

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Legal Director and ex officio Keeper of the Records and Seal of the City of Rockford, Winnebago and Ogle Counties, Illinois (the "City"), and as such official I am the keeper of the official journal of proceedings, books, records, minutes and files of the City and of the City Council (the "City Council") thereof.

I do further certify that on the 8th day of October 2024 there was published in pamphlet form, by authority of the City Council, a true, correct and complete copy of Ordinance No. **2024-205-O** and said resolution was so published on said date readily available for public inspection and distribution, in sufficient number, at my office as Legal Director and ex officio Keeper of the Records and Seal located in the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed hereto my official signature and the seal of the City, this 8th day of October 2024.





LEGAL DIRECTOR AND *EX OFFICIO*
KEEPER OF THE RECORDS AND SEAL

JR:sa

Committee report passed: 10/7/24

ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 205 - 0

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD,
WINNEBAGO AND OGLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, THAT:

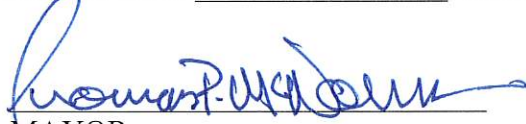
By passage and approval of this Ordinance, the Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to approve the attached amendments to the City of Rockford Code of Ordinance Article V. Downtown Social District Pilot Program, Section 3-152, and Section 3-157.

The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

All orders, resolutions, or ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as such conflict exists, and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication, as required by law.

A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published within ten (10) days after passage in pamphlet form by and under authority of the Corporate Authorities.

APPROVED: October 8, 2024.


MAYOR

AYES: LOGEMANN, TUNEBERG, FROST, TORINA, PRUNTY, WILKINS, HOFFMAN,
ROSE, BEACH, BARRIOS, MEEKS, BONNE

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: DURKEE (BAILEY - Away)

ABSTAIN: _____

ATTESTED:

N. O. Meyer
LEGAL DIRECTOR

PASSED: 10/7/24

APPROVED: 10/8/24

PUBLISHED: 10/8/24

FILED in my office this 8th day of October, 2024, and published in pamphlet form this 8th day of October, 2024 by order of the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois.

N. O. Meyer
Legal Director and ex officio
Keeper of the Records and Seal



APPROVED BY:

N. O. Meyer
Nicholas O. Meyer, Legal Director

RECOMMENDED BY:

Jacob L. Rubin
Jacob L. Rubin, Assistant City Attorney

Article V. DOWNTOWN SOCIAL DISTRICT PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 3-152. There is hereby established a Downtown Social District, which shall be a pilot program effective upon passage. If there is any conflict between the provisions herein and any other section of this Chapter 3, the provisions of this Article V shall control.

Sec. 3-153. *Downtown Social District* means the area as approved by the City Council of the City of Rockford, the official map of which shall be maintained by the Department of Law and published on the City's website.

Sec. 3-154. Participation in the Program.

- (a) Participation in the Downtown Social District program shall be voluntary.
- (b) Any business may opt in to the Downtown Social District program by registering with the City. Any opting in to the program shall place authorized stickers or sign on their door or window indicating their participation in the program. Approved stickers or signs shall be provided by the City.

Sec. 3-155. Any business located within the boundary of the Downtown Social District that does not have a valid liquor license may allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed upon their premises by opting into the program. Said business shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Downtown Social District set forth herein. No business or person within the District that does not have a valid liquor license shall sell, offer to sell, or serve on their premises any alcoholic beverage. No business shall be required to participate in the Downtown Social District.

Sec. 3-156. Downtown Social District Rules & Regulations.

- (a) Businesses with a valid liquor license within the Downtown Social District may permit a patron to carry one (1) alcoholic drink from their premises. No participating licensed business shall allow a patron, guest or member to exit its licensed premises with more than one open container of alcoholic beverage.
- (b) All alcoholic drinks must be carried in an approved container only, which shall have approved branding.
- (c) Persons may be permitted to remove alcoholic beverages from a participating licensed premises only in cups approved by the City of Rockford and no such alcoholic beverages shall be removed from the licensed premises in a can, bottle, glass container or other container, except as otherwise allowed by law.
- (d) Participating businesses may allow patrons to enter their premises with an alcoholic drink in an approved container. However, participating businesses may prohibit patrons from carrying in alcoholic drinks by posting an approved notice on their door or window.
- (e) Alcoholic beverages shall not be brought into the Downtown Social District from home or any establishment other than those within the boundaries of the Downtown Social District.
- (f) Participating licensed businesses located within the Downtown Social District shall post, at all points of egress from their premises, a map of the boundaries of the District. The map shall be provided, either in electronic or paper form, by the City.
- (g) Alcoholic beverages may not be removed from the Downtown Social District boundaries.
- (h) Alcoholic beverages may only be carried into a dining establishment, retail store, outdoor dining area, private park, or any other private business if it has been purchased at a participating licensed business in the Downtown Social District in an approved container.
- (i) No person shall carry in an alcoholic beverage to any business that has opted out of the program.

- (j) All approved cups must be disposed of in a proper receptacle prior to leaving the Downtown Social District boundaries.
- (k) Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on any street, parking lot, or in any parks or green spaces.

Sec. 3-157. Days & Hours.

The provisions herein shall only be applicable during the following days and hours:

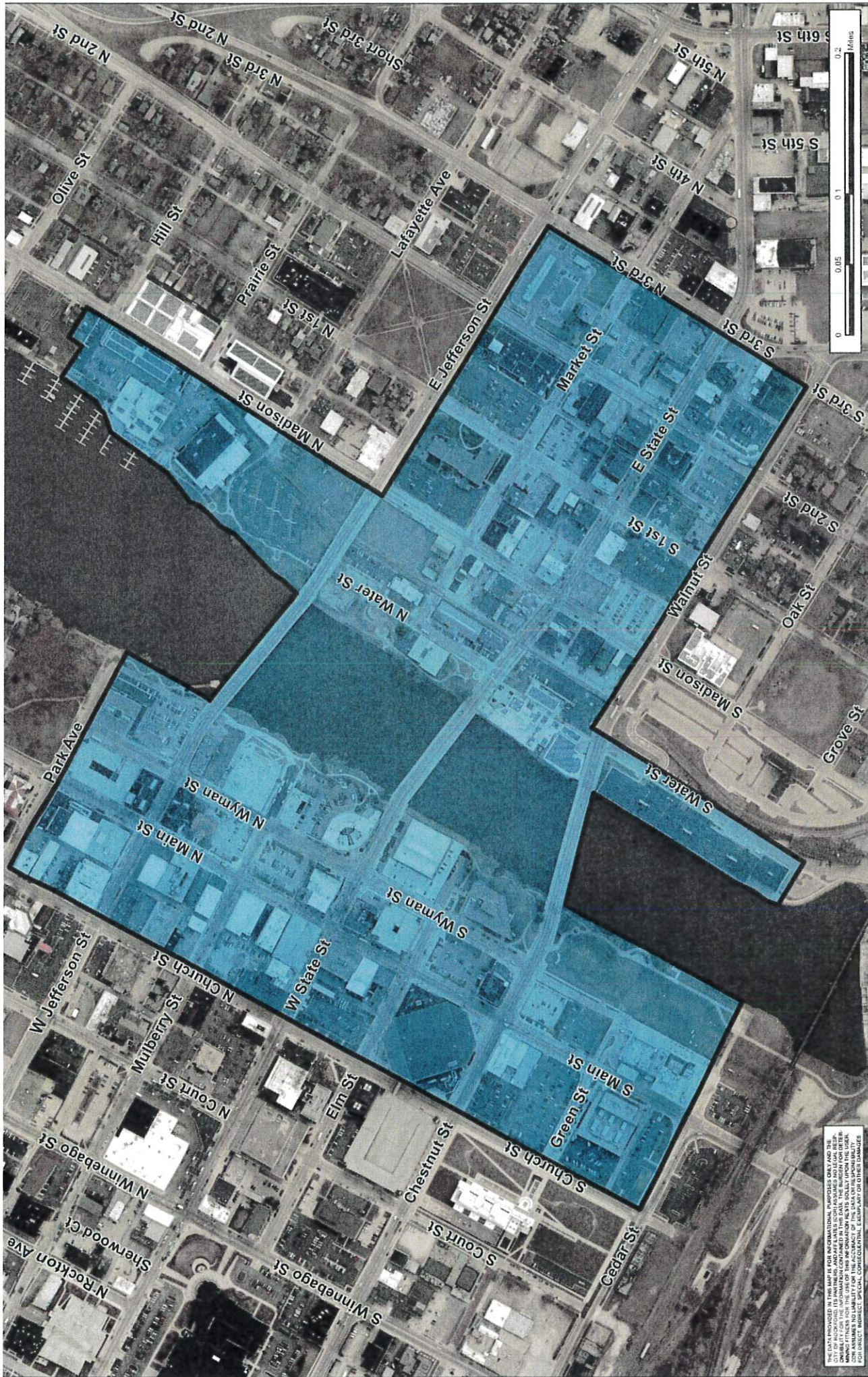
- a. Monday through Sunday, 11am to 11pm.
- b. All sales of branded to-go cups shall cease at 10:30pm.

Sec. 3.158. City Market & Davis Park

- (a) The outdoor City Market pavilion, Joe Marino Park, and Davis Park are considered a parking lot and park pursuant to this Article V. Therefore, patrons shall not carry in open containers of alcohol onto the premises, except as set forth in subsection (b) below.
- (b) Special events at the outdoor City Market pavilion, Joe Marino Park, and Davis Park may opt in to the Downtown Social District on a case by case basis. Special event applicants shall indicate their intent to opt in on their special event applications submitted to the City. In the event that a special event has opted in, all rules and regulations set forth in this Article V shall apply. The special event applicant shall obtain all required approved containers and signage/notices from the City prior to the event.

Sec. 3-159. Penalties for Violation

- (a) Any person, business, or entity participating in the Downtown Social District program shall comply with all rules set forth herein.
- (b) Any person, business, or entity violating any provision of this Article V. shall be guilty of an offense, subject to penalty under Sec. 1-9.
- (c) Any business holding a valid liquor license that violates any provision of this Article V shall be subject to suspension or revocation of their liquor license.



Downtown Entertainment District Boundary

City of Rockford

Map Prepared By: City of Rockford
Community & Economic Development Department
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