

To: Mayor Brown and Members of Council

From: Rules and Law Committee Meeting, Maggie Palazzolo – Chairperson

Date: November 23, 2020

RE: DORA Legislation

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Attendees: Maggie Palazzolo, Rob Bartlett, Marcy Lewis, Bill Brown, Chief Rick Hines

The meeting began at 2:09pm.

The committee discussed the details of the DORA for the purpose of making final recommendations to council. Per Ohio Law, an application must be submitted to council with these recommendations as the first step to creating a DORA. Next steps are, giving public notice of Mariemont's intent to create the DORA, drawing up and enacting an ordinance creating the DORA, and finally, sending notice that Mariemont approved the DORA to the Ohio State Board of Liquor Control and the Investigative Unit in the Department of Public Safety.

The application to council is attached to this report for approval.

The committee discussed the following items related to the application:

1. Street boundaries: The DORA will begin at the east and then continue down the Strand and include the Old Town Square at it's west end. We will ask Chris Ertle, the Village engineer to measure this area to ensure that we meet Ohio's rules for the size of the DORA. (Post Meeting note: The size does meet Ohio's guidelines, per Chris.)
2. Heath and Safety: Chief Hines confirmed that we will not need additional police shifts and that there are always at least two officers on a shift. The committee also discussed that the current number of trash receptacles will be adequate. Finally, the committee discussed including public restrooms. For the time being, the DORA will not include the Dogwood Park and the bell tower restrooms will not be part of it, however council can expand the DORA if we decide to at some point. People patronizing the restaurants in the DORA will have access to those restrooms.
3. Signage: Signs will be the standard brown and white signs Mariemont generally uses and they will be as small as possible to still be effective. There will be some signs in the historic district and those will go through the ARB. Finally, the committee agreed to rely on the Village Engineer to advise on sign placement. Chief Hines agreed to obtain pictures of the signs in Milford as examples for us to study for wording.
4. Liquor Licenses- Ohio keeps a searchable database of liquor licenses and types. The Emery Mariemont has a pending license and will be part of the DORA when it is approved.
5. Hours of Operation- The committee recommends the hours of:

- a. Monday –Thursday 5:00pm to 10:00PM
- b. Friday 5:00 pm to 12:00am
- c. Saturday-Sunday- 12:00pm-12:00am

As a note- As of the committee meeting four of the six restaurant owners have been contacted in person and all are very supportive of the DORA.

The committee recommends council approve the application for the creation of the DORA.

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maggie Palazzolo, Chairperson

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Marcy Lewis, Vice-Chairperson

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Rob Bartlett, Member