Entertainment District Guidelines

The Mobile City Council passed an ordinance establishing two Entertainment Districts in Downtown Mobile in 2013 and amended it in 2016. Below are some of the requirements relating to the "open container" portion of the ordinance.

The ordinance allows:

- A customer to leave a licensed establishment between noon and midnight with a single paper or plastic cup, 16 oz. or less. The cup must be branded with the logo of the licensee or the LoDa logo, available from Downtown Mobile Alliance.
- A customer, after leaving an establishment in the Entertainment District, to walk along the sidewalks within the Entertainment District (map attached) between the hours of noon and midnight.
- Glassware to be used at sidewalk cafes where food is being served
- As always, licensees have the right to refuse service to anyone.

The ordinance does not allow:

- A customer to leave an establishment with more than one drink
- Anyone to drink an alcoholic beverage from a can, bottle, unbranded paper or plastic cup, or glass container while on the streets, sidewalks or parking lots within the entertainment district
- A container larger than 16 oz. to be removed from a licensed establishment
- Any person to possess an open alcoholic beverage container larger than 16 oz. in any public space or parking lot in the entertainment district
- Any person to consume an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle
- Alcoholic beverages purchased outside the district to be consumed in public spaces and parking lots within the entertainment district
- An alcoholic beverage, regardless of where purchased, to be brought into a licensed establishment
- Underage drinking anywhere in the districts