



# Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

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Item To Be Considered: **Social District Consideration**

Board Meeting Date: **August 14, 2023**

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**Overview:** The Board of Commissioners expressed interest in learning more about implementing a social district downtown. The topic was first brought to the Board by staff on March 27, 2023, and staff was instructed at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to bring it back with a few adjustments.

An updated survey was distributed to both residential and business owners within the proposed boundary on August 4, 2023, along with an updated draft ordinance, boundary map to limit the district to span Front Street and go up Church Street stopping at the Visitors Center and outlining a new condition of the district just being open during event/festivals only. Survey results will be made available at the meeting. Responses are due by Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

During the team meeting comprised of the Manager, Police Chief, Planner, Clerk, and Projects/Planning Coordinator we identified reasons why the Board may want to consider allowing the social district from Wednesday – Sunday from 5-11pm. In regard to frequent staff turnover at local businesses and an influx of people from out of town during the busy tourist season, we feel a set schedule would be easier to establish continuity with all parties involved in regulating and enforcing the social district.

## **Background Attachment(s):**

1. Downtown Social District Draft Ordinance
2. Downtown Social District Survey
3. Social District Participant Acknowledgement Form
4. Proposed Social District Location Map
5. NCLM Summary

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve or deny the draft ordinance or amend as directed.

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