



PKY Downtown Entertainment District

Main Street between 8th Street and Bank Row Street

Frequently Asked Questions

Come walk with me in the District!

The PKY Downtown Entertainment District is designed to strengthen downtown Paris, support local businesses, and create a vibrant, welcoming space for residents and visitors. This project draws people to Paris' downtown, strengthens local businesses, and attracts new entrepreneurs. The District boosts existing restaurants and hospitality industries by allowing customers to take to-go alcoholic drinks in approved cups from participating businesses and stroll our historic Main Street, browse local storefronts, and enjoy outdoor events.

What is the PKY Downtown Entertainment District?

The Entertainment District allows patrons at participating restaurants and bars to leave with an alcoholic beverage in a properly marked cup. This program is intended to boost our restaurant and hospitality industries while drawing more people to downtown Paris.

Where can I have alcoholic beverages in downtown Paris?

- Alcoholic beverages purchased from a participating business in the Entertainment District must be consumed within the boundaries of the District.
- Alcoholic beverages can be carried within the District, including at other participating businesses, even if you didn't buy your beverage there!
- Beverages purchased outside the District are prohibited.

👉 [\[View Map\]](#)

When are alcoholic beverages allowed in the Entertainment District?

- Alcoholic beverages are only permitted on public property and can only be carried between participating businesses when the District is activated for an event approved by the Board of Commissioners or the City's ABC Administrator.

- If the District is not activated for an event, patrons cannot transport alcoholic beverages outside of the establishment where those beverages were purchased.
 - You can find out when the District is active by following the City of Paris on social media and through social media posts and advertising by the event host will. If you are unsure whether the district will be activated before an event, contact the office of the ABC Administrator
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Can I take my cup anywhere within the Entertainment District?

Yes, with conditions:

- Drinks must be purchased from a participating business.
 - Patrons may consume drinks in another participating business or in common areas.
 - Look for the “ED Friendly” window sticker to know where drinks are welcome.
 - If a business posts the “No Beverages Allowed” signage, then they are not a participating business and you may not bring your alcoholic beverages inside that business.
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Can I bring my own alcohol or refill an Entertainment District cup?

No. State law requires that all drinks be purchased from a participating business during permitted hours.

- No cans, glass bottles, or outside drinks are allowed within the Entertainment District.
 - Anyone with alcohol on public property not purchased from a participating business may be cited and/or arrested.
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Can I reuse my Entertainment District cup at another event?

No. District cups are single-use only and valid only during the event when they are issued.

What happens if I leave the Entertainment District boundaries with alcohol?

Patrons who take alcohol outside the designated District boundaries may be cited and/or arrested.

Do I need to show ID to purchase alcohol?

Yes. All patrons must be 21 or older with a valid ID to purchase or possess alcohol in the District.

- Participating businesses are responsible for checking IDs.
 - Participating businesses are also responsible for training their employees on the District requirements.
 - The City of Paris is not liable for violations of local, state, or federal alcohol laws.
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Is the Entertainment District safe for families?

Yes! While alcohol is permitted for adults 21+, the Entertainment District is meant to be a family-friendly, community-focused experience.

- Children and non-drinkers are welcome to enjoy live music, shopping, dining, and events.
 - The goal is to create a fun, vibrant atmosphere for everyone.
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What about safety and enforcement?

- Paris Police and/or security staff will monitor the District during active events.
 - Disorderly conduct, public intoxication, or violations of rules may result in removal, citations, or arrest.
 - Participating businesses that violate Entertainment District rules will have their privileges revoked and won't be able to participate in District events.
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What should I do with my cup when I'm finished?

District cups are single-use only and should be properly disposed of in trash or recycling bins located throughout downtown.

- Littering may result in fines.
 - Please help us keep downtown clean and welcoming.
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How do businesses participate?

- Businesses must hold the proper state alcohol licenses.
- A Participation Agreement with the City is required.
 [\[Business Application/Agreement\]](#)
- Businesses may opt out of participation by notifying the City and posting signage.

For questions, please contact the City of Paris ABC Administrator at 859-987-2110.

Quick “Do’s & Don’ts”

- ✅ **Do** purchase drinks only from participating businesses.
- ✅ **Do** carry your drink in a clear, City-approved Entertainment District cup.
- ✅ **Do** enjoy strolling downtown, shopping, and visiting other “ED Friendly” locations and businesses.
- ❌ **Don’t** bring your own alcohol or outside drinks.
- ❌ **Don’t** cross District boundaries with alcohol.

- ✗ **Don't** reuse cups from past events.
 - ✗ **Don't** ignore signage at businesses that choose not to participate.
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Quick Links

-  [\[View Ordinance\]](#)
 -  [\[Business Participation Agreement\]](#)
 -  [\[View District Map\]](#)
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A Community Invitation

The PKY Entertainment District is about more than convenience, it's about community, growth, and celebration. By connecting our businesses, promoting tourism, and creating a lively atmosphere downtown, we are investing in the future of Paris and Bourbon County.

So, whether you're shopping, dining, or enjoying live music, we invite you to grab a cup, stroll through our streets, and **"Come walk with me in the District!"**