

Social Districts

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What is a Social District?



Social Districts are areas where people can walk around with open, togo containers of alcoholic beverages. Beverages must be purchased from a permitted bar, restaurant, or other establishment, and consumed within the boundaries and hours of the social district.

Fall 2021: NC General Assembly enacted legislation allowing cities to adopt an ordinance designating social districts.

July 2022: NC General Assembly enacted legislation to recodify and clarify social districts.

August 2022: Charlotte City Council adopted ordinance allowing creation of social districts

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Charlotte's Ordinance Framework



Amended Sec. 15-3 – Beer and wine consumption; Possession of open container

Added Chapter 15, Article XV - Social Districts

Established legal requirements

Authorizes the creation of a *Standards and Provisions* document

Allows the City to consider community proposals for Social Districts

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Standards and Provisions

Key Components:

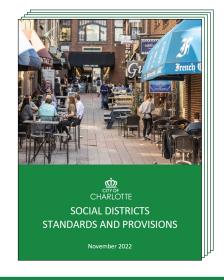
The Standards and Provisions document provides guidance to applicants and staff on the rules and process for establishing a district including:

Community Engagement

Management and Maintenance Plan

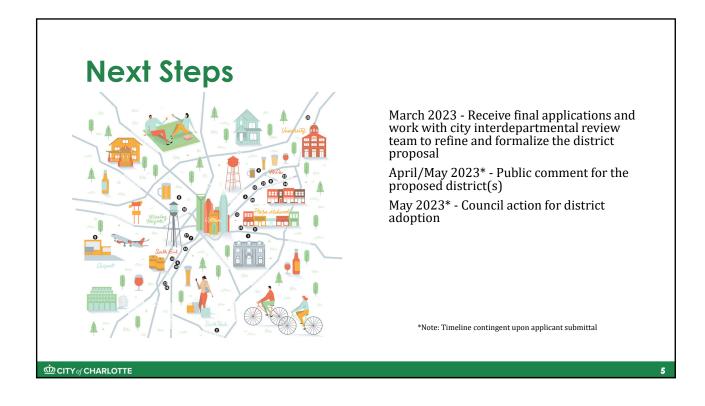
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