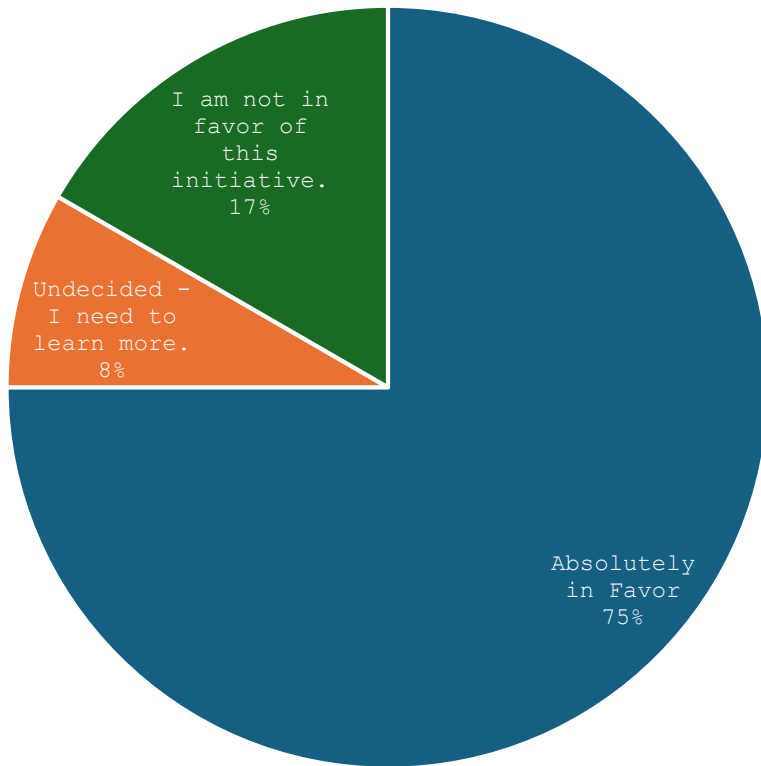


# Social District Feedback

As of January 17, 2025

The survey will remain open through the end of January. As of January 17<sup>th</sup>, there have been 60 responses.

**Are you for or against a social district in Gladstone?**



If you break down the responses by those who are Gladstone residents or business owners, the support is as follows:

- 77% in Favor
- 13% Against
- 10% Undecided

**What concerns do you have if Gladstone implemented a social district?**



## Boundary Feedback:

- Many agree with the proposed boundary.
- Varying opinions on whether the Saloon should be captured within the district.
- Community recommendations on extending to the marina and park system.
- Notable Comments:
  - “I would suggest eliminating the 800 Block of Delta Ave. from the district to reduce the amount of people crossing our busiest intersection while intoxicated.”
  - “Would like to see it include the Veterans Memorial Park”
  - “I am totally in favor of a social district, but it needs to be done with an open mind. As much as the intent is to bring people to the businesses of Gladstone, the city has more to offer than that. We have a beautiful beach area that should be included in the area. There should be some corridor/pathway added to the district that would include the pavilion, yacht club, marina and beach area.”
  - “I think it just needs to be mindful of the school. Maybe hours or time of the year.”
  - “I like the current boundaries that are being suggested. I would suggest that if it was expanded to go to the marina that it would go down 9th street rather than right past the middle school.”
  - “Being able to have a drink outside and walk around a little will drive traffic and awareness to what Gladstone has to offer, especial our downtown. Once this is in place it might lead to other fun events Gladstone can host in our downtown. Having a fun and inviting town is what people are looking for.”
  - “Either people should have these types of freedoms throughout Gladstone, or they shouldn't. Freedoms shouldn't be given to a few blocks but not to others. If a place like the old Marina Bay, Arcadia, or Bungalow wants to try and compete with those in this district, they are restricted from doing so. That isn't smart or right.”
  - “I believe the proposed boundaries would not provide any benefit given the liability and other factors involved. I don't see anyone wanting to drink and visit businesses or stroll downtown. There are simply not enough businesses to visit within the boundaries that would be similar to Marquette where you're visiting cafes, music shops, etc”

**Other feedback:**

Positive	Opposed
"Social districts can enhance visitors and citizens interest in the downtown events and certainly make them more festive! Having the district will naturally help businesses within the district plan together as they will all benefit from more pedestrian traffic."	"I am not in favor of more booze walking around the streets. The rules we have are there for a reason. This seems like an attempt t try and prop up downtown businesses at the expense of hose not downtown and even at increased risk of injury and misery to the citizens of the town and proposed district. As a former resident, who has many family and friends still there, I am in opposition."
"I don't know who is behind the push to revitalize the downtown area of Gladstone, but I applaud your effort! Thank you!"	
"I am an economic partner in the area and I think this would hugely benefit many downtown Gladstone businesses. Such a great idea!"	
"promote business advertising in the district and establishments. Example: signage/marketing for our dental office (gallery b smiles) in/outside saunders point brewery."	
"Would like to see the event include like a flea market area where people could set up a table and sell there goods. This could be done in the parking lot of the Veterans Park (next to the Legion). Might draw more people downtown if they knew they could participate, fund raise for cub scouts, girl scouts, themselves, etc."	
"I've noticed, during the couple of times I've attended the music nights at Van Cleve Park in the summer, that a lot of people bring and enjoy their own alcoholic beverages at those events, which (unless I'm mistaken) is allowed by 436.1915: ""alcoholic liquor may be possessed or consumed in public parks, public places of amusement, or a publicly owned area not licensed to sell for consumption on the premises. However, if the park became part of that social district, wouldn't that mean the only booze people could consume there would be from licensed participating establishments? For one, that's a very long walk from the nearest licensed place; for another, that hurts people who like to enjoy music alongside a drink that's not priced from a bar. So that would be my argument against adding the park to the district."	
"I think this is a great idea. I feel like in delta county we are so behind on trying new things. I understand we're more of an old person community but some of us are still younger."	
"I'd like to see 10th street, north of Delta Ave to the alley, turned into green space"	