



City of Loveland

Police Division

Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area Guidelines (DORA)

The following list of items are guidelines to the DORA rules. They should only be used as a guideline. Some of the information contained in this document is from the Ohio Department of Commerce¹

Q: What is a DORA?

A: A Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) is a specially designated area which allows patrons of an establishment serving alcohol to take an open container of alcohol out of the business and walk around the public streets. Drinks must be in special cups designated as DORA cups. These cups can be obtained at all participating alcohol establishments inside the DORA.

Q: When and where is the DORA?

A: The DORA is only for special events designated by Loveland City Council. A list of specific events is available at the City of Loveland website (www.lovelandoh.gov). A map of the DORA boundaries is located on the website, and on the reverse side of this sheet. In addition, Nineteen (19) signs are placed at ingress and egress points of the DORA to mark the DORA boundaries.

Q: May a person bring their own alcohol into a DORA?¹

A: No. Ohio open container law prohibits a person from having an opened container of alcohol on a permit premises that was not purchased from that permit holder even if the permit premises are within a DORA purchased elsewhere?¹

Q: Can I request a temporary alcohol permit (F2) within a DORA?

A: Yes. However, any F2 permit within any portion of a DORA must use the DORA boundaries as their boundary.

Q: Is a DORA safe?

A: The City of Loveland Police Department provides security for each DORA event. The exact officers assigned is based on each individual event and anticipated attendance. Generally, at least one officers is specifically assigned to each DORA event. Their primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of people and property inside the DORA.

Q: Do I have to use special DORA Cups?

A: Yes. Any open alcohol which leaves an establishment must be in designated DORA cups. And, DORA cups must be empty to enter an establishment. Cups can be obtained at any participating establishment.

The City of Loveland DORA was established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4301.82. Please review this law for additional information. All laws are subject to change without notice.

