
The Impact of DORAs

— On prevention —

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Objectives

At the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- Participants will understand what a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area is and be able to describe 3 aspects of it
- Participants will be able to determine where in their community a DORA may be and which governing body to collaborate with
- Use critical thinking skills to analyze how prevention can impact DORA ordinances and will make a plan with at least 2 things they can do in their community that is impacted by a _____DORA

Section 4301.82 | Designated outdoor refreshment areas

A Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, or DORA, is a specified area of land that a local legislative authority (city council or township trustees) has designated as exempt from certain open container provisions as laid out in Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.82.

Within the boundaries of the DORA, patrons can purchase an open beverage containing alcohol from an on-premises liquor permit holder, such as a bar or a restaurant, and leave the premises with the drink and continue consuming it.

While the law places certain restrictions on DORAs, the decision of whether to create a DORA, including its size, how many should be created, its hours of operation, what cups are used, or any health, safety, and sanitation plans when the DORA is in effect are all locally-controlled decisions.



DORA in reality

Need 7 volunteers



The impact of DORA on the surrounding community

Cups bought by consumer

Draws patrons to the area

Revitalizes downtown areas

Eases outdoor dining restrictions (allows for outdoor seating on narrow sidewalks)

Increase retail and restaurant development



From a lawmakers perspective

Economic Development

Increasing community engagement with businesses

Looking to the future for additional opportunities



From a lawmakers perspective

Initial ask from businesses

Took 2 years to move to law

Alcohol retailers purchase the cups

Would be open to discussing options for cup wording/prints

How can prevention impact DORA?

Research your area: Are there DORA laws already in place?

If not, talk to the elected officials about being involved in the process

If they are, how are they handled? Who creates the visuals for the cups? Who pays for the cups? Hours and area?

Ensure compliance

Group work

8 minutes

In small groups, review the DORA Plan chart and begin working on action steps.

What can you do in the next 2 months?

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