



To boost downtown prosperity and sense of place in Downtown Rutherfordton.

What is a social district?

- ★ A social district is a defined outdoor area in which a person may consume alcoholic beverages sold by an ABC permittee.
- ★ **Where are the social district boundaries?**
You'll see signs that say "No Alcohol beyond this point" with trash cans when you are exiting the social district boundaries.
- ★ **Where can I go with an open container?**
Within the district boundaries, you can enjoy your beverage in public spaces, like sidewalks and parks.

★ What container should my alcoholic beverage be in when drinking within the social district?

All drinks that are consumed within the social district must be in approved district containers. These containers are approved by the Town for each ABC Permittee. These cups will have the district logo on them, a clear marking of the ABC Permittee that sold the drink to you, and a statement that reads "Drink Responsibly - Be 21."

★ Can I bring my cup home with me?

No, cups should be disposed of in a nearby trash can prior to exiting the social district. These are located at the exit of the boundary.

★ Can I bring drinks from home to consume within the social district?

No, Alcoholic beverages must be sold by a permittee located within the social district. No personal beer, wine, or liquor may be brought into the social district.

★ Can I visit other stores with my beverage?

If retailers have "opted in" to the social district you can also browse their retail space! You'll see a sign that reads "The Mint District Participant" on their door or window. If retailers have "opted out" of the social district, you won't see a sign, or you'll see a "no alcohol allowed" sign in their door or window.

★ When can I drink within the social district?

The Mint District is in operation from 10 am - 10 pm, 7 days a week.

See the reverse side for a map of the social district.

Rules of consumption

★ Are there any other rules that I should be aware of to enjoy the social district?

Just a few things! According to state law, you cannot enter another ABC Permittee with an open container. You'll have to either finish the drink or dispose of it before you enter another restaurant or bar. And remember, you cannot get in your car with an unfinished drink, even if your car is in the social district. This will qualify as an open container, and you will get a DUI. Drink responsibly!

★ Can I take my alcoholic beverage into a vehicle within the social district?

No person shall possess an alcoholic beverage while driving a vehicle, including bicycles. An open container of any alcoholic beverage is also prohibited in the passenger area of any vehicle while on right-of-way within the social district.

★ What happens if I leave the social district boundaries with an alcoholic beverage?

Individuals who leave the social district possessing alcoholic beverages will be criminally charged under the Town's open container ordinance on property owned or controlled by the Town of Rutherfordton. In addition, state laws regarding the unlawful possession and consumption of spirituous liquor also apply to patrons who violate open container laws.



The Mint District Map



Social District Signage



Social District Boundary

