



DOWNTOWN KALAMAZOO SOCIAL DISTRICT

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the boundaries of the Downtown Kalamazoo Social District and the Central Commons Refreshment Area?

A: The social district boundary mirrors that of the Kalamazoo Downtown Economic Growth Authority boundary. The commons area boundary within the social district includes the Kalamazoo Mall, Michigan Avenue, and designated adjacent blocks within that boundary. Additional commons areas can be added at a later date with City Commission approval.

Q: What businesses can serve within the Central Commons Refreshment Area?

A: There are 20 businesses that are eligible to participate in the Central Commons Refreshment Area. For the most up-to-date list, visit downtownkalamazoo.org/downtown-social-district/

Q: What are the operating hours of the Central Commons Refreshment Area?

A: Commons Area hours will operate seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Q: Can I walk anywhere with my drink?

A: No. Patrons must stay within the designated boundary. Leaving the Refreshment Area with an alcoholic beverage violates State and local law.

Q: Can I take my drink into other businesses?

A: Patrons can enjoy their beverage in public spaces within the boundaries of the Central Commons Refreshment Area. Patrons may not take drinks served at one location into another bar or restaurant, or onto their patio space. Some non-alcohol serving businesses located within the boundary may choose to allow patrons to enter their establishment with drinks.

Q: Can I bring my own alcoholic beverage, pour it into a designated Central Commons Refreshment Area container, and walk around in the refreshment area?

A: No, the only drinks allowed are those purchased from businesses participating in the Refreshment Area program. No cans, glass bottles, or outside drinks are permitted within the boundaries per State and local law.

Note: All State of Michigan and City of Kalamazoo laws apply, including but not limited to those prohibiting public intoxication, impaired driving, open containers and serving alcohol to minors.