

**PUBLIC HEARING
CLYDE CITY COUNCIL**

Clyde City Council held a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of the Clyde Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio, to hold discussion on the topic of DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) in the City of Clyde. Mayor Doug McCauley called the meeting to order.

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Doug McCauley
Vice Mayor Chris Shay
Council Member Greg McMaster
Council Member Terri Meek
Council Member Cody Browing
City Manager Justin LaBenne (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: Finance Director Frank Weasner (Not voting)

Visitors signing in can be referenced in the Record Book Supplement.

Mayor McCauley explained this public hearing is to hold discussion on the topic of DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area). He reviewed the public hearing process and expectations of all speakers sharing their perspective in a civil manner.

Mr. LaBenne indicated there have been two additional downtown businesses submitting liquor permit requests. In addition to local downtown businesses benefiting from a DORA, there are the markets that are held in the downtown area during the summer. A proposed DORA designated area would avoid residential areas and keep participants in the downtown area. The DORA would also play a role in future downtown events, such as concerts on the lawn at the museum.

Mr. Jonathan Waugh, owner of The Alley, feels his business would benefit from Clyde having a DORA. It would allow individuals to have a beverage and attend the Clyde Fair and/or the downtown markets. In general, individuals could enjoy a beverage while walking around; he feels the DORA would bring people to Clyde downtown and would benefit both his business as well as others.

Bobbie Boyer has lived in Clyde most of her life. Mrs. Boyer was a Council member the first time DORA was brought to Council. She is a national expert with many areas, including alcohol, drug, gangs, crime, suicide and problem gambling prevention. It is her prevention knowledge that calls her to attend tonight's meeting to oppose this DORA. It is her desire to protect children, families and future generations. Although Mrs. Boyer is not opposed to the concept of a DORA, she does feel a DORA can be detrimental to small communities. She feels adults should not drink alcohol where children can see this activity. She disagrees that a DORA would bring people to Clyde, at least not long term. Mr. Boyer offers to give her additional input if requested.

Mrs. Meek works in Fremont where they have a DORA, and she has visited Findlay, Ohio where her group enjoyed using a DORA while exploring their downtown businesses. She has not witnessed any commotion associated with a DORA, and she is not opposed to having one in Clyde.

Mr. Browning respects the concerns that have been raised. He is aware of a DORA in Sandusky, Ohio, noting they have experienced a small issue with trash. Mr. Browning is not in favor or opposed to a DORA in Clyde.

Mr. McMaster offered thanks to those attending and voicing their opinion.

Mr. Shay is in favor of a DORA.

Mayor McCauley enjoys traveling and visiting small towns. This is his fifth year as a Council Member. He has not witnessed a negative side of having a DORA – but the City needs to manage it. He noted Tiffin, Ohio has a DORA and the first day of having the DORA they did experience negative issues, but they immediately got it under control.

Mr. LaBenne commented on the Tiffin DORA, noting that one individual was initially opposed to it but after one year this person acknowledged their initial fears did not come true. Having a DORA is a low-cost economic tool. He has not seen problems related to having a DORA in neighboring communities. If passed, Council would have the option to re-evaluate it in five years.

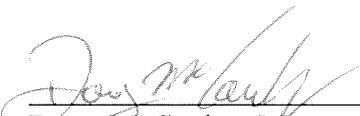
Mayor McCauley pointed out that residents would have a choice of using the DORA.

Mr. Selvey clarified a DORA would not allow open containers. The individual would need to purchase the drink at a business within the DORA designated area, and the drink would be served in a clear plastic cup. There will be certain hours as designated by Council and the businesses. He repeated the drinks may be consumed within the designated DORA area only.

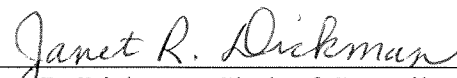
Mayor McCauley noted there are two private residences within the proposed DORA boundary. He has spoken to one of those residents and he will also speak to the other resident.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Doug McCauley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council