

REMOVING BARRIERS TO BUSINESS and BUSINESS OWNER'S PERSPECTIVE

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BRING
BACK
MAIN
STREET

Accessibility

Parking Ordinance

Alcohol Ordinance



Downtown Pedestrian Projects

- The City of Columbus has completed two projects within the downtown area.
- Purpose of the projects was to improve access to downtown business by replacing broken sidewalks and improve ADA accessibility in the area.
- Many of the buildings in the targeted areas were constructed between the 1880s and 1920s.
- The area is listed on the National Register of Historic Districts.

Downtown Pedestrian Projects



Downtown Revitalization Projects

- 2012 Downtown Sidewalk Improvements
 - Project Scope consisted of replacement of 2 blocks of sidewalk in the Historic Downtown Area
- Funding
 - 2012 Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Program Grant - **\$150,000.**
 - Grant from the Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation - **\$88,818.29.**
 - Local Funds - **\$14,065.92**
 - **Total Cost \$252,884.21**

Downtown Revitalization Projects

- 2022 Downtown Revitalization Project
 - Project Scope consisted of replacement of approximately 3 blocks of sidewalk in the Historic Downtown Area
 - Provided an additional sidewalk route called Artist Alley connecting the Art Center with Walnut Street and the businesses in that area.
- Funding
 - 2022 Downtown Revitalization TDA Program Grant - **\$297,788.25**
 - Local Funds - **\$49,500.00**
 - **Total Cost \$347,288.25**

Ordinances



Parking Ordinance

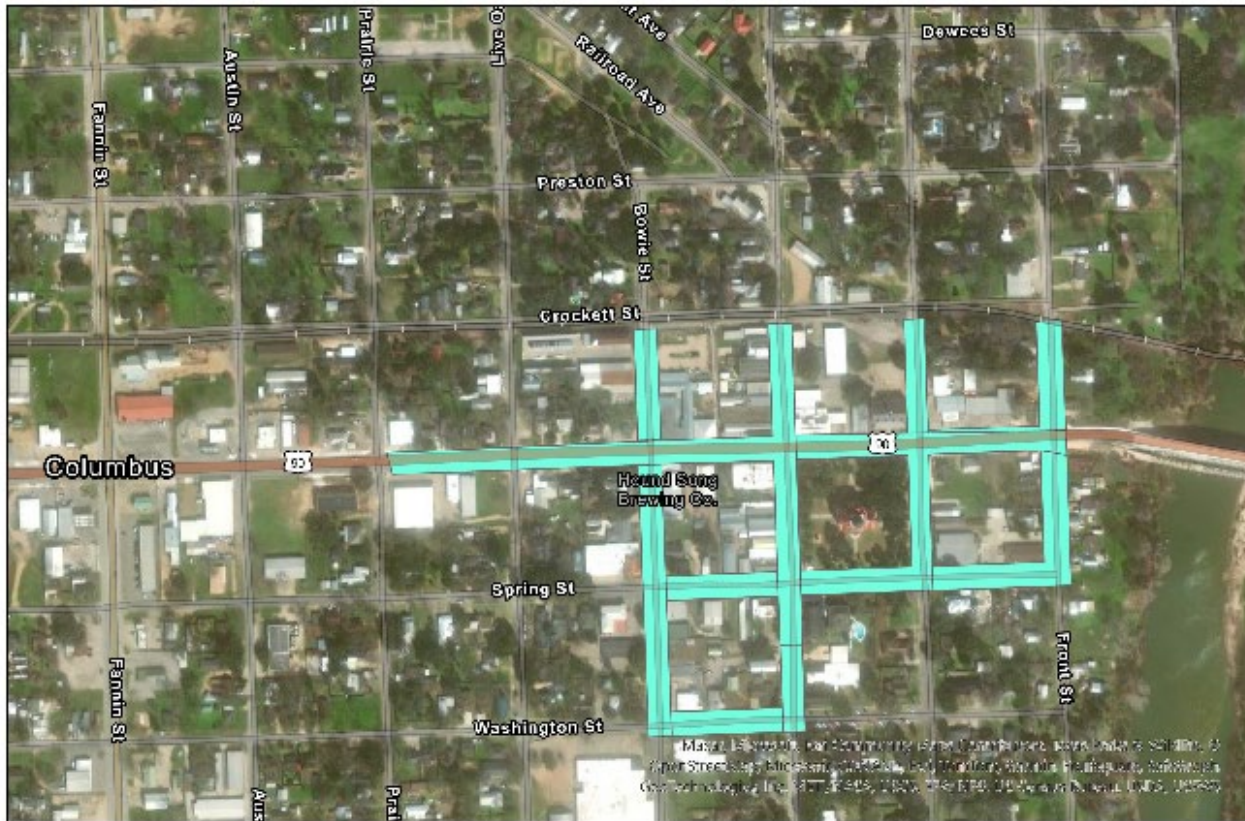
- The City of Columbus Code of Ordinances has specified parking requirements based on use.
- These requirements are used to calculate the minimum number of off-street parking spaces.
- Many of the buildings in the downtown areas were constructed between the 1880s and 1920s and required very little parking.
- To assist business owners with parking requirements the City amended it's parking ordinance for specific areas.


Parking Ordinance

- The City of Columbus created a corridor overlay to exempt business owners within this area from the parking requirements.
- Business owners are allowed to use street side parking within City and state rights of way at will.

Parking Ordinance

DOWNTOWN PARKING VARIANCE OVERLAY



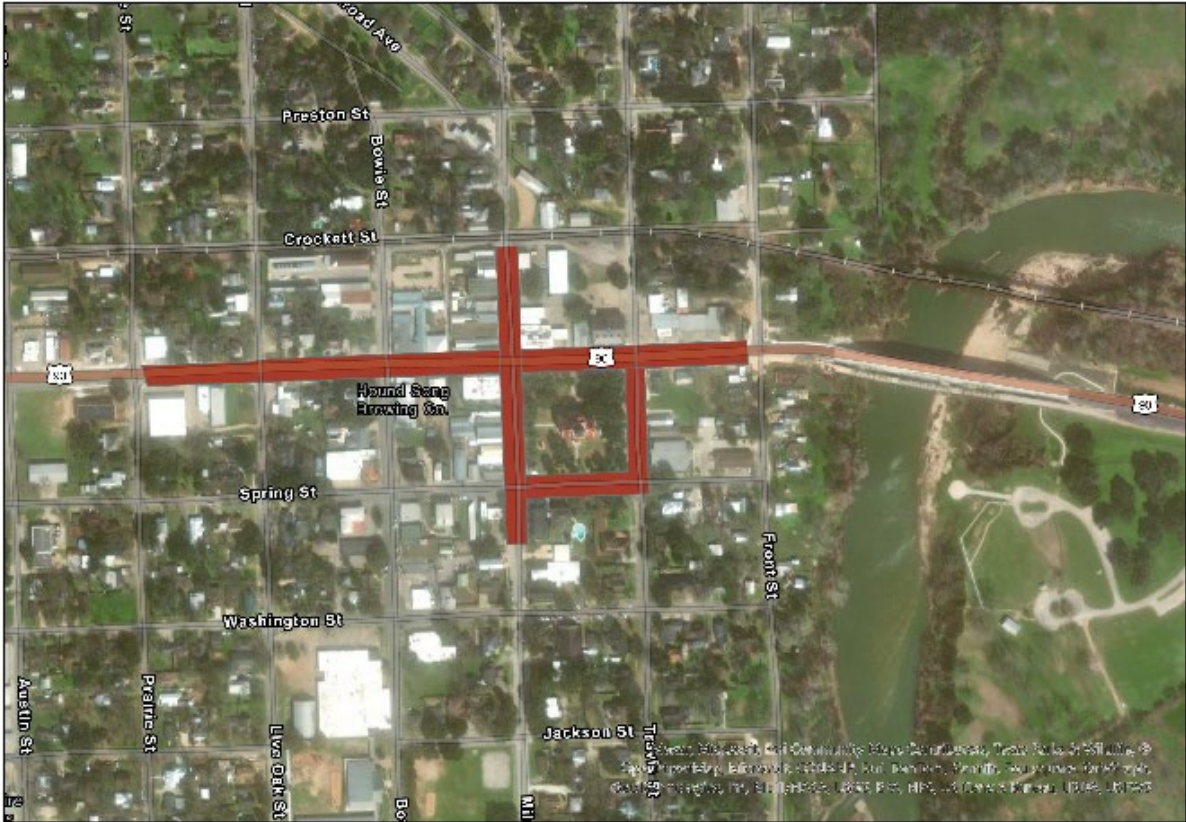
 Parking Variance Overlay

Alcohol Ordinance

- The City of Columbus Ordinances has specified location requirements regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- These requirements prohibit the sale of alcohol within:
 - Three hundred feet of a church or public hospital; or
 - One thousand feet of a public school.
- The City does have the authority to grant location variances and adopt them. However, this still presented a potential problem to business owners who were purchasing property first, then applying for an alcohol variance.
- To assist business owners with this uncertainty, the City established by ordinance a zone in the downtown area that alcohol could be served without any further variance requests required.
- The City of Columbus expanded the use regulations in the Business District to allow for breweries, distilleries and wineries.

Alcohol Ordinance

ALCOHOL VARIANCE OVERLAY



Alcohol Variance

QUESTIONS

