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(Jasper, Indiana) – The City of Jasper in coordination with Heart of Jasper announce the opening of the Downtown Jasper Social District, effective immediately.

The **Downtown Jasper Social District** is a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA); a designated public area where alcoholic beverages can be purchased in a designated cup from permitted establishments and carried within a defined district as enacted through Indiana Senate Enrolled Act No. 20 on May 4th, 2023 and effective July 1st, 2023.

Benefits of a DORA:

- Within the District, a person of legal age could walk with an alcoholic beverage in an approved cup while enjoying shopping, concerts, events, festivals and local tourism attractions.
- DORAs encourage visitors to stay longer allowing towns to further capitalize on resources already in place to activate community spaces.

The City of Jasper and the Heart of Jasper wish to maintain a livable, walkable downtown and Main Street with opportunities to shop, work, live and play.

The Downtown Jasper Social District is in effect daily from 12pm-9:00pm and is closed July 26th-August 8th in coordination for the annual Jasper Strassenfest.

Additional Downtown Jasper Social District rules are:

- 1.) Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed in designated District cups from participating and approved vendors.
- 2.) Alcohol purchased within the district may not be taken out of the district and no open alcohol purchased outside the District is permitted within the District.
- 3.) Possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and other rule violations may constitute a class C infraction.

Current permitted vendors include Oink, Café Pina, Headquarters, St. Benedicts Brew Works, Owsley's Lounge, Pub 'n' Grub, Plaid and Timber, Tre Vione's, Astra Theater, and Odd Fellows.

For more information about the Downtown Jasper Social District, please visit

<https://www.heartofjasper.org/downtown-jasper-social-district/> & <https://www.jasperindiana.gov/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item&id=3910>