

**Bill No. 8037**

**Introduced in Council:**

**June 17, 2024**

**Introduced by:**

**Chad Robinson**

**Adopted by Council:**

**Referred to:**

**Ordinance & Rules**

1 **Bill No. 8037** - A BILL to amend and reenact Section 6-166 of the Municipal Code of  
2 the City of Charleston, as amended, relating to updating the City Center Private Outdoor  
3 Designated Area to include two special event locations; updating the City Center PODA  
4 map; explicitly vesting the City Manager with the authority to adjust the active boundary  
5 of the Private Outdoor Designated Area in order to account for special event locations;  
6 and requiring additional signage relating to the special event locations.

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8 **Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston:**

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10 That Section 6-166 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, is  
11 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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13 **DIVISION 2. - CITY CENTER PODA**  
14 **Sec. 6-166. - Creation and boundaries.**

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16 (a) City Council for the City of Charleston hereby establishes a private outdoor  
17 designated area known as "City Center PODA," which shall have the boundary as  
18 stated in subsection (b) of this section and which shall meet all of the requirements of  
19 this article and applicable West Virginia Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing and the  
20 provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the City Council further approves the  
21 establishment of two special event locations within the City Center PODA, as described  
22 in subsection (c) of this section, which may become inactive areas within the City  
23 Center PODA as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

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25 (b) The City Center PODA shall begin at the southeastern corner of the  
26 intersection of Kanawha Boulevard and Laidley Street, then continue along Laidley  
27 Street in a northerly direction, including City Center at Slack Plaza, to Lee Street, then  
28 continue in an easterly direction along Lee Street, including the structures on the  
29 northern side of Lee Street between Summers Street and Dickinson Street, but  
30 excluding Davis Park, to Dickinson Street, then continue in a southerly direction along  
31 Dickinson Street to Virginia Street, then continue in a westerly direction along Virginia  
32 Street to Capitol Street, then continue in a southerly direction along Capitol Street to  
33 Kanawha Boulevard, including the 800 block of Kanawha Boulevard and then continue  
34 in a westerly direction along Kanawha Boulevard to include all of Haddad Riverfront  
35 Park to the southeastern corner of the intersection of Laidley Street and Kanawha

36 Boulevard. The City Center PODA shall include the public rights-of-way within the  
37 boundary area and the buildings at or within the following addresses: 600-900 Virginia  
38 Street East; 500-816 Kanawha Blvd East; 8-310 Capitol Street; 2-191 Summers Street;  
39 100-235 Hale Street; 611-900 Lee Street East; 700-723 Brawley Walkway; 700-912  
40 Quarrier Street.

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42 (c) Within the boundary of the City Center PODA, as detailed in subsection (b) of  
43 this section, there are hereby established two special event locations: the Haddad  
44 Riverfront Park Special Event Location and the City Center at Slack Plaza Special  
45 Event Location. Each of these special event location boundaries are shown The on the  
46 attached updated map of the City Center PODA. The updated map hereby replaces all  
47 previous City Center PODA maps and is incorporated by reference herein and made a  
48 part of this article.

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50 (d) The City Manager is hereby explicitly vested by City Council with the authority  
51 to announce that either the Haddad Riverfront Park Special Event Location or the City  
52 Center at Slack Plaza Special Event Location, or both, are hosting an approved special  
53 event on specific dates and times during which the applicable special event locations  
54 are deemed outside of the City Center PODA and shall provide written notice to the  
55 WVABCA of any such closure at least ten days in advance of the event, unless  
56 extenuating circumstances exist that do not allow for such advance notice and in that  
57 case notice shall be provided as soon as practicable before the event. If the City  
58 Manager makes such an announcement, the City Manager shall direct the conspicuous  
59 placement of at least two additional signs measuring at least 24 inches by 36 inches at  
60 each entry point to the applicable special event locations clearly stating that individuals  
61 are exiting the PODA and entering a special event location and that PODA approved  
62 beverages may not be brought into the special event location, and shall likewise place  
63 equal signs at each exit point of the special event location stating that individuals are  
64 exiting the special event location and entering the PODA and that any beverages  
65 purchased at the special event location are prohibited within the PODA. Each approved  
66 special event will have the option to obtain any relevant approval from the WVABCA to  
67 have alcohol present at the event and, if the approved special event chooses to do so,  
68 the approved special event shall be responsible for ensuring that any alcoholic  
69 beverages served at the approved special event do not leave the relevant special event  
70 location. The City Manager shall have no additional authority to modify the footprint of  
71 the City Center PODA except as explicitly provided herein without first obtaining  
72 approval of City Council.

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74 (d) (e) The area within the City Center PODA is in the Central Business District  
75 ("CBD"), which is a zoning area that allows for the sale and consumption of liquor, wine,  
76 nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer, and is in compliance with the zoning  
77 ordinance.

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