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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

APPROVING an application for the creation of a designated outdoor refreshment area in the Westwood neighborhood of Cincinnati, to be known as the “Westwood DORA,” pursuant to Chapter 838 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, “Outdoor Refreshment Areas”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to provide for the operation and maintenance of the designated outdoor refreshment area.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) Section 4301.82, municipal corporations are authorized, upon application by their executive officers, to designate certain areas within their borders as designated outdoor refreshment areas (“DORAs”); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this state authorization, Council enacted Chapter 838 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”), “Outdoor Refreshment Areas,” to provide for the creation of DORAs within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has submitted a proper application pursuant to R.C. Section 4301.82 and CMC Chapter 838 requesting the creation of a DORA in Westwood (the “Application”) to be known as the “Westwood DORA,” and Council has received the Application; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CMC Chapter 838-03(B), notice of the Application was published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the City, which notice indicated that the Application is on file with the Clerk of Council and is available for inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Application demonstrates that the creation of the proposed DORA will strengthen the Westwood neighborhood and encourage further economic growth in Westwood; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary and advisable to create the Westwood DORA to aid in the attraction and retention of new patrons and visitors to Westwood and to encourage economic growth within the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the Application and determined that the creation and designation of the Westwood DORA conforms to the applicable requirements of R.C. Section 4301.82 and CMC Chapter 838; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the City to approve the Application and create the Westwood DORA; and

WHEREAS, the proper operation and management of the Westwood DORA is also in the interests of the City and the health, safety, and public welfare of its residents and is in accordance with the provisions of applicable federal, state, and local laws and requirements; and

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of this ordinance, the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission each approved the Westwood DORA; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the City desires to enter into one or more agreements necessary to provide for and obtain operational and management services for the Westwood DORA, subject to any and all terms and conditions that the City Manager or his or her designee finds appropriate; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati:

Section 1. That Council hereby approves the City Manager’s application for the creation of a designated outdoor refreshment area (“DORA”), attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference (“Application”), upon finding that the Application contains all information required by Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) Section 4301.82 and Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 838-03, and upon further finding that the Application meets the requirements of those sections in all respects, including the requirement that the proposed DORA contain no fewer than four qualified permit holders and the requirement that the Application provide evidence that the uses of land within the proposed DORA are in accordance with the City’s master zoning plan.

Section 2. That, accordingly, Council designates the area depicted on page 1 of the Application and incorporated herein by reference as a DORA for the purposes of R.C. Sections 4301.62 and 4301.82, and CMC Chapter 838, which DORA shall be known as the “Westwood DORA,” and which DORA shall contain all of the street addresses and parcels listed on Exhibit A of the Application, incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. That the DORA shall be identified by signage sufficient to define its boundaries and to put the public on notice of the special laws, rules, and regulations governing it, which

signage shall be comprised of no fewer than 26 signs placed strategically, spaced no more than 1,000 feet apart along the DORA's border, and made conspicuous to drivers and pedestrians.

Section 4. That the DORA's hours of operation shall be fixed at 5:00PM to 11:00PM Monday through Friday and 12:00PM to 11:00PM Saturday and Sunday; provided that the City Manager, or his or her designee, may, upon due and proper notice to permit holders within the district, temporarily suspend the DORA's operations as necessary to provide for the public health, safety, or welfare.

Section 5. That Council finds the initial estimated number of personnel needed to ensure public safety within the DORA is 89 patrol officers and supervisors during its operating hours, which personnel consists of existing patrols that service the area during such operating hours; provided, however, that this estimate shall not in any way limit the City Manager's authority to authorize personnel levels that deviate from this estimate as necessary to meet actual operational and public safety needs.

Section 6. That Council adopts the sanitation plan set forth on page 3 of the Application and incorporated herein by reference to maintain the appearance and public health of the area, and Council finds that the initial estimated number of personnel need to implement the sanitation plan is one staff member per truck with at least one truck run required per week; provided, however, that the City Manager may adjust the sanitation plan and authorize personnel levels that deviate from the staffing estimate to meet actual operational needs and to provide for the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 7. That all beer and intoxicating liquor served within the DORA for off-premises consumption within the DORA may only be served in official plastic bottles or other non-glass containers approved by the City Manager or his or her designee and provided by qualified permit

holders. No other container may be used to serve beer or intoxicating liquor for off-premises consumption within the DORA, unless previously approved in writing by the City Manager or his or her designee.

Section 8. That the City Manager or his or her designee is authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to ensure the DORA is operated and maintained in a clean and safe manner and with regard for the health, safety, and welfare of businesses, residents, visitors, and other persons who are impacted by the operation and maintenance of the DORA, which authorization specifically includes but is not limited to:

- a. taking all necessary and proper actions to install the signage authorized by Section 3 of this Ordinance; and
- b. taking all necessary and proper actions to enforce the hours of operation established by Section 4 of this Ordinance; and
- c. taking all necessary and proper actions to provide for public safety within the DORA as provided in Section 5 of this Ordinance; and
- d. taking all necessary and proper actions to implement the sanitation plan established by Section 6 of this Ordinance; and
- e. establishing additional rules and regulations for the operation of the DORA as deemed necessary for public health, safety, or operational purposes; and
- f. subject to any and all terms and conditions that the City Manager or his or her designee finds appropriate, executing any and all agreements or documentation as are necessary to provide for and obtain operational and management services for the Westwood DORA and to accept donations of monies, goods, or in-kind services used to provide such services, which agreements may include, but are not limited to, one or more agreements with the Westwood Civic Association for the provision of operational or management services within the area.

Section 9. That, pursuant to CMC Section 838-05(A) and R.C. Section 4301.82(I)(1), within five years following the effective date of this Ordinance, Council shall review the operations of the DORA to determine whether to permit its ongoing operation, under either the same or

modified requirements, or whether to dissolve it in accordance with CMC Section 838-05(A) and R.C. Section 4301.82(I)(1).

Section 10. That the Clerk of Council is hereby instructed forthwith to provide notice of the creation of the Westwood DORA, as required by R.C. Section 4301.82(C), to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and the Investigative Unit of the Department of Public Safety.

Section 11. That Council authorizes the proper City officials to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the terms of this ordinance.

Section 12. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to create the “Westwood DORA” in order for qualified license holders and businesses to prepare for the operational and maintenance needs of the new designated outdoor refreshment area.

Passed: _____, 2021

Mayor

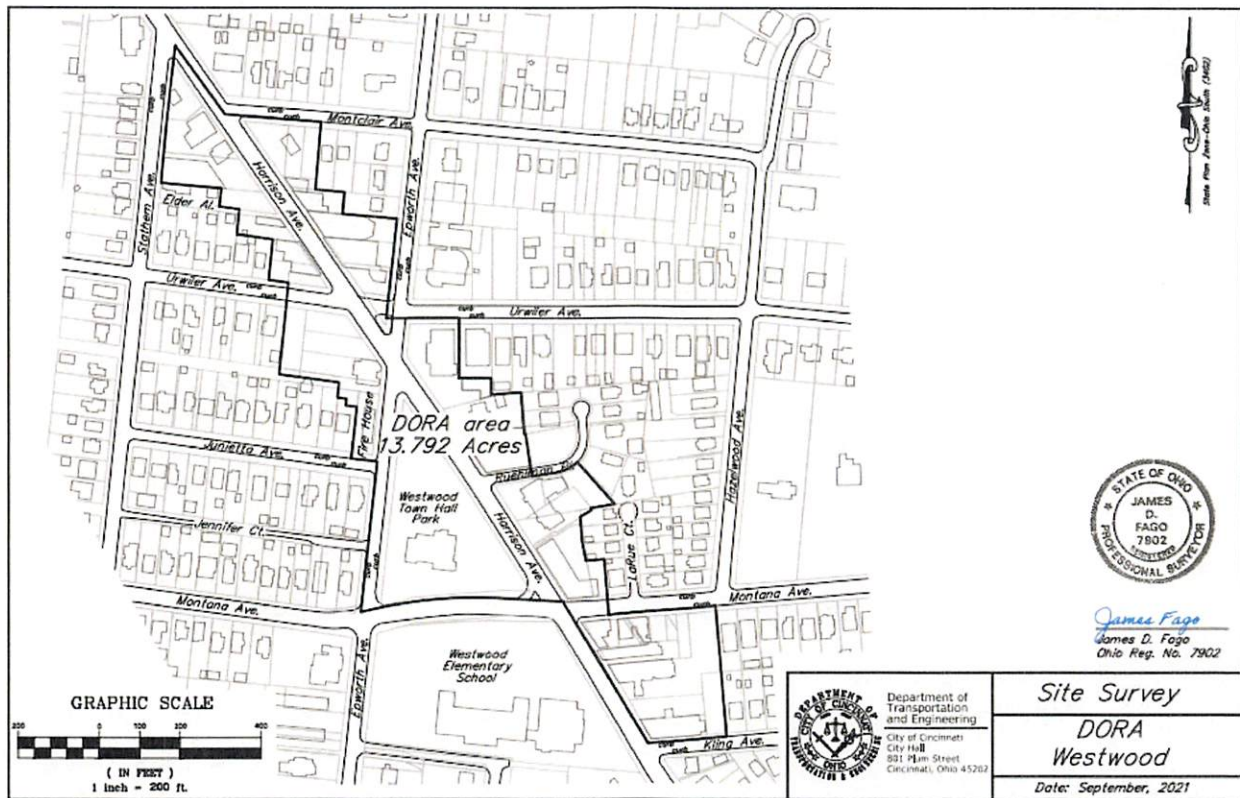
Attest: _____
Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

APPLICATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA

Pursuant to Section 4301.82 of the Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”), Paula Boggs Muething, the City Manager and chief executive officer of the City of Cincinnati, respectfully submits this application to City Council for designation and approval of the area depicted and described below as an outdoor refreshment area (referred to herein as the “DORA”), with such area within the Westwood neighborhood along Harrison Avenue and encompassing the Westwood Town Hall and the Westwood Town Center Historic District.

Boundaries of the DORA:



The DORA will cover the above-depicted approximately 13.792-acre area. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the exact operational boundaries of the DORA may be adjusted or more specifically delineated in the City Manager’s discretion in order to accommodate existing improvements or for health, safety, or other reasonable operational purposes.

A list of all parcels and street addresses included in the DORA are listed below in Exhibit A.

Overview of DORA and Operations

The goal of the DORA is to further enhance the Westwood neighborhood as a destination neighborhood for individuals and families to live and play. The DORA hopes to build off the momentum from the existing and new businesses located in the Westwood business district and attract more establishments to this growing neighborhood.

Approval of the DORA will allow participating bars, restaurants, and other vendors with an appropriate state-issued liquor permit to sell alcoholic beverages in designated cups, plastic bottles, or other non-glass containers to patrons. Patrons will then be legally allowed to depart the establishment or site where the beverage was purchased and move freely around outside within the DORA boundary and with that beverage. The designated cups, plastic bottles (or other non-glass containers) will be sold by brick-and-mortar establishments and may also be sold by other approved outdoor vendors, such as for special events. All vendors must still maintain state-issued liquor permits to sell alcohol and be in good standing with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control in accordance with state law. All property owners and establishments have the option of opting-out of participating in the DORA. In accordance with state law, patrons may only leave establishments with alcoholic beverages in the designated cups, plastic bottles, or other approved containers. Further, no outside alcoholic drinks are permitted—meaning only alcoholic drinks that are purchased in the designated cup, plastic bottle, or other non-glass containers and from a properly permitted vendor in the DORA may be enjoyed outside. Signage, as further described below, will inform patrons of the rules and boundaries of the DORA.

The DORA is being launched in partnership with the Westwood Civic Association (the “WCA”). WCA will contract with the City to provide certain operational and management services for the DORA. This will entail coordinating the requirements for DORA cups sold by the participating businesses in the DORA, and the provision of security and sanitation services to ensure a safe and clean public space.

The WCA will form a DORA Management Committee that will be responsible for managing stakeholder relationships, provide DORA window stickers to businesses, signage maintenance, and marketing of the DORA. WCA will partner with the participating businesses, who will coordinate the ordering of DORA containers independently of the WCA. To ensure that DORA-related litter is addressed, DORA operations will be in-part financed through these existing resources and from revenue collected through the sale of the designated containers and shared with WCA, pursuant to an agreement between the WCA and the participating businesses that are Qualified Permit Holders (listed below). At this time, WCA already provides a host of services and amenities to enhance the area; therefore, by contracting with the WCA for operational and management services of the DORA, the City will be able to operate the DORA safely, efficiently, and without any ongoing increased financial commitment by the City.

DORA-Identified Containers and Approval: The WCA will have the authority to approve of all containers intended for use in the DORA. No DORA container may be sold by

participating businesses unless it has been approved for sale by the WCA. The WCA will ensure that all DORA containers sold by participating businesses will brandish a DORA-identifying logo that is either printed directly on the container or on a sticker that will be affixed to the container. The WCA will create and notify the participating businesses of all container requirements and the process for obtaining container approval for sale in the DORA.

Public Health and Safety

The City of Cincinnati and the WCA are committed to ensuring the health and safety of patrons of the DORA and cleanliness of the area; therefore, in the contract between the City and the WCA for operation of the DORA, the WCA will agree to provide any additional security or sanitary services needed in excess of the current city-provided police and sanitation services.

The City currently has 124 patrol officers on staff in District 3, 89 of the 124 patrol officers will work during the proposed DORA operation hours. This level of staffing is believed to be adequate to ensure public safety in the DORA. The City and the WCA will continually assess the public safety needs on an ongoing basis, and the WCA will agree to provide additional security detail as deemed necessary in the City's reasonable discretion.

The City's Department of Public Services ("DPS") empties the public trash receptacles in the DORA weekly. Each run requires one staff member per truck. There are multiple trash receptacles located on corners in the highest trafficked intersections/areas of the DORA. Similar to the security needs, the City will continue with the current level of services, and the City believes the current DPS staffing levels and services in conjunction with the supplementary cleaning services are sufficient to adequately maintain the appearance and public health in the DORA. However, the City and the WCA will continually assess the service levels and staffing needs and the WCA will provide any supplementary cleaning and sanitation services needed to keep the DORA area in a clean, safe, and sanitary state. The WCA will agree to increase staffing as needed to meet this standard.

Hours of Operation

The DORA will operate from 5:00 PM- 11:00 PM Monday through Friday and 12:00 PM- 11:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the City Manager will retain the discretion to temporarily suspend the operations of the DORA or alter operational parameters at his or her sole discretion if determined necessary for public health, safety, or welfare.

Signage

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(F), clearly marked signs will delineate all boundaries of the DORA. Additionally, signage will be placed within the DORA to notify patrons of the rules of operation. This signage will be a mix of “sidewalk tattoos,” which will be printed on the sidewalk and traditional signage. The sidewalk tattoos are semi-permanent adhesives that are placed on the sidewalk. Examples of the proposed DORA sidewalk tattoo and signage designs are depicted in Exhibit B. The signage will be paid for and maintained by the WCA throughout the life of the DORA.

The proposed plan for signage is to include street signage and tattoos along the boundaries of the DORA, with an estimated twenty-six signs needed to clearly demarcate the boundary, spaced not more than 1,000 feet apart along the boundary, and made conspicuous to pedestrians. Additional signs will be added in the interior to demarcate operational boundaries, as determined necessary by the City Manager. The numbers of signs and spacing may be increased or decreased in the City Manager’s discretion, and the City and the WCA will assess the need for changes to signage on an ongoing basis.

Additional Rules and Requirements

The City Manager may establish additional rules and regulations for operation of the DORA and will update such rules and regulations from time to time as deemed necessary for public health, safety, or operational purposes; provided however, such rules will always require that all alcoholic drinks served to be consumed outside of establishments within the DORA shall be served in a designated cup, plastic bottle, or other non-glass container.

Special Events

The DORA will provide additional flexibility for events in Westwood. The City Manager will work with the WCA to develop operational parameters for hosting special events within the DORA that balance interests of all stakeholders.

Nature of Establishments

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(2), the nature and types of establishments that will be located within the DORA are a broad array of institutions, businesses, and uses, including the Westwood Townhall Park, offices, retail stores, a theater, a gallery, health and wellness centers, residences, and several drinking and dining establishments. There is no intention of changing the nature and types of establishments in the area. Instead, once operational, the DORA will support this existing eclectic mix of establishments by attracting additional customers, residents, and workers. A current list of existing establishments is below:

Name	Address	Street	Zip	Category	Qualified Permit Holder?
Ivory House	2998	Harrison Ave.	45211	Dining/Bars	Yes
Bass Cellar	3016	Harrison Ave.	45211	Service Provider	No
Muse Café	3018	Harrison Ave.	45211	Dining/Bars	Yes
Fuzzy Butts	3022	Harrison Ave.	45211	Service Provider/Retail Store	No
Perfect Little Peach Boutique	3024	Harrison Ave.	45211	Retail Store	No
Studio N Photography	3028	Harrison Ave.	45211	Service Provider	No
Niche	3030	Harrison Ave.	45211	Event Space	No
Forté Ladies Fitness Studio & Personal Training	3034	Harrison Ave.	45211	Fitness	No
By the Sea Salt Therapy	3036	Harrison Ave.	45211	Wellness	No
West Side Brewing	3044	Harrison Ave.	45211	Dining/Bars	Yes
Red's Westside Venyou	3050	Harrison Ave.	45211	Event Space	Yes
Madcap Education Center	3064	Harrison Ave.	45211	Education/Entertainment	Yes
Henke Winery	3077	Harrison Ave.	45211	Dining/Bars	Yes
Carriage House Screen Printing/Westwood Skateboarding	3103	Harrison Ave.	45211	Retail Store	No
Joe's Hibachi Grille	3104	Harrison Ave.	45211	Dining	No
Basketshop Gallery	3105	Harrison Ave.	45211	Art Gallery	No
Creative U	3107	Harrison Ave.	45211	Creative Events & Retail	No
Vintage Creations	3117	Harrison Ave.	45211	Retail Store	No
G's Perfection Plus Barber Shop	3120	Harrison Ave.	45211	Service Provider	No
Emma's All-in-One Occasions	3122	Harrison Ave.	45211	Dining/Bars	Yes
Game & Groove	3139	Harrison Ave.	45211	Retail Store	No
Wondercade	3143	Harrison Ave.	45211	Arcade/Entertainment	Yes
Nation Westwood	3435	Epworth Ave.	45211	Dining/Bars	Yes
The Sauter Law Firm	2956, Suite #18	Montana Ave.	45211	Service Provider	No
Styles by Eunika	2956	Montana Ave.	45211	Retail Store	No
Pollman's Upholstery	2959	Montana Ave.	45211	Service Provider	No
Aztec Video Productions	2967	Montana Ave.	45211	Service Provider	No

Qualified Permit Holders

As required by ORC 4301.82(B)(3), the DORA will encompass not fewer than four qualified permit holders of A-1, A-1-A, A-1c, A-2, A-2f, or D class liquor permits (excluding D-6 and D-8 class liquor permits) issued under ORC Chapter 4303.

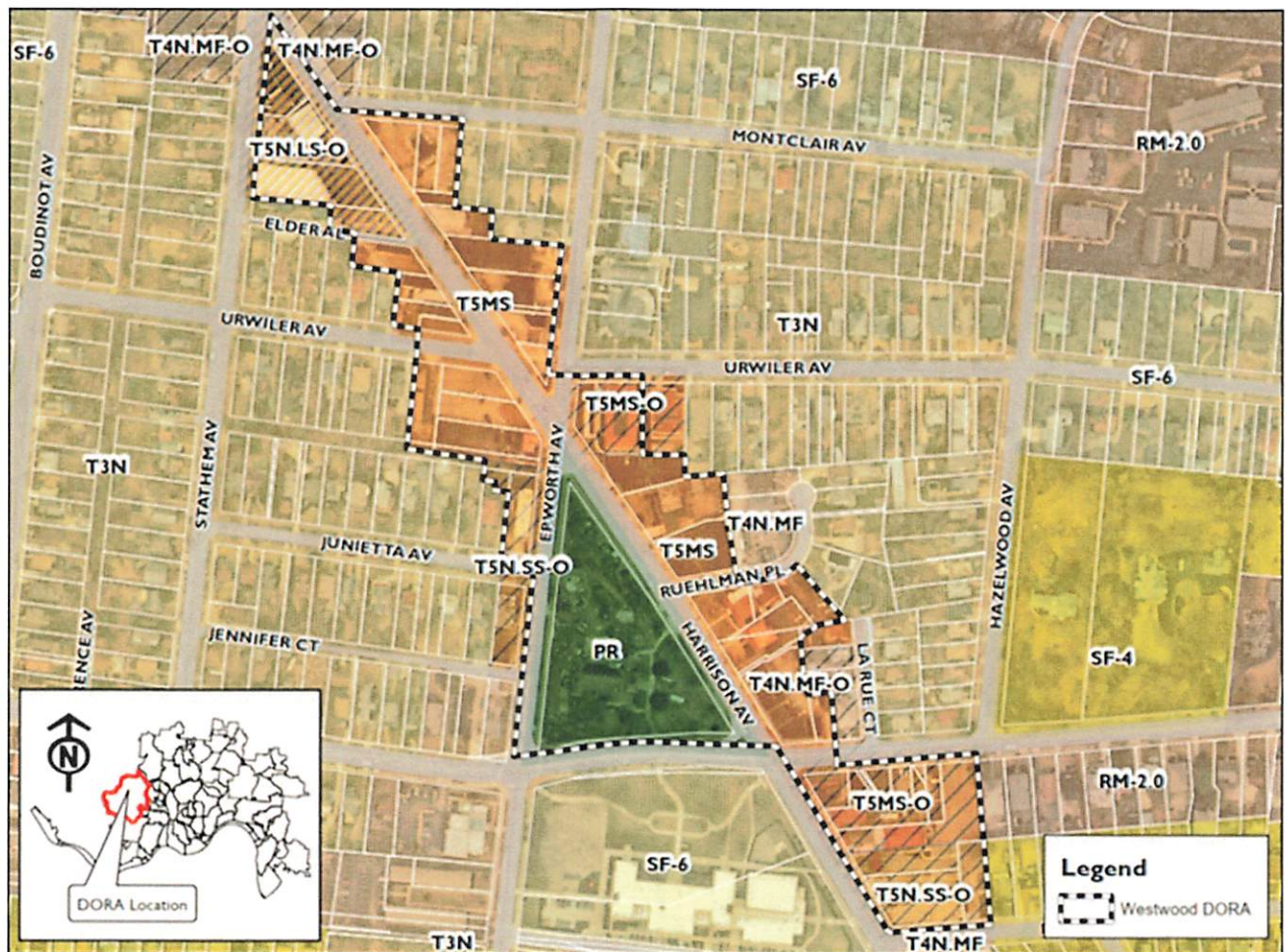
To date at least 9 current qualified permit holders, as that term is defined in ORC 4301(A)(1), have been identified in the DORA, as follows:

#	Permit Holder	Doing Business As (DBA)	Permit Number	Permit Class(es)	Address
1	ALL IN ONE OCCASIONS	EMMA'S ALL-IN-ONE OCCASIONS	0122123	D5J	3120 Harrison Avenue (identified on liquor permit as 3122 Harrison Avenue)
2	CINCINNATI LANDMARK PRODUCTIONS DBA WESTWOOD EDUCATION CENTER	MADCAP EDUCATION CENTER	14820550010	D5H	3064 Harrison Avenue
3	HENKE WINE LLC	HENKE WINE	37359990001	A2,	3077 Harrison Avenue
4	IVORY HOUSE LLC	IVORY HOUSE	4154667	D5J	3002 Harrison Avenue (identified on liquor permit as 2998 Harrison Avenue)
5	MUSE FUSION CAFE LLC	MUSE CAFE	6255410	D5J	3018 Harrison Avenue, 1 st Floor
6	REDS WESTSIDE VENYOU LLC	RED'S WESTSIDE VENYOU	7248059	D5J	3050 Harrison Avenue, 1 st Floor
7	SUPERCADDE LLC	WONDERCADE	8693828	D5J	3143 Harrison Avenue
8	WEST SIDE BREWING LLC	WEST SIDE BREWING	9555625	A-1-A, A-1c, A-2	3044 Harrison Avenue
9	NATION WESTWOOD LLC	NATION KITCHEN AND BAR 1ST FL & BSMT & PATIO	6170670	D5J	3435 Epworth Avenue

Land Use & Zoning

In accordance with ORC 4301.82(B)(4) and as depicted below, the uses of land within the DORA are zoned T5N.SS-O, T5MS-O, T5MS, T5N.LS-O, and PR. The current mix of uses in the DORA, including restaurants, bars, and theaters, are permitted uses in these zoning districts.

Attached as Exhibit C is a letter from Cincinnati's Department of City Planning confirming that the uses of land within the DORA are permitted and in accordance with Cincinnati's master zoning plan.



Community Support, Public Notice, and Legislative Approval Process

To date, there has been significant community support expressed for the DORA. Please see Exhibit D for submitted letters.

Following filing of this application with the Clerk of Council and in accordance with ORC 4301.82(C), the Clerk will publish public notice of this application in the Cincinnati Enquirer. The notice will indicate that the application is on file and available for inspection in the Clerk's Office. Additionally, the application will be available for review on Council Online. Further, the notice will indicate the date and time of the identified City Council committee hearing to which the authorizing legislation has been referred to provide for a public hearing on the proposal.

Exhibit A

Parcel IDs and Street Addresses:

PARCEL ID			ADDRESS		
210	0074	0129	3435	EPWORTH	AV
210	0074	0045	3447	EPWORTH	AV
210	0074	0126	3447	EPWORTH	AV
208	0056	0094	2990	HARRISON	AV
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208	0056	0259	3002	HARRISON	AV
208	0056	0078	3006	HARRISON	AV
208	0056	0256	3010	HARRISON	AV
208	0056	0135 90	3011	HARRISON	AV
210	0075	0091 90	3017	HARRISON	AV
			3018-		
210	0075	0108	3032	HARRISON	AV
210	0075	0103	3040	HARRISON	AV
210	0075	0097	3042	HARRISON	AV
210	0075	0126	3042	HARRISON	AV
210	0075	0094	3044	HARRISON	AV
210	0075	0142	3050	HARRISON	AV
210	0075	0133	3064	HARRISON	AV
210	0074	0123	3077	HARRISON	AV
210	0074	0043	3081	HARRISON	AV
210	0074	0124	3081	HARRISON	AV
210	0074	0108	3101	HARRISON	AV
210	0074	0029	3103	HARRISON	AV
210	0074	0116	3104	HARRISON	AV
210	0074	0028	3107	HARRISON	AV
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210	0074	0122	3139	HARRISON	AV
210	0074	0024	3143	HARRISON	AV
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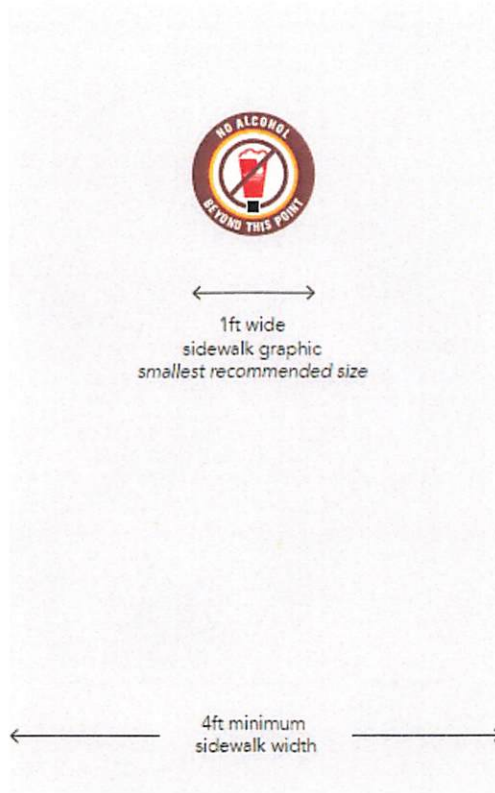
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210	0075	0114	2911	RUEHLMANN	PL
210	0074	0042	3009	URWILER	AV

Street Address Ranges:

Street Name	Range	Even/Odd
Epworth Avenue	3435-3447	Odd
Harrison Avenue	2990-3134	Even
Harrison Avenue	3017-3149	Odd
Montana Avenue	2956	Even
Montana Avenue	2945-2963	Odd
Ruehlmann Place	2911	Odd
Urwiler Avenue	3009	Odd

Exhibit B

Example Signage



FULL COLOR
Original



Exhibit C

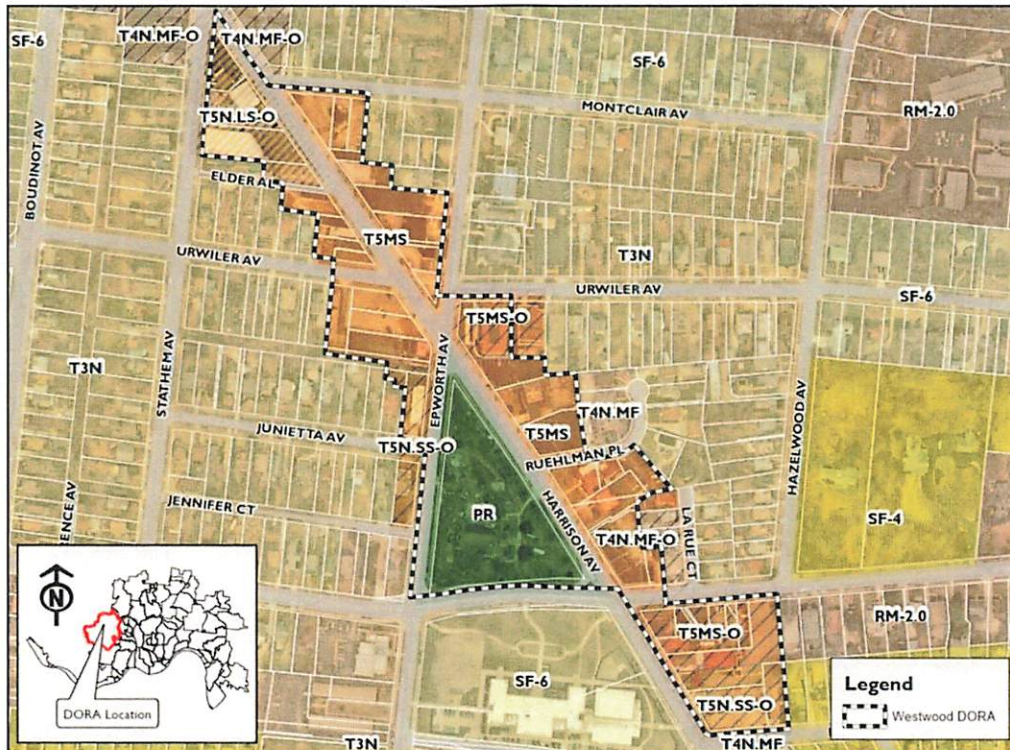
Department of City Planning Letter



Dear Ms. Boggs Muething,

This letter serves as a confirmation that the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) as depicted below in the Westwood neighborhood's main business district corridor along Harrison Avenue is in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan, *Plan Cincinnati* (2012). Specifically, the DORA is in line with the Compete and Live Initiative Areas as it will cultivate our position as the most vibrant and economically healthiest part of our region as well as help support the Westwood neighborhood.

Westwood's burgeoning business district serves as a bridge between Cincinnati and the City's western suburbs. Instituting a DORA complements the work already being completed in the neighborhood and furthers Cincinnati as a destination in the metropolitan region.



Sincerely,

Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP
Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement

Exhibit D

Letters of Support

[Attached]

February 22, 2021



Mayor Cranley
Cincinnati City Council Members
Cincinnati City Hall
811 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH, 45202

Dear Mayor Cranley and Cincinnati City Council,

On behalf of The Westwood Civic Association, I am writing in support of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Westwood's Town Hall Business District and ask you to support it with your vote of Yes.

A DORA District in Westwood will help to continue the momentum of revitalization here in Westwood by furthering efforts to make our Westwood Town Hall Business District a destination, help our businesses prosper, attract additional businesses, and further activate Westwood Town Hall Park.

Discussions with other municipalities surrounding Cincinnati (including Middletown, Hamilton, Oxford, Wyoming, Milford, Loveland, Sharonville, Cheviot, Liberty Center and Mason) that have DORAs in place give us confidence not only in the benefits of a DORA, but also in our ability to introduce and manage the DORA effectively.

Our experience with the temporary ability for restaurants and bars to add sidewalk and park seating due to COVID-19, also gives us confidence that a DORA will allow such benefits to continue even beyond COVID-19 and provide even more flexibility for businesses than those temporary measures provided. As all of our small businesses recover from the impact of COVID-19, it's now more important than ever that we give them all the resources we can to be successful and stay in business. We are also confident that more activation of the park, more activity in the business district, and thus more eyes on the street will also further discourage crime in the area.

Thank you for your support of the proposed DORA District in Westwood.

Sincerely,

Thomas Sauter, President



Westwood Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation
PO Box 112162 Cincinnati, OH 45211-2162



February 2, 2021

Mayor Cranley
Cincinnati City Council Members
Cincinnati City Hall
811 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH, 45202

Dear Mayor Cranley and Cincinnati City Council,

On behalf of the Westwood Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (WestCURC), I am writing in support of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Westwood's Town Hall Business District and ask you to support it with your vote of Yes.

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Sincerely,

Greg Hand
President
WestCURC



February 16, 2021
Mayor Cranley
City of Cincinnati City Council Members
Cincinnati City Hall
811 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mayor Cranley and Cincinnati City Council Members,

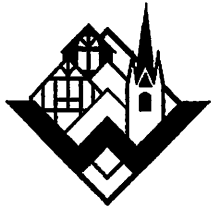
Westwood Works is in support of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for Westwood's Historic Business District and requests your support through a "yes" vote. Since its founding in 2009, Westwood Works has been a major driver in the revitalization of Cincinnati's largest neighborhood. The DORA district would be another piece of cementing Westwood as a destination for the region, help our existing businesses prosper, as well as attract additional new businesses and much needed jobs for our neighbors.

As our small businesses work to emerge from the impact of COVID-19, the approval of the DORA encourages patrons to visit multiple businesses while in Westwood. We have seen the positive impact of the temporary ability for businesses to utilize the park space at Westwood Town Hall and believe that the implementation of the DORA will drive increased vibrancy and connection.

If there are any questions about Westwood Works support for this project, please contact me at:
leslie@westwoodworks.org or (513) 227-9160.

Sincerely,

Leslie Mattie Rich
Executive Director
Westwood Works



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February 12, 2021

Mayor Cranley
Cincinnati City Council Members
Cincinnati City Hall
811 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH, 45202

Dear Mayor Cranley and Cincinnati City Council,

The Westwood Historical Society, as a member of the Westwood Coalition, supports efforts to promote the vibrancy of the Westwood Neighborhood Business district since a strong, engaging business district will help anchor and promote a strong, engaging neighborhood. The proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Westwood would give businesses another means to that end.

We ask you to please give consideration to the neighborhood's request to establish a DORA for Westwood's historic Town Hall Business District and offer your support.

Sincerely,

Liz Kissel, President
Westwood Historical Society



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February 14, 2021

Mayor Cranley
Cincinnati City Council Members
Cincinnati City Hall
811 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH, 45202

Dear Mayor Cranley and Cincinnati City Council,

On behalf of West Side Brewing, I am writing in support of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Westwood's Town Hall Business District and ask you to support it with your vote of Yes.

A DORA District in Westwood will help to continue the momentum of revitalization here in Westwood by furthering efforts to make our Westwood Town Hall Business District a destination, help our businesses prosper, attract additional businesses, and further activate Westwood Town Hall Park.

Discussions with other municipalities surrounding Cincinnati (including Middletown, Hamilton, Oxford, Wyoming, Milford, Loveland, Sharonville, Cheviot, Liberty Center and Mason) that have DORAs in place give us confidence not only in the benefits of a DORA, but also in our ability to introduce and manage the DORA effectively.

Our experience with the temporary ability for restaurants and bars to add sidewalk and park seating due to COVID-19, also gives us confidence that a DORA will allow such benefits to continue even beyond COVID-19 and provide even more flexibility for businesses than those temporary measures provided. As West Side Brewing and all of our neighborhood's small businesses recover from the impact of COVID-19, it's now more important than ever that we have all the resources we can to be successful and stay in business. We are also confident that more activation of the park, more activity in the business district, and thus more eyes on the street will also further discourage crime in the area.

Thank you for your support of the proposed DORA District in Westwood.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Mumper, CEO



February 10, 2021

Mayor Cranley
Cincinnati City Council Members
Cincinnati City Hall
811 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Re: DORA District – Westwood’s Town Hall Business District

Dear Mayor Cranley and Members of Cincinnati City Council:

On behalf of Nation Kitchen and Bar – Westwood (“Nation”), please accept this letter in strong support of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Westwood’s Town Hall Business District.

Three years ago, Nation decided to expand to Westwood and in doing so made a substantial financial investment into the development of the historic Junietta firehouse. Nation did so, in large part, due to the passion and commitment of the City of Cincinnati, Westwood community groups, and local businesses to the continued development of a cohesive Westwood business district. We strongly believe that a DORA District in Westwood is a way to truly tie the district together. It would draw even more patrons to the area and allow them to move freely about the Town Hall Park area, giving even greater utility to the space.

Fears about the negative consequences of a DORA district are totally unfounded. We encourage you to look to other areas, such as Milford, which have experienced considerable economic growth and private investment following the implementation of a DORA district. We are confident that the DORA district in Westwood would be similarly successful.

For these reasons, we ask you to support the DORA District in Westwood with your vote of “Yes.”

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Brian Hirsch
Co-Owner, Nation Kitchen and Bar – Westwood



February 22, 2021

Mayor Cranley
Cincinnati City Council Members
811 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH, 45202

Dear Mayor Cranley and Cincinnati City Council,
On behalf of *Muse Café*, I am writing in support of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Westwood's Town Hall Business District and ask you to support it with your vote of Yes. A DORA District in Westwood will help to continue the momentum of revitalization by furthering efforts to make our Westwood Town Hall Business District a destination, help our businesses prosper, attract additional businesses, and further activate Westwood Town Hall Park.

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Thank you for your support of the proposed DORA District in Westwood.

Sincerely,

Shawnteé Stallworth Schramm
Owner - *Muse Café*



2998 Harrison Ave | Cincinnati, OH 45211

February 10, 2021

Mayor Cranley
Cincinnati City Council Members
Cincinnati City Hall
811 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH, 45202

Dear Mayor Cranley and Cincinnati City Council,

On behalf of Ivory House LLC and EP Investment Group LLC, I am writing in support of the proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in Westwood's Town Hall Business District and ask you to support it with your vote of Yes.

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Thank you for your support of the proposed DORA District in Westwood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Eversole".

Frank Eversole
President

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