



**Agenda Item:** Resolution

**Title:** Resolution 2022-28, Setting an Open Container Area in the Downtown District

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

I move that City Council approve Resolution 2022-28, setting an open container area in the Downtown District, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

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**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

City Council Goal A Holistic Economic Development (Laramie Centric) Milestone #2 Implement Improvement Program for Primary Retail Corridors that Considers Public-Private Partnerships and Development Policy

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**Background:**

For the past two years the Laramie City Council has approved similar resolutions establishing the rules, areas and constraints related to an Open Container Area in the Downtown District. Over the past two years no major concerns have been identified through law enforcement related to the open container area.

The resolution will create an open container area in the Downtown District according to the approved map attachment with the following rules/constraints:

1. Dates: Thursday prior to Memorial Day through October 29, 2022
2. Days: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
3. Times: 11:00 am and 8:00 pm.
4. Permitted: The consumption of alcoholic beverages purchased under a valid liquor license or permit within the designated area.
5. Constraints:
  - a. No sales or service of alcoholic beverage may occur without a proper liquor license, an alcohol catering or malt beverage permit, or right-of-way Encroachment permit.
  - b. Alcoholic beverages to be consumed in this area must be served in plastic cups or aluminum bottles. (no glass outside)
  - c. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by those 21 years old and older and open containers of alcohol are not permitted inside vehicles.
  - d. Open container permit application fees will be waived for applications that are aligned with the considerations of this resolution.
  - e. The open container area does not apply to special events. All necessary special event permits, alcohol catering, and malt beverage permits must be obtained for events as described in Laramie Municipal Code 12.60.030.

We have received a request from René Williams, Artist/Owner, 4th Street Studios, to expand the area to include their business. See attachment. In response staff has submitted an alternate map that aligns with the LMSA service area for consideration.

We have received a request from John Guerin, Coal Creek Coffee and TAP, to expand the area to extend the days of the week to be seven days a week and expand the hours to be 11am to 12am.

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**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

N/A

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**BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION: N/A**

N/A

**Responsible Staff:**

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Robert Southard, City Attorney  
Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

Reso 2022-28 Downtown Open Container Area 4-19-22  
Reso 2022-28 Attachment A Downtown Open Container Area Map+Alternate  
4th Street Studios Request  
John Guerin Request