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**CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA  
ORDINANCE**

**ORD-2023-1775**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, AMUSEMENTS AND  
ENTERTAINMENT; ESTABLISHING ARTICLE VI SOCIAL DISTRICTS  
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANOKA MINNESOTA**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANOKA ORDAINS:

- Section 1. Pursuant to Minnesota Law, the Anoka City Charter and the Anoka City Code, and upon a review conducted by City staff, amendments to Chapter 10, Amusements and Entertainment, establishing Article VI Social Districts, is hereby adopted, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Anoka City Councilmembers present.
- Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon passage and seven (7) days after publication.

ATTEST:

	Introduced:	08.07.2023
	Adopted:	08.21.2023
	Published:	Summary Publication
Phil Rice, Mayor	Effective:	09.01.2023

		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Amy Oehlers, City Clerk	Rice	X			
	Scott	X			
	Skogquist	X			
	Weaver	X			
	Wesp		X		

**CHAPTER 10 AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**ARTICLE VI. SOCIAL DISTRICTS**

**Sec. 10-140. Purpose and Intent.**

The City is authorized by Minnesota Session Laws 2022, Chapter 86, Article II, Special Local Liquor Laws, Section 5. City of Anoka, Special License, to issue a Social District License to any Licensee, authorizing the consumption, but not the sale or services outside of the licensed premises, of alcoholic beverages sold by the Licensee within the Social District.

**Sec. 10-141. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*City* means the City of Anoka, Minnesota.

*Licensee* means a holder of an on-sale liquor license whose on-sale premises is located within the geographical boundaries of the Social District.

*Social District* means the geographical boundaries designated by the City where consumption of alcoholic beverages may be consumed.

*Social District License* means a license issued by the City to a Licensee allowing for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed within the Social District.

**Sec. 10-142. Social District Geographic Boundary.**

- (a) A Social District shall be established within the following boundaries:

The boundary of the Social District runs north and south along the east side of the Rum River, along the north side of East Main Street to 3rd Avenue, along the west side of a portion of 3rd Avenue to Jackson Street, Jackson Street to 2nd Avenue, including the parking lot and alley just North of Jackson Street, 2nd Avenue to a portion of Harrison Street.

- (b) The Social District must be clearly defined with signs posted in a conspicuous location indicating the area included in the Social District.

**Sec. 10-143 Social District Management and Maintenance**

- (a) The City shall establish a management and maintenance plan for the Social District and maintain information on the City's official website including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. Current Management and Maintenance Plan;

2. The geographical boundaries of the Social District; and
3. Such other information deemed necessary by the City that will assist in the management of the Social District in a manner that protects the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

**Sec. 10-144 Social District Days and Hours of Operations**

- (a) The days and hours of operation for the Social District shall be Sunday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., unless otherwise temporarily adjusted by Resolution as approved by the City Council.

**Sec. 10-145 Requirements of the Social District**

It shall be unlawful for any business selling on-sale alcoholic beverages in a Social District to allow customers to exit its licensed premises with an alcoholic beverage unless the business meets the following requirements:

- (a) The business is located in or fronts on the Social District boundary.
- (b) The business has obtained a Social District License from the City.
- (c) A business with a Social District License shall only sell an open container of an alcoholic beverage (malt beverage, fortified wine, or liquor) for consumption in the Social District and off the premises of the business in a container that meets all of the following requirements below:
  1. The container clearly identifies the Licensee from which the alcoholic beverage was purchased.
  2. The container clearly displays a logo or some other mark that is unique to the Social District in which it will be consumed, as approved by the City. Use of the City of Anoka's Social District logo, by a group, business or non-profit organization, shall require prior approval by the City. The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny the use of the Social District logo to any group, business, or organization for any reason.
  3. Alcoholic beverages may only be served in a City approved plastic recyclable cup.
  4. The container displays, in no less than 12-point font, the statement, "Drink Responsibly - Be 21."
  5. The container shall hold no more than 16 fluid ounces.
  6. The business shall pay to the City a surcharge for the approved containers in an amount as set forth in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
- (d) Only alcoholic beverages purchased from a Licensee holding a Social District License may be possessed and consumed in the Social District.

- (e) Alcoholic beverages shall only be in containers meeting requirements set forth in Section 10-145(c).
- (f) Every alcoholic beverage shall be served in a new, unused official Social District cup.
- (g) Alcoholic beverages shall only be possessed and consumed in the Social District on the days and hours designated by the City.
- (h) A person shall dispose of any alcoholic beverage in their possession prior to exiting the Social District.
- (i) A person shall dispose of any alcoholic beverage in their possession prior to entering a Licensee's premises unless the person is re-entering the Licensee's premise where the alcoholic beverage was purchased.
- (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverage drinks in excess or to obviously intoxicated individuals.
- (k) No person shall possess or consume any beer, wine, or liquor on any City street, sidewalk or park outside the boundaries of the Social District unless authorized by the City pursuant to a City Special Event.
- (l) No person may bring their own alcoholic beverage into the Social District. All alcohol possessed and/or consumed in the Social District must be purchased from Licensees holding a Social District License.

#### **Sec. 10-146 Social District License**

The City may issue a Social District License to any Licensee, authorizing the consumption, but not the sales or services outside of the licensed premises, of alcoholic beverages sold by the Licensee within the Social District.

#### **Sec. 10-147 Granting a Social District License**

The City Council, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to review and determine whether or not to issue a Social District License to any Licensee.

#### **Sec. 10-148 Application Procedures**

A City supplied written application for a Social District License must be filed with the City Clerk or his/her designee. The written application shall be signed by the property owner and business owner, or their designee, and shall be accompanied by the applicable fee as adopted in the City's Master Fee Schedule in effect at the time of submittal of the application.

#### **Sec. 10-149 Denial of License**

- (a) The City Council shall have the right to deny a Social District License to any Licensee if, in the judgment of the City Council, granting a Social District License would adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of City citizens. Such a denial may also be based upon any of the following circumstances:
  - 1. The Licensee's primary liquor license has been rescinded, suspended, is under view, or has not been renewed with the City;
  - 2. The Licensee has not followed the requirements or standards as established and set forth in Chapter 10, Article VI of the City Code, as may be amended from time to time;
  - 3. The Licensee has not followed policy, as set by the City, establishing and adopting management and maintenance plans, as may be amended from time to time; or
  - 4. Any other issue, which, in the opinion of the City Council, City Manager, or Police Department, negatively impacts or is detrimental to the City's public interest.
- (b) The applicant shall be notified of any such denial and may request an appearance before the City Council to appeal the denial.

**Sec. 10-150 Suspension, Revocation and Non-Renewal of License**

A Social District License may be suspended, revoked or not renewed by the City Council at any time if any of the conditions necessary for the issuance of, or as may be contained in the license, are not complied with or if any of the provision of this Article are violated.

**Sec. 10-151 Enforcement and Penalties**

- (a) The City Police Department, and other such officers, employees, or agents as the City Council or City Manager may designate, shall enforce the provisions of this Article.
- (b) The holding of a special event in violation of any providing of this Article shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be abated as such. In addition, any person violating any provision of the Article is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in State Law.