and explore the area. This not only increases economic activity but positions the district as a regional destination for entertainment, dining, and community engagement.

Adding a DORA to the Playhouse Square district is expected to generate significant economic benefits for the City of Cleveland and the local economy. DORAs in other Ohio cities have consistently led to increased foot traffic, extended visitor stays, and boosted spending at restaurants, bars, and nearby retailers. By way of example, below are datapoints gathered from other cities that have established DORAs:

- Cincinnati: Currently has three DORAs. The largest is the DORA At the Banks, which was established in 2021, covering 85 acres and 14 liquor permitted businesses, and with a maximum capacity of over 60,000 people. The city has not reported any noteworthy safety or sanitation issues associated with DORAs.
- Columbus: Current has two DORAs. One is the Center City DORA, established 2022, which operates 11am – 10pm every day within a 0.62 square mile area downtown. The second is the Arena District, a special DORA created in 2024, that is activated three hours prior to every event or game taking place at Nationwide Arena, Huntington Park, and Lower.com Field. Like Cincinnati, Columbus has not reported any noteworthy problems with DORAs.
- Troy: In a survey of 25 cities with DORAs, 80% of respondent city governments identified “perceived increases in foot traffic or sales.”
- Middletown: Prior to creating a DORA, Middletown had a 90% vacancy rate. Post-DORA, the city noted “significant property investment and renovation of vacant buildings has occurred.”
- Kent: \$300,000 in additional beer and liquor sales per year due to DORA
- Worthington: Businesses reported 10-15% increase in sales due to DORA
- Tiffin: Downtown bars and restaurants reported 5-20% increases in sales due to DORA
- Powell: The City Zoning Inspector and the Assistant City Manager reported “feedback from the businesses was very positive. Many saw a significant increase in sales. One of the retail shops indicated their sales were comparable to holiday sales during the first weekend of the DORA.”
- Coshocton: Reported “increased revenue during community events,” including approximately 500 more participants in the city’s 2023 St. Patrick’s Day celebration and an approximate \$37,000 increase in revenue; and approximately 9,500 visitors and \$237,000 spent within the DORA during a three-day summer concert series.

For Playhouse Square, which already draws over a million annual visitors for theater and events, the DORA would likely enhance pre- and post-show dining and entertainment activity. A conservative 10% increase in alcohol sales alone would generate a meaningful rise in sales tax revenue for the state and county—at an 8% combined rate—delivering hundreds of thousands in new collections annually, with indirectly benefits city services funded through those channels.

In constructing plans for safe and successful operation of the DORA, PSF has paid particular attention to the Hall of Fame Village DORA in Canton, Ohio. Below is a statement provided by Hall of Fame Village highlighting the success of its DORA:

The Hall of Fame Village in Canton formed a DORA around the Pro Football Hall of Fame complex in 2023, as part of its comprehensive redevelopment of the area to offer a premier vacation destination for Village visitors from all around the globe. Since 2016, the Pro Football Hall of Fame museum at the Village has welcomed over 10 million guests, nationally and from over 70 countries. In February of 2026, the Hall of Fame Village released the following statement in response to request for comment on its DORA experience:

The establishment of our Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) has been a transformative addition to our 100+ acre open campus. Surrounded by residential neighborhoods on three sides and anchored by a major freeway with two direct campus exits, we initially approached the concept thoughtfully and strategically. The results have exceeded expectations in every measurable way.

During major events, the DORA has created meaningful economic uplift for all of our food and beverage retailers. Guests are no longer confined to a single patio or indoor seating area. Instead, they are able to move freely throughout the campus, enjoying the outdoor environment while patronizing multiple establishments. This freedom of movement has directly translated into longer dwell times, increased per-cap spending, and a greater share of the overall guest wallet captured across the campus.

The program has also opened the door to incremental sponsorship revenue through the creation of a designated DORA cup. Every participant who wishes to enjoy an alcoholic beverage within the DORA boundaries must utilize the official branded cup, which was intentionally designed to align with the campus aesthetic. This requirement has created a unique and highly visible sponsorship asset, generating additional partnership opportunities while reinforcing compliance and consistency throughout the district.

Importantly, despite the expansive footprint — which includes a high school and multiple open parking lot areas — there have been absolutely no security issues associated with the DORA. The boundaries are clearly marked with themed, highly visible signage that blends into the campus environment while maintaining clarity and compliance. Our operations and security teams have experienced smooth execution, and the program has integrated seamlessly into both event-day and daily activity.

Guest feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Patrons consistently express appreciation for the ability to enjoy the outdoors, socialize more naturally, and experience the campus as a cohesive destination rather than a series of individual venues. The DORA has elevated the atmosphere during events, enhanced the overall guest experience, and strengthened the sense of community connection between the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods.

In short, the DORA has proven to be operationally sound, secure, economically impactful, and experientially valuable — creating a vibrant, flexible environment that benefits guests, retailers, sponsors, and the broader community alike.



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Playhouse Square Foundation, which operates most of the venues within the proposed DORA, has decades of substantial experience providing comprehensive security, enforcing stringent public health measures, and managing compliance with intricate policies and procedures. This experience, and PSF’s commitment to the overall advancement of the City of Cleveland, will prove to be the ideal foundation to ensure appropriate administration of the proposed Playhouse Square DORA. In addition to PSF’s extensive experience, the DORA operational plans outlined in this document also draw on lessons learned from the more than 140 DORAs currently operating safely and successfully in cities across Ohio.

As outlined below, PSF will be working closely with the Mayor, City Council, Police and Fire Departments, and other safety, sanitation, and health officials to ensure a safe and professional implementation of the DORA. All plans contained below will be subject to constant reassessment and revision based on input from the City, public safety professionals, and area residents, to maximize safety, security, sanitation, and general health and well-being.

## 2. DORA Creation Process

The process the City of Cleveland follows to establish a DORA is laid out in Ohio Revised Code § 4301.82 and Cleveland Code of Ordinances § 699B.03:

- **Filing by Executive:** The Mayor of Cleveland files this Application for a DORA with the Cleveland City Council.
- **Public Notice:** Within forty-five (45) days of receiving this Application from the Mayor, the City Council shall file a public notice of this Application in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland, or as otherwise provided in Section 7.16 of the Ohio Revised Code. Notice must run at least once a week for two separate weeks. The notice must identify the date and time of any public hearing that the City will hold regarding this Application.

Further, the City Council must ensure that this Application is on file in the office of the clerk of the City and is available for inspection by the public during regular business hours, and this fact must be reflected in the published public notice. A sample public notice is included with this Application as Exhibit C.

- **Local Approval:** No earlier than thirty (30) days, but no later than sixty (60) days, after the initial publication of the notice, the City Council shall vote on a resolution or ordinance to approve or deny the creation of the DORA. The DORA must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of councilmembers. The resolution or ordinance must contain all items listed in R.C. § 4301.82(F), which may be accomplished via incorporation of this Application into the resolution or ordinance. Sample legislation for the City Council is included with this Application as Exhibit D.
- **State Notification:** The City of Cleveland shall file a copy of the signed and approved resolution/ordinance, a copy of this Application, and required supplemental documentation to the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Investigative Unit. Required supplements include a list of street boundaries encompassing the DORA (in DOLC-required format) and a surveyor certification statement identifying the acreage of the DORA (see Exhibits A and B).
- **State Review:** Division of Liquor Control and Department of Public Safety shall review the filings to make sure they contain all legal requirements. Liquor Control will then issue a DORA designation to participating permitted establishments within the new DORA. Liquor establishments may not begin participating in the DORA until they have received either a new permit with “OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA” designation or a DORA designation letter (which must be displayed next to the liquor permit).
- **Regular Review:** R.C. § 4301.82(I) requires that the Cleveland City Council must review the DORA and pass a resolution/ordinance re-approving or dissolving the DORA every five (5) years. This time-period has been shortened by the City of Cleveland to one (1) year

though C.C.O. §699B.05. Prior to adopting any ordinance or resolution re-approving, disapproving, or modifying the DORA, the City Council must give notice of its proposed action by publication in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland, or as otherwise provided in Section 7.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

### 3. Map of the Proposed DORA, Including Specific Boundaries & Street Addresses

*R.C. §4301.82(B)(1)(b) and 4301.82(F)(1)(a)*

*C.C.O. §699B.02(b)(1), B.04(a)(1)*

Per R.C. § 4301.82(B), the boundaries of a proposed DORA may not exceed six hundred and forty contiguous acres if the Municipal Corporation where the DORA is located has a population of more than fifty thousand. Further, under R.C. § 4301.82(D), a Municipal Corporation with a population of more than fifty thousand may establish up to six DORAs.

The City of Cleveland, with a population of 372,624, may establish up to six DORAs. One DORA already exists within the City, the East Fourth Street Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area. This means the City may establish five more DORAs. Pursuant to this Application, the City will establish one new DORA, the Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, encompassing 28.38 contiguous acres.

Following extensive consideration and discussions with the surrounding community, it has been determined that public safety and operational efficiency will be best achieved through a limited-size DORA of 28.38 acres. This determination was based on lessons from existing DORAs in other Ohio communities, such as Middletown. In 2015, Middletown became the first city in Ohio to establish a DORA. According to the city's former Assistant Director of Economic Development, the Middletown DORA "started with a very large area, then we decided to shrink the size, because it [a large DORA] would not make enforcement any easier and would diminish overall experience." The Playhouse Square DORA will employ a similar approach, focused on a smaller area that can be easily monitored and controlled, ensuring a higher-quality experience for visitors, local businesses, and surrounding residents.

#### **Map of the DORA:**

A map of the proposed DORA identifying the specific boundaries of the area is included as Exhibit A. Also included is a certification from Terrence E. Worsech, a surveyor licensed under Chapter 4733 of the Ohio Revised Code, identifying the number of acres that will make up the DORA as being 28.38 acres.

The Playhouse Square DORA will be composed of a "Base Area" and an "Expanded Area." The Base Area is the portion of the DORA which will be used on a day-to-day basis. Please see the orange outlined map in Exhibit A for the Base Area. The Expanded Area shall be the remaining DORA space depicted in the maps provided in Exhibit A. Some or all of the Expanded Area may be used on an event-by-event basis. Activation of the Expanded Area will be controlled by the Playhouse Square DORA Committee, which will be comprised of three individuals appointed by PSF, further discussed in Section 7 of this Application.

Regarding the Hanna Building at Euclid and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, please note that the DORA zone is limited exclusively to the first floor only, as provided in Exhibit A. All other floors of the building have been intentionally excluded from the DORA premises.

**Boundary Description, Including Specific Street Addresses:**

A legal description of the DORA and its boundaries is identified in Exhibit B. A street boundary list including specific street addresses encompassing the DORA will be furnished by City of Cleveland (in DOLC-required format) to Ohio Division of Liquor Control upon passage of the DORA implementation legislation.

**4. Number of Liquor Permit Holders Encompassed by the DORA & Nature and Types of Establishments within the DORA**

*R.C. §4301.82(B)(2), (B)(3)  
C.C.O. §699B.02(b)(2), (b)(3)*

**Number of Qualified Permit Holders**

The proposed DORA will encompass not fewer than four A-1, A-1-A, A-1c, A-2, A-2f, or D-class, excluding D-6 or D-8, liquor permit holders, as required by R.C. § 4301.82(B)(3) and 4301.82(D)(3)(b). Specifically, the Playhouse Square DORA will include thirteen (13) current qualified liquor permit holders, as identified below:

<b>NAME / DBA</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PERMIT #</b>
Playhouse Square Hotel LLC dba Crowne Plaza Cleveland	D-5A, D-6	1260 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115	06961521-1
Yours Truly of Playhouse Square Inc.	D-5J, D-6	1228 Euclid Ave., Unit 16, Cleveland, OH 44115	09862828-1
Cibreo LLC dba Cibreo Italian Kitchen	D-5J, D-6	1438 Euclid Ave., 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl./Bsmt. & Loft, Cleveland, OH 44115	01476123-1
2Celts Corp. dba Parnells	D5-J, D-6	1501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115	09115251-1
Republic Restaurant and Bar LLC dba Republic Food and Drink	D-1, D-2, D-3, D-6	1425 Euclid Ave., Ste. 108, Cleveland, OH 44115	07306515-1
Sushien Downtown LLC dba Sushien	D-5J, D-6	1507 Euclid Ave., 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl./Mezz/Bsmt, Cleveland, OH 44115	08711055-1
Bin 216 LLC dba Bin 216	D-5J, D-6	1515 Euclid Ave., 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl., Cleveland, OH 44115	00717908-1
Porizi Bistro LLC dba The Bulkley Brasserie	D-5J, D-6	1501 Euclid Ave., 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl., Ste. 112A, Cleveland, OH 44115	07030980-1
Brauhaus Cleveland LLC dba Hofbrauhaus Cleveland	A-1A, A- 1C, D-5	1550 Chester Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114	00920025-1
Capuchin Training Kitchen LLC	D-5J, D-6	1305 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115	01222044-1
Driftwood Concessions LLC	D-5J, D-6	1407, 1511, 1515, 1519, & 1615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115	02301407-1

Chagrin River Co dba Moe's Tavern	D-5, D-6	1740 E. 17 <sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44114	01413926-1
Emis LLC dba District	D-5J, D-6	1350 Euclid Ave., Ste. 120, Cleveland, OH 44115	02506765-1

*Source: Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control (February 2026)*

### **Nature and Types of Establishments within the DORA**

In addition to the qualified liquor permit holders listed above, the DORA will also contain a diverse array of other establishments, such as retail shops, hotels, recreational venues, and more. Some of the current and future establishments include:

1. Playhouse Square theatre complex, including the Allen Theatre, KeyBank State Theatre, Mimi Ohio Theatre, Connor Palace, Great Lakes Theater, and more.
2. The Lumen apartments
3. Corbo's Bakery at Playhouse
4. Sittoo's Lebanese Grill Playhouse Square
5. Brel's Restaurant & Bar at Playhouse Square
6. The City Club of Cleveland
7. WCLV Radio
8. Cleveland Confections
9. Starbucks Coffee

### **Statement of Compliance with Ohio Revised Code §4301.82(D)**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §4301.82(D)(1), "a municipal corporation [...] with a population of more than fifty thousand shall create not more than six outdoor refreshment areas." The City of Cleveland meets these population requirements, as further described below:

- The 2020 Census (the most recent regular federal decennial census for which data is publicly available at the time this DORA Application was submitted) identified the population of the City of Cleveland as 372,624.
- The City of Cleveland has previously only established one outdoor refreshment area: the East Fourth Street Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.
- As identified in the included DORA Application, the proposed outdoor refreshment area will include thirteen (13) qualified permit holders.
- As identified in the included DORA Application and certified surveyor/engineer statement, the total acreage of the proposed outdoor refreshment area will be 28.38 contiguous acres.

5. Evidence that Proposed Uses of Land are in Accord with the Cleveland City  
Master Zoning Plan or Map

*R.C. §4301.82(B)(4)*  
*C.C.O. §699B.02(b)(4)*

Included as Exhibit E is a zoning letter from City of Cleveland. This letter indicates that the City verifies the uses of the land within the proposed Playhouse Square DORA are in accord with the city's master zoning plan or map. A copy of the City of Cleveland's Zoning Map is included as Exhibit F.

## 6. Number, Spacing, and Type of Signage Designating the DORA

*R.C. §4301.82(F)(1)(b)*

*C.C.O. §699B.04(a)(2)*

Playhouse Square Foundation will determine the number and placement of signs and street markings. Signs will identify entrances and exits of the DORA, along with the area's hours of operation, and will include the statement: "No alcoholic beverages beyond this point." Signs may also identify that possession of opened containers outside of the DORA may result in a minor misdemeanor and a fine of up to \$150.00 per R.C. § 4301.62.

Please see below for a map identifying the approximate locations/spacing and number of signs, as well as for example signage. PSF estimates that approximately 12 outdoor signs will be needed, primarily double-sided boundary signage types. Signage will be removable and deployed only during Expanded DORA events.



*Example DORA signage*



*Draft signage location map*

## 7. DORA Hours of Operation

*R.C. §4301.82(F)(1)(c)*

*C.C.O. §699B.04(a)(3)*

As discussed, the Playhouse Square DORA will use a unique tiered activation system, in which certain areas within the DORA will be strategically activated at particular dates and times, as needed for various events. Activation will be controlled by the Playhouse Square DORA Committee. Exact days and hours of operation will comply with Ohio law, and the Committee reserves and shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to restrict or reduce the DORA's hours of operation at any time.

As identified in this application, the Playhouse Square DORA will be composed of a "Base Area" and an "Expanded Area." The Committee shall provide notice to the Cleveland Police Department, Ohio Department of Public Safety, and Ohio Division of Liquor Control, prior to any activation of the Expanded Area of the DORA. As part of such activation, PSF will post signage along the expanded DORA boundaries to notify the public of where the DORA boundary begins and ends for that particular activation, as well as the hours of operation for that activation. Newsletters and other notices may also be publicly circulated to better inform the public regarding activations. If necessary due to the location, size, or attendance of an event, PSF may also coordinate with Cleveland Police to install physical barriers for event premises delineation and safety purposes.

## 8. Public Safety and Security Plan, Including the Number of Personnel Needed to Ensure Public Safety in the DORA

*R.C. §4301.82(B)(5), R.C. §4301.82(F)(1)(d)  
C.C.O. §699B.02(b)(5), (b)(6); C.C.O. §699B.04(a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6)*

The requirements for the purpose of ensuring public safety within the DORA and the number of personnel needed to ensure public safety in the DORA are as follows:

In constructing safety and security plans for the DORA, PSF has extensively studied existing DORAs in other jurisdictions. Overall, cities across Ohio have unanimously regarded their DORAs as a public safety success story. In one notable example, as part of discussions on its own DORA in 2021, the City of Troy conducted a survey of 25 cities across Ohio which had established DORAs. 96% of jurisdictions identified “no increase in crime or public safety concerns,” and 84% responded that there was “no increased need of police presence.”

- Kent: “Our police presence (on foot) in the warmer months was slightly increased to keep an eye on the program in its infancy. There has not been a need to continue this.”
- Middletown: The only violation has been “people going out to their cars for a re-fill when we had closed the street for a band or event.”
- Greenville: Police “[P]resence is a little more during special events such as First Fridays, parades, car shows, etc.”
- Grove City: “1-2 people violating in a year period. Outside the designated area and disorderly conduct.”
- Coshocton: “Zero known arrests” associated with the DORA.
- Deerfield Township: “No increase in emergency calls.”

Protecting the safety of guests, employees, and surrounding residents is PSF’s number one priority. As the operator of one of the country’s finest and most reputable theater districts, the PSF team possesses substantial expertise in protecting the safety and security of all individuals in and around large public venues. At the Theatre District, PSF currently maintains a robust set of security measures designed to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all guests, residents, and employees. These include 24/7 on-site security personnel, high-resolution surveillance cameras covering key public spaces, and close coordination with the Cleveland Police Department. The district also partners with Downtown Cleveland Alliance’s Clean and Safe Ambassadors, who provide additional street-level presence and assistance, contributing to crime deterrence and hospitality.

- The primary security mechanism for the DORA will consist of private security services, with augmented support via the Cleveland Police Department during certain special events as needed. The number of personnel needed to ensure public safety on a daily basis will reflect the pedestrian traffic patterns and hours of operation of the liquor permitted establishments within the DORA, in order to ensure public safety on an efficient and ongoing basis. Staffing will consist of several dedicated security personnel on-premises, as well as a staff member monitoring surveillance cameras 24-hours-per-day, 7-days-per-week. Staffing levels will be monitored and adjusted as needed for special events and

holidays. Playhouse Square currently maintains a robust staff of 41 off-duty law enforcement officers who provide security for shows and special events in the Theatre District.

- PSF security personnel will provide constant oversight of the DORA during all hours of operation by way of physical observation and by monitoring surveillance cameras. Security staff will serve as the first-responders to any incidents inside of the DORA and are highly trained in observational skills, conflict de-escalation, and interacting with intoxicated individuals.
- PSF and the surrounding businesses operate a large network of surveillance cameras. As part of the DORA initiative, PSF will encourage and strongly urge third-party businesses within the Expanded DORA boundaries to register and link their cameras with the Cleveland Police Department.
- PSF will designate a member of its staff as the Safety and Security Liaison. This individual will serve as the primary point of contact for the City and its public safety personnel on issues of safety and security, and will be available at any time for questions or to coordinate with the City and public safety personnel.
- PSF is confident that its in-house security personnel will be sufficient to handle any issues that may arise in the DORA. As such, PSF does not anticipate or expect that the Cleveland Police Department will provide any additional resources or personnel to maintain safety and security within the DORA during normal operations, except as may be desired by the City or the Police Department.
- Fire Station #1 at 1645 Superior Avenue (~5 minutes away) is responsible for providing fire, rescue, and EMS service within the proposed DORA area. PSF retains several staff members trained in first aid and proper communication practices with public safety personnel in the event of an emergency. PSF does not estimate that the DORA will create any need for additional fire or EMS resources from City of Cleveland.
- Additional support for the security and public safety plan will be available via on-site personnel working for PSF, liquor permit establishments, and other businesses within the DORA. For example, these will include sanitation personnel (including DCA and Downtown Cleveland Inc.), valets, and maintenance staff. While not directly associated with public safety personnel like the private security and Cleveland Police officers, these other personnel will be present during all DORA hours of operation will provide additional "eyes and ears" to communicate public safety concerns to the appropriate security personnel.
- The speed limits of areas within the DORA will be reflective of the nature of the area as a high-traffic pedestrian area where vehicles are primarily present for parking. PSF will work with the City of Cleveland to evaluate signage and visibility of all crosswalks and other markings within the DORA and, if needed or advisable, implement changes or modifications to such signage or markings.

- At least once every year after the commencement of the DORA, PSF will review and propose modifications to the Safety and Security Plan. The City, Cleveland Police, or Cleveland Fire may request that changes be made to the safety and security plan as part of these annual reviews.
- In accordance with C.C.O. §699B.04(b)(5), the proposed Playhouse Square DORA does not include any areas that may be hazardous to pedestrian use, such as railroad tracks, areas with steep grade or slope, or any area that abuts waters in the City.

## **Special Events**

Special events are an integral part of the Theater District's unique allure. Year-round events hosted within the District serve as a major draw of guests and economic activity to both the complex and the City of Cleveland at-large. Establishing a DORA at the Playhouse Square complex will enhance these events, elevating the area to a new level of vibrancy and commercial vitality.

Special events attended by a large number of individuals present unique safety challenges, particularly given the presence of a DORA. Having successfully and safely managed such events for decades, the PSF team is ideally suited and uniquely equipped to manage these challenges. If necessary, the Safety and Security Liaison will communicate with the Cleveland Police Department to coordinate additional safety measures throughout the DORA during special events. These measures may include elevated law enforcement presence in and around the DORA, vehicle and pedestrian traffic management, and additional surveillance within the DORA to monitor for visitor violations of the DORA rules. Per C.C.O. §699B.03(f), PSF or any other person organizing an event within the DORA will obtain a special event permit to the extent required under C.C.O. Chapter 131.

**9. Sanitation Plan to Maintain Appearance and Public Health of the Area, Including the Number of Personnel Needed to Execute the Sanitation Plan**

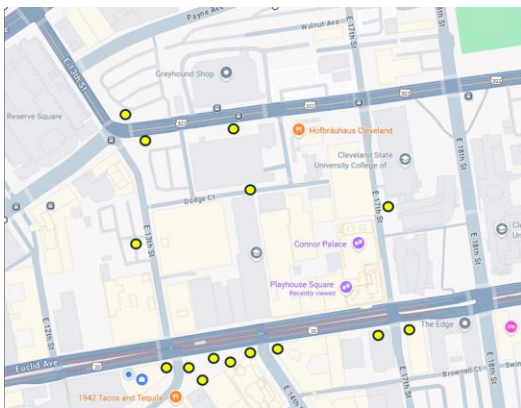
*R.C. §4301.82(B)(5), 4301.82(F)(1)(e), 4301.82(F)(1)(f)  
C.C.O. §699B.02(b)(6); C.C.O. §699B.04(a)(5), (a)(6)*

The requirements for the purpose of ensuring public health within the DORA, the Sanitation Plan that will help maintain the appearance and public health of the DORA, and the number of personnel needed to execute the Sanitation Plan, are as follows:

Maintaining a clean and healthy environment in and around the DORA is critical to protecting public health and maintaining the image of Cleveland as a safe and environmentally conscious community. The city of Troy’s survey of 25 localities revealed that 75% of DORAs generated “no impact” and 25% “minimal impact” on sanitation within the designated area, underscoring the importance and effectiveness of a robust sanitation plan. With years of experience operating the Playhouse Square complex, staff within the proposed DORA possess more than sufficient skill and resources to preserve a sanitary environment within the DORA. To ensure cleanliness and safety within the Theatre District, Playhouse has partnered with Downtown Cleveland Inc., who currently provides sanitation services for the District. A letter of commitment from DCI to support maintaining a clean, healthy environment is included as Exhibit G.

PSF will take all necessary and reasonable measures to ensure the cleanliness of the physical premises. Such measures will include strategic placement of trash and recycling receptacles at key locations inside the DORA, and at regular intervals around the DORA perimeter. There will also be a receptacle located outside of each permitted liquor establishment participating in the sale of alcohol in Official Cups. At this time, PSF estimates a total of 12 receptacles will be needed around the DORA. PSF and Downtown Cleveland Inc. personnel will engage in daily pickup of litter and debris on sidewalks and areas bordering the DORA to maintain a clean, healthy environment both in and around the DORA.

The number of personnel needed to execute the sanitation plan will reflect pedestrian traffic levels associated with the DORA operational hours. Daily litter pickup, street and sidewalk sweeping, and emptying trash receptacles will be the primary areas of emphasis.



*Map of waste receptacle locations*

## 10. Rules of the DORA & Official Cup of the DORA

*R.C. §4301.62(C)(7), R.C. §4301.82(F)(1)(g)*

*C.C.O. §699B.04(a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)*

### **General Rules of the DORA**

All State of Ohio and City of Cleveland laws regarding public intoxication and impaired driving will continue to apply both inside and around the DORA.

R.C. § 4301.62(C)(7)(a) - Opened containers will only be permitted if the alcoholic beverage was purchased from a qualified permit holder to which both of the following apply:

- i. The permit holder's premises is located within the outdoor refreshment area;
- ii. The permit held by the permit holder has an outdoor refreshment area designation issued by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

R.C. § 4301.62(C)(7)(b) - Outdoor Refreshment Area participants may NOT:

- i. Enter the premises of a liquor permit establishment within the outdoor refreshment area while possessing an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor acquired elsewhere, including from any other liquor permit establishment within the outdoor refreshment area;
- ii. Possess an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor while being in or on a motor vehicle.

R.C. § 4301.82(G) - Any F-class permit holders within the DORA:

- i. Must comply with all laws, rules, and regulations that govern the permit holder's permit type, and all rules, public health, and safety requirements of the DORA;
- ii. Shall not block ingress or egress to the DORA or any other liquor permit premises located within the DORA.

C.C.O. § 699B.04(a)(8) - Qualified permit holders within the DORA shall be prohibited from installing, operating, or causing to be installed or operated any sound amplifying device on the outside of the premises of the qualified permit holder without first obtaining a permit as required under the Cleveland Code of Ordinances.

## **Official Cup of the DORA: Requirement that Beer and Intoxicating Liquor Be Served Solely in Plastic Bottles or Other Plastic Containers in the DORA**

R.C. § 4301.82(F)(1)(g) - All beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor in open containers within the DORA must be contained in a plastic Official Cup. No other cups, cans, glasses, or containers shall be permitted for opened container use.

- All DORA beverages must be served by participating liquor establishments in a new, unused Official Cup. Participating establishments will be responsible for supplying patrons with Official Cups.
- Neither establishments nor patrons may refill or reuse any Official Cup. Only one Official Cup will be permitted at a time per DORA patron. Used Official Cups must be disposed of before entering any liquor establishment in the DORA and before leaving the DORA.
- Official Cups will be of a unique design to be easily identifiable by security personnel and law enforcement. Official Cups will clearly identify the name of the DORA on the cup. Official Cups will be able to hold not more than sixteen (16) fluid ounces and will be composed of plastic.
- In addition to using an Official Cup, PSF may at times elect to require patrons participating in the DORA to also wear an official, dated DORA wristband to identify that they are at least 21 years of age.



*Example DORA Cup*



*Proposed DORA Cup Logo*

### **Assumption of Good Behavior by DORA Participants:**

A DORA patron can expect to enjoy the Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area without restraint, questioning, or harassment by DORA security or any DORA entity, SO LONG AS that DORA patron correctly follows all of the Rules of the DORA, and maintains a decorum of good behavior, free of public drunkenness, property destruction, or any action that disrupts any establishment, property owner, resident, or patron within or around the DORA.

### **Insurance Requirements**

Per C.C.O. § 699B.04(b)(9), PSF will indemnify the City of Cleveland and maintain a liability and property damage insurance policy of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), with the City of Cleveland included as an additional insured.

## 11. List of Exhibits

For ease of reference, the Exhibits included with this Application are as follows:

- 1) **Exhibit A** – Map of the proposed Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, including identification of street boundaries.
- 2) **Exhibit B** – Legal description of the Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area and boundaries, including identification of street boundaries and acreage.
- 3) **Exhibit C** – Draft public notice for the DORA.
- 4) **Exhibit D** – Draft legislation for authorization of the DORA.
- 5) **Exhibit E** – Letter from the City of Cleveland, identifying that the uses of land within the proposed DORA is in accord with the city's master zoning plan or map.
- 6) **Exhibit F** – Copy of the City of Cleveland's zoning map.
- 7) **Exhibit G** – Letter of support from Downtown Cleveland Inc. (DCI), expressing support for the DORA and committing to assist in maintaining a clean, healthy environment.
- 8) **Exhibit H** – Petitions signed by not less than least seventy-five percent (75%) of commercial tenants within the outdoor refreshment area indicating approval of the designation for the area, as required by C.C.O. § 699B.02(b)(7).

# EXHIBIT A. Map of Proposed DORA



PERMANENT PARCEL NO.	OWNERSHIP
101-37-042	1228 EUCLID AVENUE, LTD
101-37-018	PLAYHOUSE SQUARE DEV CORP
101-37-026	RENAISSANCE CENTER
102-22-013	THE CITY OF CLEVELAND
102-23-042	PLAYHOUSE SQUARE FOUNDATION
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103-01-037	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
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PLAYHOUSE SQUARE FOUNDATION  
PLAYHOUSE SQUARE DORA MAP  
CITY OF CLEVELAND, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO

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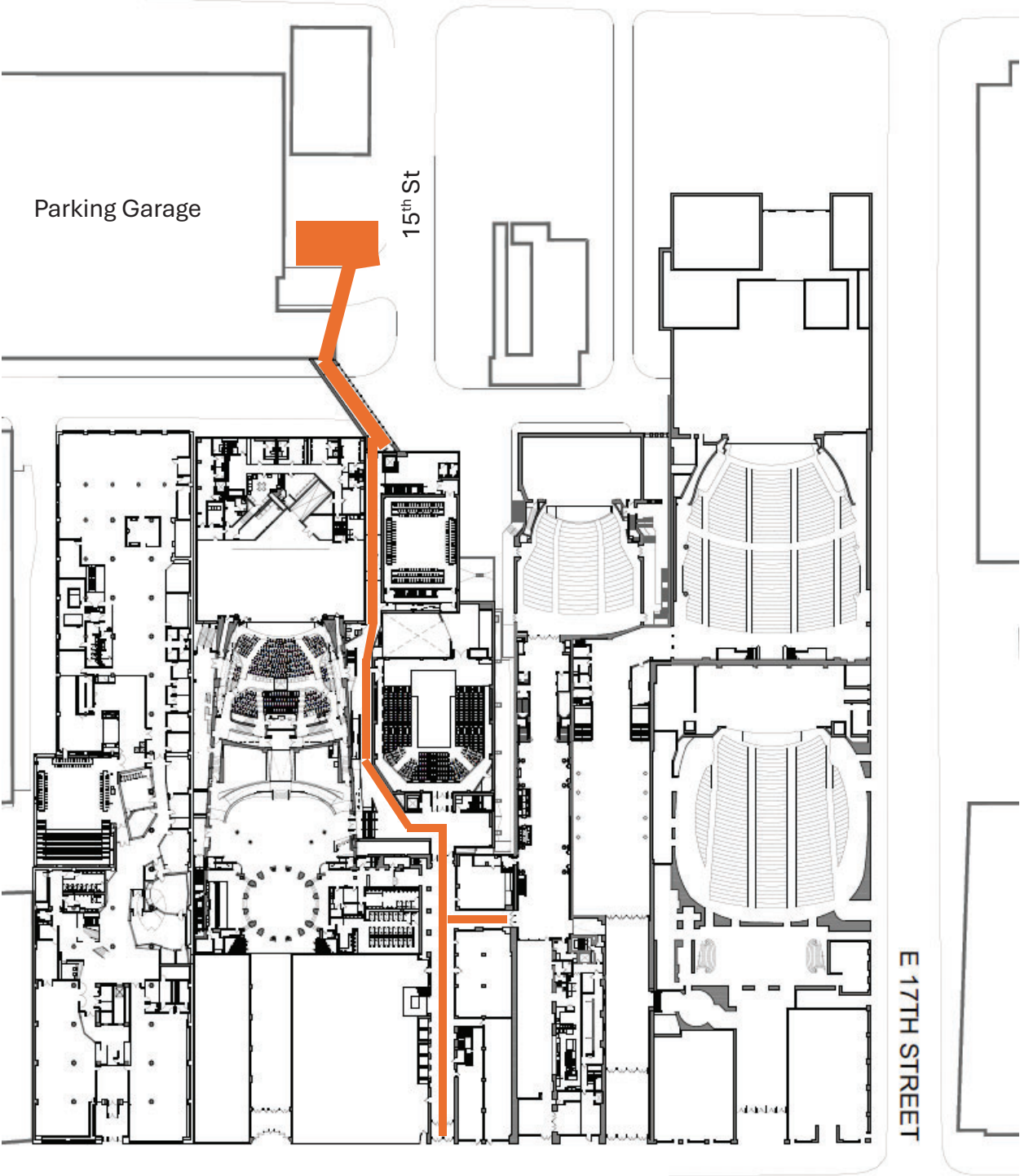
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Greyhound

Chester Ave



Euclid Ave

**DAILY BASE DORA AREA**

## EXHIBIT B. Legal Description of Proposed DORA



Civil Engineers + Landscape Architects + Planners + Surveyors

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Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio and known as being part of Original Two Acre Lots Nos. 153, 157, 158, 159, 161, 162, 163 & 164 and being part of Original Ten Acre Lots Nos. 51, 74, 75, 76 and is further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of East 13<sup>th</sup> Street (50 Feet Wide) and the centerline of Chester Avenue N.E. (86 Feet Wide);

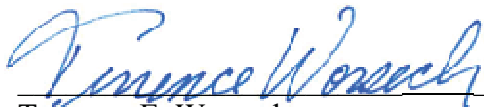
- Course 1 Thence North 55°03'39" East, along the centerline of said Chester Avenue, a distance of 74.51 feet to an angle point on said centerline;
- Course 2 Thence North 82°10'24" East, continuing along the centerline of said Chester Avenue, a distance of 40.86 feet;
- Course 3 Thence North 07°49'36" West, a distance of 43.00 feet to a point of curvature on the Northerly right of way for said Chester Avenue;
- Course 4 Thence by the arc of a roadway turn-out deflecting to the right, a distance of 162.06 feet to the point of tangency on the Easterly right of way for said East 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Said arc having a radius of 150.00 feet, a central angle of 61°54'03" and a chord which bears North 66°52'34" West, a distance of 154.29 feet;
- Course 5 Thence North 35°55'33" West, along the Easterly right of way of said East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, a distance of 87.12 feet to the point of curvature of a roadway turn-out;
- Course 6 Thence by the arc of a roadway turn-out deflecting to the right, a distance of 24.06 feet to the point of compound curvature on the Southerly right of way for Payne Avenue (80 Feet Wide). Said arc having a radius of 15.00 feet, a central angle of 91°53'41" and a chord which bears North 10°01'18" East, a distance of 21.56 feet;
- Course 7 Thence by the arc of a curve along the Southerly right of way for said Payne Avenue and the extension of, deflecting to the right, a distance of 281.17 feet to the point of non-tangency on the Northerly right of way for Walnut Avenue. Said arc having a radius of 1200.00 feet, a central angle of 13°25'29" and a chord which bears North 62°55'11" East, a distance of 280.52 feet;
- Course 8 Thence North 80°29'42" East along the Northerly right of way for said Walnut Avenue, a distance of 15.10 feet to the Northwest corner of P.P.N. 102-23-032;

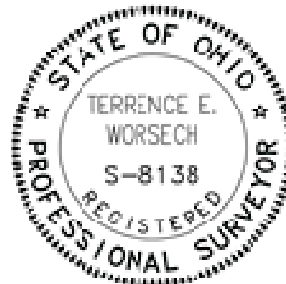
- Course 9 Thence South 08°49'18" East along the Westerly line of said P.P.N. 102-23-032 and the Easterly line of said Walnut Avenue, a distance of 60.81 feet to the Southwest corner of said P.P.N. 102-23-032 and the Northwest corner of P.P.N. 102-23-042;
- Course 10 Thence North 80°45'42" East, along the Southerly line of said P.P.N 102-23-032 and the Northerly line of said P.P.N. 102-23-042 and continuing along the Southerly right of way for Walnut Avenue (59.54 Feet Wide), a distance of 693.89 feet to the intersection with the centerline East 17<sup>th</sup> Street (60 Feet Wide);
- Course 11 Thence South 09°17'35" East, along the centerline of said East 17<sup>th</sup> Street, a distance of 1054.32 feet to the intersection with the centerline of Euclid Avenue (99 Feet Wide);
- Course 12 Thence South 12°03'46" East, a distance of 250.19 feet to the intersection of the centerline of said East 17<sup>th</sup> Street with the centerline of Brownell Court (20 Feet Wide);
- Course 13 Thence South 80°41'51" West, along the centerline of said Brownell Court, a distance of 366.82 feet to the intersection with the Easterly right of way for East 14<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Course 14 Thence South 35°03'39" East, along the Easterly right of way of said East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, a distance of 239.44 feet;
- Course 15 Thence South 83°12'47" West, a distance of 97.65 feet to the Westerly right of way for said East 14<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Course 16 Thence North 35°03'39" West, along the Westerly right of way for said East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, a distance of 182.92 feet to the intersection with the Northerly right of way for Brownell Court S.E. (16.5 Feet Wide);
- Course 17 Thence South 81°49'05" West, along the Northerly right of way for said Brownell Court S.E., a distance of 121.41 feet to an angle point on said right of way;
- Course 18 Thence North 83°31'19" West, continuing along the Northerly right of way for said Brownell Court S.E., a distance of 38.67 feet to the Northwest corner of P.P.N. 101-37-026;
- Course 19 Thence North 55°13'34" East, along the Northerly line of said P.P.N. 101-37-026, a distance of 137.24 feet to the Westerly right of way for said East 14<sup>th</sup> Street;

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- Course 20 Thence North 35°03'39" West, along the Westerly right of way for said East 14th Street, a distance of 174.13 feet to the intersection with the Southerly right of way for Huron Road S.E. (99 Feet Wide);
- Course 21 Thence South 55°23'16" West, along the Southerly right of way of said Huron Road, a distance of 413.00 feet to the Northwest corner of P.P.N. 101-37-020;
- Course 22 Thence North 34°36'46" West, a distance of 49.50 feet to the centerline of said Huron Road;
- Course 23 Thence South 55°23'16" West, along the centerline of said Huron Road, a distance of 265.22 feet to the intersection with the centerline of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street (16.5 Feet Wide);
- Course 24 Thence North 34°39'50" West, along the centerline of said East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, a distance of 154.17 feet to an angle point on said centerline;
- Course 25 Thence North 10°45'01" West, continuing along the centerline of said East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, a distance of 205.43 feet to the intersection with the Northerly right of way for said Euclid Avenue;
- Course 26 Thence North 79°19'32" East, along the Northerly right of way for said Euclid Avenue, a distance of 405.68 feet to the centerline of said East 13<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Course 27 Thence North 11°14'01" West, along the centerline of said East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, a distance of 601.23 feet to an angle point on said centerline;
- Course 28 Thence North 35°01'13" West, continuing along the centerline of said East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, a distance of 147.36 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing 28.3894 Acres (1,236,641 Square Feet) of land as surveyed by Terrence E. Worsech, Registered Surveyor No. 8138-Ohio of Neff & Associates.

Be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways and easements of record.

  
Terrence E. Worsech  
Registered Surveyor No. 8138-Ohio  
Neff & Associates



## EXHIBIT C. Sample Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PLAYHOUSE SQUARE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA. Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that action is pending before Cleveland City Council to: Consider and adopt an Ordinance, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.82, creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in the City of Cleveland for the purpose of authorizing patrons of liquor permitted businesses within the DORA to purchase alcoholic beverages and consume them outdoors within the boundaries of the area. Outdoor refreshment areas provide a narrow and conditional exemption to Ohio's open container laws. Ohio and Cleveland laws regarding public intoxication and impaired driving will continue to apply within and around the outdoor refreshment area. A public hearing on the above will be held at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. Cleveland City Council shall provide reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities so that they may attend and participate in public meetings. To arrange for an accommodation, contact the Clerk of Council at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. A copy of the text of the proposed Ordinance, together with the Application for Designation, are available for public examination in the office of the Clerk of council, Cleveland City Hall Building.

EXHIBIT D. Sample Legislation

**ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN SUCH AREA; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Mayor Bibb filed an application with Cleveland City Council, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (the “Application”), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of Council, seeking the designation of certain property in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, described therein, as a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area; and

WHEREAS, the application meets all requirements under Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.82 and is accompanied by a map identifying the boundaries of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area; and

WHEREAS, Council caused public notice be to published once a week for two consecutive weeks in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, that the Application was on file in the office of the clerk of Cleveland City Council and was available for inspection during regular business hours, and that \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ would be the date of a public hearing on the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area; and

WHEREAS, Council held a public hearing on the Application and the proposed designation of the property as a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, STATE OF OHIO, THAT

Section 1. Council accepts the recommendation of the Mayor that the Application be approved.

Section 2. That the following requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.82(F)(1) are identified in Exhibit A and are incorporated herein: (i) the specific boundaries of the area, including street addresses; (ii) the number, spacing, and type of signage designating the area; (iii) the hours of operation for the area; (iv) the number of personnel needed to ensure public safety in the area; (v) a sanitation plan that will help maintain the appearance and public health of the area; (vi) the number of personnel needed to execute the sanitation plan; (vii) a requirement that beer and intoxicating liquor be served solely in plastic bottles or other non-glass containers in the area; and, (viii) the rules and public health and safety requirements of the area.

Section 4. That, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.82(I) and Cleveland Code of Ordinances Chapter 699B.03(b), no less than three (3) years from the date of the adoption of the Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, Council shall review the operation

of the outdoor refreshment area and shall, by ordinance or resolution, either approve its continued operation or dissolve the area. Such review shall be repeated each year after each subsequent approval of the Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, in the same manner. Prior to adopting any such ordinance or resolution, Council shall give notice of its proposed action by publication in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland, or as otherwise provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 7.16. Council reserves the right, pursuant to state law, to dissolve all or part of the outdoor refreshment area at any time, subject to notice requirements.

Section 5. That it is in the public interest of the City of Cleveland that the property described in the Application be approved and established and designated as a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.80, and is hereby named the Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.

Section 6. That there is hereby established a Playhouse Square DORA Committee (the “Playhouse DORA Committee”), which will be comprised of three individuals appointed by Playhouse Square Foundation. The Playhouse DORA Committee shall be responsible for oversight of the Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area and shall have the right to determine the exact days and hours of operation compliant with Ohio law, to expand, reduce, or restrict the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area’s hours of operation and premises boundaries at any time, and to set further rules for the operation of the DORA. The Playhouse DORA Committee may promulgate its own internal rules of procedure and review. The Playhouse DORA Committee shall provide notice to the Cleveland Police Department, Ohio Department of Public Safety, and Ohio Division of Liquor Control, prior to any “major activation” of the DORA, which shall mean any use of the areas not identified in the DORA Map as being within the “Base Area.”

Section 7. The Clerk of Council shall keep a copy of the Application on file in the office of the Clerk of Council.

Section 8. The Clerk of Council is authorized to correct any typographical errors discovered herein during or after the pendency or passage of this ordinance. The Clerk of Council is further authorized, in conjunction with the Law Department and the President, to correct any ministerial or de minimis errors that do not substantially alter the pendency or passage of this ordinance. Corrected copies are to be sent to all official recipients.

Section 9. The Clerk of Council is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this Ordinance to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and to the Investigative Unit of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, all in accordance with ORC 4301.82(C) and 4301.82 (F)(3).

Section 10. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety of the citizens of the city of Cleveland. And provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the elected and/or appointed members to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Section 11. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**

Mayor Justin M. Bibb

**CITY PLANNING**

EXHIBIT E. ZONING LETTER

**Calley Mersmann**  
Director

March 3, 2026

John N. Neal, Esq.  
WH Buckley, LLP  
1500 W. 3rd St., Ste. 300  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Re: Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area

Dear Mr. Neal:

I am writing to you to verify that the uses of the land within the proposed Playhouse Square Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area are in accord with the City of Cleveland's master zoning plan or map.

Please feel free to contact me at [sleonard@clevelandohio.gov](mailto:sleonard@clevelandohio.gov) or (216)664-3814 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannan Leonard".

Shannan Leonard  
Chief Zoning Administrator |  
Manager of Zoning & Technology





Sources: Esri, DeLorme, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Microsoft, Vantor, Access Rd

## Legend

### DORA AREAS

 Playhouse Square Dora

### Zoning

-  General Industry
-  General Retail Business
-  Semi Industry



EXHIBIT G. Letter of Support from Downtown Cleveland Inc.



VIA APPLICATION SUBMISSION

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**Michael Deemer**  
*President & CEO*

City of Cleveland  
Mayor Justin M. Bibb  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44114

RE: Playhouse Square DORA Application

Honorable Mayor Bibb:

On behalf of Downtown Cleveland, Inc., we submit this letter in support of Playhouse Square's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area ("DORA") application.

Downtown Cleveland's mission is to strengthen the city's and region's heart by increasing job and residential density and creating great public spaces. As the only organization focused solely on strengthening and building the heart of Cleveland itself, we work to make downtown safer, more connected, and more active to stimulate growth and inspire pride.

As part of Playhouse Square's DORA submission, Downtown Cleveland, Inc. ("DCI") has collaborated with Playhouse Square to develop the Sanitation Plan for the proposed DORA, including the placement of four new trash receptacles within the district.

In connection with the DORA and the Sanitation Plan, DCI affirms its commitment to work with Playhouse Square to support and maintain a clean, healthy environment within the DORA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Deemer'.

Michael Deemer, President & CEO

## EXHIBIT H. Tenant Petitions of Support

### Playhouse Square DORA Petition

Counts	Signed	Name of Business	Address
1		Bin 216	1515 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
2		Cibreo Italian Kitchen	1438 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
3		Cleveland State University Art Gallery	1307 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
4		Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative	1309 Ste 200 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
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6		CSU Department of Theatre and Dance	1901 E 13th St, Cleveland OH 44114
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8	1	District	1350 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
9	1	Dix & Eaton	1501 Ste 800 & 900 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
10		Driftwood Catering / Concessions	1422 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
11		Dwellworks	1317 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
12	1	Encore Bar	1580 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115
13		First National Bank	1600 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
14	1	Fit Technologies	1375 Ste 500 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
15	1	Friar's Table	1305 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
16	1	Fruit Stand	1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
17	1	Great Lakes Theater	1501 Ste 300 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
18	1	Greyhound	1465 Chester Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114
19	1	Hofbrauhaus Cleveland	1550 Chester Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114
20	1	Bespoke	1621 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
21	1	Idea Center	1375 Ste 200 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
22	1	PSF - Ideastream	1375 Ste 200 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
23	1	Ben & Jerry's	1422 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
24		Moe's Tavern	740 E 17th St, Cleveland, OH 44114
25		Parnell's Irish Pub	1415 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
26	1	Playhouse Square	1501 Ste 200 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
27	1	Playhouse Square Parking Garage	1450 Chester Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114
28	1	Playhouse Square Real-estate (B&J)	1422 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
29	1	PSF - Allen Theater	1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
30	1	PSF - Conner Palace	2121 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
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32	1	PSF - KeyBank State Theater	1519 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
33	1	PSF - Lumen Apartments	1600 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
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35	1	PSF - Mimi Ohio Theater	1511 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
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38	1	PSF - The Helen Lab Theater	1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
39	1	PSF - Hanna Theater	2067 E 14th St, Cleveland OH 44115
40	1	PSF Ticket Office	1375 Ste 350 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
41	1	Playhouse Square Real-estate - Electronics Building	1776 E 17th St, Cleveland OH 44114
42	1	PSQ Lumen Parking Garage	1965 E 17th St, Cleveland, OH 44115
43		Republic Food and Drink	1425 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
44	1	Shaia Surface Lot #13	1325 Chester Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115
45	1	Shaia Surface Lot #8	1603 Chester Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115

46	1	Sittoos Lebanese Grill	1625 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
47	1	Something good	1302 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
48	1	Sushi En Downtown	1507 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
49	1	The Brasserie/ Bulkley Bar	1501 Ste 110 & 112A Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
50	1	The City Club	1317 Ste 100 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
51	1	The Hermit Club	1629 Dodge Ct, Cleveland, OH 44114
52	1	Thommen Medical USA, LLC	1375 Ste 450 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115
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Corbos Bakery

1603 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: Antoinette Anders

Title: manager

Date: 2.4.26

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1350 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:** 

**Print Name:** ERIC MCINTYRE

**Title:** OWNER

**Date:** 2/12/26

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Dix & Eaton

1501 Ste 800 & 900 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: James A. Brown

Title: COO/CEO

Date: 2/4/26

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Encore Bar

1580 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: ABBAS MANDVIWALA

Title: Managing Partner

Date: 2/12/26

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Fit Technologies

1375 Ste 500 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:** 

**Print Name: Michelle Tomallo**

**Title: Co-Founder**

**Date: 2/6/26**

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Friar's Table

1305 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:** 

**Print Name:** Jeff Tressel

**Title:** Chef

**Date:** 2-6-26

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Fruit Stand

1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Rebecca Miller

Print Name: Rebecca Miller

Title: Director of Operations

Date: ~~2/5/26~~ 2/5/26

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1501 Euclid Ave, Suite 300, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: Brian Barasch

Title: Executive Director, Great Lakes Theater

Date: 2/12/2026

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Greyhound

1465 Chester Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114

Signature: Laura Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

Title: Chief operating Officer

Date: 1/28/2020

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Hofbrauhaus Cleveland

1550 Chester Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114

**Signature:** 

**Print Name:** ANDI UDRIS

**Title:** PRESIDENT HB CLEVELAND

**Date:** 1/30/25

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Bespoke

1621 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: Anthony Storzok

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**Print Name:** Faith Noble

**Title:** CFO

**Date:** 2/4/2026

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**Tenant:**

PSF/ Ideastream

1375 Ste 200 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

Title: Chief operating officer

Date: 1/28/20

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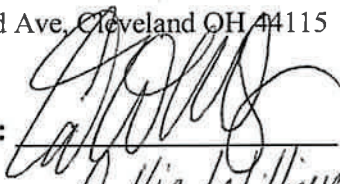
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**Tenant:**

Ben & Jerry’s

1422 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:**



**Print Name:**

Callie Williams

**Title:**

Ben & Jerry’s Assistant Manager

**Date:**

2/5/2026

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Playhouse Square

1501 Ste 200 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura Smith

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1450 Chester Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114

Signature: Laura Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: 1/28/2026

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Playhouse Square Real-estate (B&J)

1422 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

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**Tenant:**

Allen Theater

1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

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**Tenant:**

Conner Palace

2121 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura J. Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

Title: Chief Operating Officer

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Crowne Plaza

1260 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

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KeyBank State Theater

1519 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

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Lumen Apartments

1600 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

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Mimi Ohio Theater

1511 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: Laura Smith

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Outcalt Theater

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The Bulkley Residences

1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

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Print Name: Laura Smith

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The Helen Lab Theater

1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura Smith

Print Name: Laura Smith

Title: Chief operating officer

Date: 1/28/26

1.29.26

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**Tenant:**

PSF – Hanna Theater

2067 E 14th St, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: Laura J. Smith

Title: COO

Date: February 12, 2024

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1375 Ste 350 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

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**Tenant:**

Lumen Parking Garage

1600 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Laura J. Smith

Print Name: Laura J. Smith

Title: COO

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**Tenant:**

Shaia Surface Lot #13

1325 Chester Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:** 

**Print Name:** Jason Surdock

**Title:** C.O.O.

**Date:** 2/5/26

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Sittoos Lebanese Grill

1625 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:**

*Najib Rached*

**Print Name:**

Najib Rached

**Title:**

Owner

**Date:**

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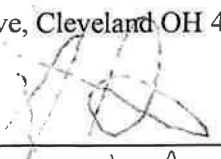
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**Tenant:**

Something Good

1302 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Sniff

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

owner

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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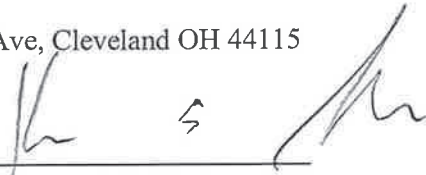
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Sushi En Downtown

1507 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:**



**Print Name:**

Kyong Seviro

**Title:**

OWM

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The Brasserie/ Bulkley Bar

1501 Ste 110 & 112A Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: Kelli Speyer

Print Name: Kelli Speyer

Title: COO

Date: 02-04-26

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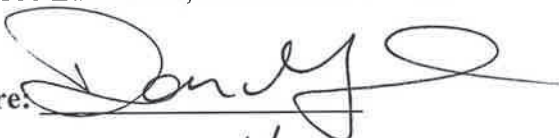
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The City Club

1317 Ste 100 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: DAN MOORHEAD

Title: CEO

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**Tenant:**

The Hermit Club

1629 Dodge Ct, Cleveland, OH 44114

Signature: Laure J Smith

Print Name: Laura J. Smith

Title: COO

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Thommen Medical USA, LLC

1375 Ste 450 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44115

**Signature:** 

**Print Name:** Bria Burkes

**Title:** Customer rep

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VIP Valet

2075 E 14th St, Cleveland OH 44115

Signature: 

Print Name: Ryan Haight

Title: RVP

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Playhouse Square Real Estate – Electronics Building

1776 E 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland OH 44114

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Title: COO

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