



Downtown Midland Social District and Commons Area(s)

Management and Maintenance Plan

OPERATIONS:

1. The Social District and Commons Areas shall be open for operation Sunday through Sunday 10am until midnight, year-round until.
2. No tents or lighting shall be installed within the Social District or Commons Area(s) without City permission.
3. No amplified sound shall be used in the Social District or Commons Areas without City permission.
4. Umbrellas may be installed but shall not be mechanically fastened to street or sidewalk surfaces. These must be managed and maintained by the business/property owner.
5. Dogs are permitted in the Social District and Commons Area. Dogs must remain on a leash throughout their visit to the Commons Area. Owners are obligated to clean up after their dog and dispose of waste properly.

ACCESS:

1. Pedestrian access shall be maintained to all buildings in the Social District and Commons Areas as required by the City of Midland.
2. Emergency access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties in the Social District and Commons Areas as required by the City of Midland.

ALCOHOL:

1. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the Commons Area(s) only in accordance with a Social District Permit issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC), any accompanying MLCC regulations, and City of Midland requirements.
2. Alcoholic beverages shall only be purchased at the licensed premises of a Social District Permit holder and must be consumed in designated Commons Areas.

SEATING, TABLES AND RELATED FURNISHINGS:

1. The City of Midland will maintain any seating, tables, and related furnishings that have been purchased and deployed by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) within the Social District / Pedestrian Plaza.
2. Seating, tables, and related furnishings that have been provided by individual Social District Permit Holders shall be the sole responsibility of the Social District Permit Holders and must comply with ADA accessibility requirements. Under certain circumstances, Social District Permit holders may use public space for seating, tables, and related furnishings. Interested Social District Permit holders must contact the Midland DDA office for necessary reviews and municipal approvals.
3. Related furnishings are defined as planters, fencing, spatial delineators or other elements that are deployed as part of a seating expansion within the Social District.

SIGNAGE

1. The Midland DDA office in consultation with the City will provide signage that designates the Commons Area(s) and Commons Area(s) boundaries.
2. Existing City of Midland sign ordinances are still applicable within Social District and Commons Area(s)

TRASH AND RECYCLING

1. The City of Midland / DDA will provide temporary trash cans and/or recycling cans within Commons Area(s) and at Commons Area boundaries and will maintain these trash cans and/or recycling cans and conduct trash removal operations at these locations for the duration of the Social District and Commons Area operation so long as it is economically feasible to do so.
2. At locations where existing trash cans are already installed and will continue the current maintenance and trash removal operations by the City of Midland.

REVIEW

1. Appropriate City of Midland departments shall be included in any future Social District reviews conducted by the City of Midland or other entities.
2. The Midland DDA and appropriate City of Midland departments shall be included in any review and consulted on any revisions to the Social District and Management and Maintenance Plan.
3. Alcoholic beverages consumed in Commons Areas are required to be in designated cups per the requirements of the MLCC and as approved by the DDA Office / City of Midland.
4. Social District Permit holders are responsible for the sale of alcohol on their licensed premises in accordance with their individual Social District Permits and all MLCC rules and regulations, including confirming the consumer's identification and age, and prohibiting the sale of alcohol to intoxicated parties.
5. During regular patrols, City of Midland Police Department will monitor Commons Area(s) as assigned for compliance with MLCC and City of Midland rules and regulations.
6. The DDA Office, city staff and/or contractors will also monitor Commons Areas and report compliance issues to the proper authorities so long as it is economically feasible to do so.
7. Additional commons areas may be considered and approved by City Council at a future date.