

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
WAYNE, INDIANA, TERMINATING DESIGNATED OUTDOOR
REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA DA 0200017) COMMONLY REFERED TO THE
ELECTRIC WORKS DORA**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, previously adopted Special Ordinance 5-54-24 on May 9, 2024 establishing a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA DA 0200017) commonly referred to as the Electric Works DORA pursuant to Indiana Code § 7.1-3-31.3; and

WHEREAS, the DORA DA 0200017 was created to enhance public space activation, support local businesses, and foster a vibrant environment on the Electric Works Campus; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the DORA DA 0200017 have evaluated the effectiveness and ongoing operation of the DORA and finds that the public would be better served by terminating the designation; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 7.1-3-31.3-20 authorizes a municipality's legislative body to adopt a resolution ending the designation of DORA DA 0200017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, as follows:

1. Termination of DORA

Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA DA 0200017) commonly referred to as the Electric Works DORA established by Special Ordinance 5-54-24 is hereby terminated in its entirety, effective as of October 31, 2025.

2. Notice Requirements

City Administration Designee is directed to provide written notice of the termination of the DORA DA 0200017 to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the Allen County Sheriff's Department, the Fort Wayne Police Department, all permit holders operating within the former DORA boundaries, and the general public through appropriate postings.

3. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, approval by the Mayor, and any publication or filing requirements as provided by law.

1 This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and
2 publication pursuant to Indiana law.

3 ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED by the Common Council of Fort Wayne, Indiana, this
4 _____ day of _____, 2025.

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7 Council Member

8 APPROVED as to form and legality
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TITLE OF ORDINANCE: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Terminating DORA No. 2, Known as the “Electric Works DORA,” Pursuant to Fort Wayne City Code Chapter 122.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTING ORDINANCE: Community Development Division

SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE: This ordinance officially terminates the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (“DORA”) known as the Electric Works DORA. The Electric Works DORA, initially established to support outdoor refreshment activity on the Electric Works campus, is now being absorbed into the expanded boundaries of the Downtown DORA. This integration allows for a more seamless, unified approach to DORA management, enforcement, and promotion across Fort Wayne’s central districts.

EFFECT OF PASSAGE: Passage of this ordinance will streamline the administration of DORA zones in Fort Wayne. Incorporating Electric Works into the Downtown DORA supports consistent branding, enhances the user experience, and allows for more efficient coordination of enforcement, signage, and operations. The City, in collaboration with Downtown Fort Wayne and Electric Works, has determined that merging the two zones is the most effective approach to ensuring continued success and growth of the DORA initiative.

EFFECT OF NON-PASSAGE: Failure to terminate the Electric Works DORA would result in the continued operation of two separate DORA districts with overlapping purposes, leading to administrative inefficiencies and potential confusion for patrons and businesses. It would also limit the potential benefits of a unified Downtown DORA, such as coordinated marketing, simplified signage, and aligned hours of operation.

MONEY INVOLVED (DIRECT COSTS, EXPENDITURES, SAVINGS).

There are no new costs associated with this ordinance. The consolidation is expected to generate minor administrative savings by reducing duplicative signage, enforcement coordination, and promotional materials.

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT) _____



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

Community Development

MEMO

TO: Members of the Fort Wayne Common Council

FROM: Andrea Robinson, Phd, Economic Development Administrator, Community Development

DATE: August 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Terminating the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) at Electric Works

The Department of Community Development requests the termination of the special ordinance that established the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) at Electric Works. The Electric Works DORA was created to provide an open-air, walkable environment for patrons to enjoy alcoholic beverages within defined boundaries on the Electric Works campus. The DORA has operated effectively, with no notable issues or public safety concerns. The City has maintained a positive working relationship with the Electric Works team and supports their continued efforts to create a dynamic destination for residents and visitors alike.

The request for termination is not due to any operational or compliance concerns with the Electric Works DORA. Rather, this recommendation is being made in conjunction with the expansion of the highly successful Downtown DORA. Given the Downtown DORA's strong performance and community reception, the City intends to expand its boundaries to encompass the Electric Works campus. This unified approach will streamline operations, improve marketing and branding, and promote a more cohesive experience for residents, businesses, and visitors.

The Department of Community Development respectfully recommends that the Fort Wayne City Council approve the termination of the Electric Works DORA ordinance, to allow for its inclusion within the expanded Downtown DORA boundaries. This strategic move will strengthen the overall effectiveness of the DORA program and enhance the vibrancy of Fort Wayne's urban core. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support of initiatives that promote economic development, placemaking, and inclusive growth in Fort Wayne.