

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP, BEAVER ISLAND
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Resolution 2021.03.03.05

Designating Social District

At a regular meeting of the St James Township Board, held at the St James Township Hall, located in St James Township, Michigan on March 3, 2021.

Present: _____

Absent: _____

The following resolution was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, following research and discussion and acknowledging that due to COVID-19, state legislators realized that help for the hospitality industry was needed and legislation (MCL 436.155) was passed allowing local units of government to set up Social Districts that would include Commons Areas where alcoholic beverages could be consumed that were purchased from local bars and restaurants that had been permitted by the State to sell in that manner; that the township recommends that a Social District be established; that a management and operations plan and map of the district be developed; and that the Commons Area includes sidewalks and some parks, not streets, between the hours of noon and 9:00 P.M.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Social District be designated within the Township that will include the sidewalks of Main Street/Michigan Avenue from Whiskey Point to Bonner Street and will also extend to include Frankie Lane and that portion of the Back Highway between Frankie Lane and Gallagher Avenue and Gallagher Avenue between the Back Highway and Main Street; and that within that District certain public rights-of-way will be designated as the Commons Area of the District where alcoholic beverages, purchased from specific, qualified, and permitted licensees doing business within the district may be consumed legally, and that as indicated on the enclosed map, the Commons Area will include the sidewalks on:

Main Street (Michigan Avenue) from Lake Drive to Freesoil Avenue, and Main Street from Frankie Lane to Bonner Avenue including the Harbor View Park, Municipal Marina South and Paradise Bay Park; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local licensees whose businesses are located in the Commons Area are approved by St James Township to proceed with their application to the State of Michigan for Social District Permits which will allow them to sell alcoholic beverages that will be consumed in the Commons Area of the Social District; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution, the Plan for Operation and Maintenance of the Social District, and the map of the Social District that includes the boundaries of the Commons Area be submitted to the State to be kept on file going forward for the purpose of documenting the rights of future licensees in the City of Petoskey Social District to apply for Social District permits.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

By: _____ Date: _____

The above signed, Julie Gillespie, hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and acting clerk of the Township of St James and further certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular board meeting of the Township board held on March 3, 2021.