

To: Members of Public Services Committee
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager
Date: February 9, 2022
Initiated By: Alison LeRoy, Director of Community Events
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Re: DORA Boundary Changes

Background

At its January 24, 2022 meeting, Council referred the issue of potentially expanding boundaries of the City's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas (DORAs) to the Public Services Committee (Committee).

Summary

In order to increase the flexibility of the DORA boundaries, staff is proposing expansion of the boundaries by way of an application to the State of Ohio. This expansion will allow Council to activate or deactivate any area within the approved boundary with a single motion in the future without having to submit a new application to the State. If approved, when a new restaurant opens outside of the current active area, or there are requests to extend the active area for a specific event, Council can approve or disapprove the expansion at any time.

Staff will review the proposed expansion of the DORA boundaries, with a focus on the following areas for discussion and direction from the Committee:

- Should Staff prepare a new application to the State of Ohio and approve the boundaries? (Map 1 attached)
- Review and discuss the new active areas recommended by staff. (Map 2 & 3 attached)
- Review and discuss the activation of the Dublin Link and Riverside Crossing Park East Plaza for implementation after the new DORA boundaries are approved by the State.

Based on the direction and recommendation of the Committee, the proposed timeline below outlines the process to implement the DORA boundary changes:

- **February 28, 2022** – Report the recommendation of the Committee to the full Council.
- **March 4, 2022** – City Manager presents formal application for expansion of DORA boundaries to full Council.
 - Advertised notices will run in local papers for 2 weeks as required by the State.
- **March 21, 2022** – City Council consideration of resolution approving application to expand DORA boundaries and directing staff to submit resolution to the State.
- **TBD** – Implementation of new DORA boundaries. State typically approves applications two

(2) to four (4) weeks after approval of Council resolution.

Recommendation

Staff requests the Public Service Committee provide a recommendation regarding the proposed DORA boundary changes for consideration by City Council.

Map 1 - DORA Boundary Map

Addition of:

- Riverside Crossing Park/Dublin Link Bridge
- Riverside Drive between roundabout and John Shields
- All Parcels in Bridge Park South of John Shields and west of Dale Dr.
- 161 Bridge and Roundabout
- Rock Cress Parkway & N. Franklin St. Extension
- N. Blacksmith & N. Riverview
- N. High from Rockcress to N. Riverview



Map 2 - Changes to active area/Historic Dublin

Addition of:
Mill Lane btwn. Eberly Hill and
Spring Hill

Eberly Hill btwn. Mill Lane and
S. High St.



Map 3 - Changes to active area/Bridge Park

Addition of:

Larimer St., Tuller Ridge Dr. & Banker Dr. between Longshore St. & Mooney St.

Tuller Ridge Dr. between Riverside Dr. & Longshore St.

Bridge Park Ave between Mooney St. & Dale Dr.

