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RULES GOVERNING CITY-ESTABLISHED CONSUMPTION AREAS

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Section 1 – Definitions

City-Established Consumption Area means a geographical area, in a public place, designated by the City and County of Denver, in which persons at least twenty-one (21) years of age may consume Takeout Beverages from Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses.

City-Established Consumption Area Map means a map establishing the geographical boundaries of a City-Established Consumption Area and the Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses from which Takeout Beverages may be purchased for consumption in the City-Established Consumption Area.

Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses means businesses who meet the following criteria: (a) hold a valid state-issued takeout beverage permit; (b) are located adjacent to a City-Established Consumption Area; and (c) have been designated by the Director as a business at which persons at least twenty-one (21) years of age may purchase Takeout Beverages for consumption in the City-Established Consumption Area.

Takeout Beverage means an alcohol beverage sold pursuant to a permit obtained by a licensee under Section 44-3-911, C.R.S. and Regulation 47-1101.

Section 2 – Authority and Purpose of Rules

2.1 Authority: Pursuant to 44-3-901(1)(i)(VII), C.R.S. a municipality may designate a place, other than a right of way, in which consumption of alcohol beverages by persons who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age is permitted.

2.2 Purpose: As part of the City's strategy to create a more vibrant Denver and support local businesses, these rules are intended to create areas in which people may gather in social settings. To that end, these rules designate areas of the city where persons at least 21 years of age may consume Takeout Beverages purchased from Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses.

Section 3 – City-Established Consumption Areas

3.1 Designated City-Established Consumption Areas: The Director hereby designates City-Established Consumption Areas through the map(s) attached to these Rules as an appendix.

3.2 Modification of City-Established Consumption Areas: The Director, in their discretion, may, at any time, modify the boundaries of a City-Established Consumption Area, and inclusion or exclusion of Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses within the City-Established Consumption Area.

Section 4 – Other Applicable Requirements

4.1 All other rules apply: These rules do not alter requirements in state or local laws, rules, or regulations which may be enforced in the City-Established Consumption Area.

4.2 Takeout Beverages within the City-Established Consumption Area: Persons at least twenty-one (21) years of age may consume Takeout Beverages in the City-Established Consumption Area if those Takeout Beverages were purchased from Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses with a takeout permit. Once a Takeout Beverage has been removed from the licensed premises of an

Eligible Liquor Licensed Business and taken into a City-Established Consumption Area, it may not be removed from the City-Established Consumption Area, including onto the premises of any business or back onto the liquor-licensed premises in which it was purchased.

4.3 Eligible hours: Persons at least twenty-one (21) years of age may consume Takeout Beverages from Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses with a takeout permit in a City-Established Consumption Area only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily, except on the following dates when the eligible hours are extended to 12:30 a.m.: (a) May 31 through June 1, 2025 (c) July 4 through July 5, 2025 (c) August 29 through September 1, 2025, and (d) January 1, 2026.

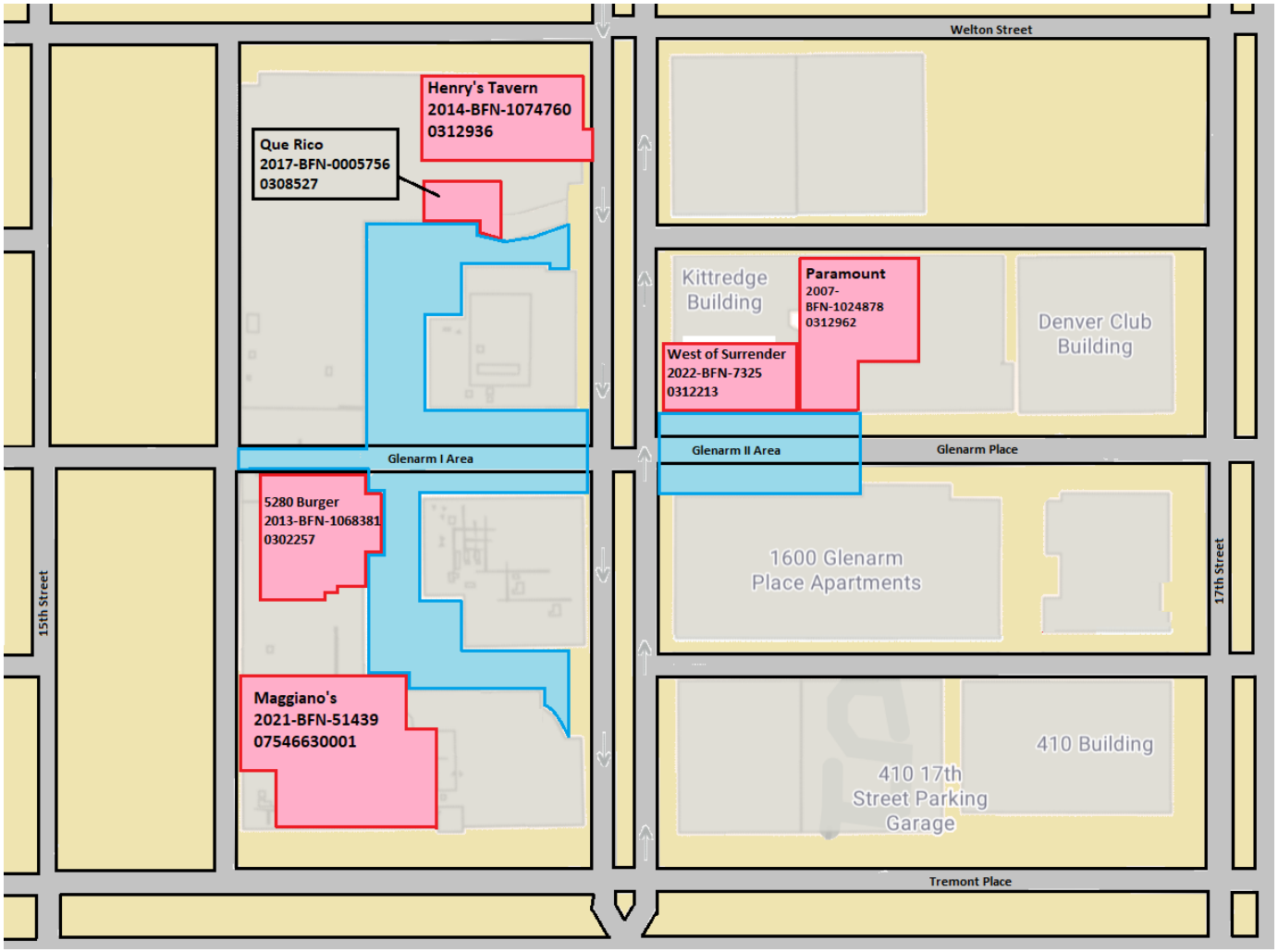
4.4 Outside alcohol beverages prohibited: The consumption of any alcohol beverages not purchased from Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses within the City-Established Consumption Area with a takeout permit is prohibited.

4.5 Non-consumption areas: The Director may prohibit consumption of Takeout Beverages in parts of the City-Established Consumption Area.

4.6 Compliance with state and local laws: Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses that sell Takeout Beverages shall obtain all necessary permits and comply with all applicable rules and regulations issued by state and local licensing authorities. The Director may deny or revoke authorizations given to an Eligible Liquor Licensed Business for failure to comply with any applicable state or law including, but not limited to, suspension or termination of the business' license, unpaid fines, or any code or law violations.

4.7 Delivery prohibited: The delivery of alcohol beverages to City-Established Consumption Areas, even if done by a liquor licensee with a valid takeout and delivery permit, is prohibited.

Proposed City Established Consumption Areas: Glenarm I & Glenarm II



Blue shading indicates City-Established Consumption Areas.
Red shading indicates Eligible Liquor Licensed Businesses.
Notes: Glenarm I is limited to the ground floor of the Denver Pavilions; it specifically excludes stairways and escalators.