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Pelham Arts & Entertainment District Approved

Later this fall, locals and visitors alike can enjoy a stroll and a drink in the newly-formed Pelham Arts & Entertainment District. The district will encompass the areas that include the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena, Campus 124, the Canopy, and Creekside BBQ. It will serve to expand the area in which alcohol can be consumed.

Many cities in the Birmingham metro area have entertainment districts, which are specifically designated locations that allow patrons over the age of 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages from a permitted establishment and carry them within a clearly defined area within a city. In larger cities across the country, areas such as the San Antonio River Walk, or Broadway in Nashville are examples of entertainment districts. These special districts have their benefits for local business owners. An entertainment district can serve to increase visitors to bars, restaurants, and other venues, lengthening the time visitors spend in the area, increasing sales, and creating an enhanced, unique experience for people who want to enjoy all the area has to offer.

"The addition of the Pelham Arts & Entertainment District is just another amenity for Pelham residents. It creates a 'destination' and allows businesses to attract more customers," said Michael Simon, Pelham's Economic Development Director. He explained that people enjoying a night out might eat dinner at a restaurant

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within the district, walk over to a Birmingham Bulls game at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena, and cap off the evening by walking to a local bar within the district. “Some of the establishments offer games like cornhole or an outdoor space to gather with friends. You can purchase a beverage at one place and then take it with you as you stroll along to your next stop, such as a concert at Oak Mountain Amphitheatre,” said Simon.

Simon added the boundaries of the Pelham Arts & Entertainment District will be clearly marked, and consumers will not be allowed to take alcohol outside the boundaries. “The hours of operation for an entertainment district begin and end when the establishment is licensed for alcohol sales,” explained Simon. Bars, restaurants, and venue licensees are held to the same guidelines they always are to ensure the safety of their guests. Patrons can expect these establishments to check IDs and not over-serve alcohol to customers. The drinks that are taken from restaurants and bars will be served in specially designated cups.

While the Pelham Arts & Entertainment will officially open in a few weeks, Simon said additional infrastructure, such as the bike and walking trail, will take a bit longer to complete. “Once the Greenway Trail connects Campus 124 with Amphitheater Road, we’ll start to see the full benefit of the entertainment district.” Construction is ongoing at The Canopy, so as more retail options and restaurant spaces become available within the district, there will be even more reasons to visit.

The target date for the official opening of the Pelham Arts & Entertainment District is November 1st.

Restaurants/Bars Currently Within the Pelham Arts & Entertainment District:

- Beer Hog (Campus 124)
- Half Shell Oyster House (Campus 124)
- Taco Mac (Canopy)
- Creekside BBQ
- Oak Mountain Amphitheatre
- Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena



Ongoing Economic Development

The City of Pelham continues to have projects that will have a significant impact on economic development. These include:

Welborn Street

Pelham's Commercial Development Authority has sold the Welborn Street property to United Construction and Design. United plans to construct a mixed commercial retail, restaurant, and office space with three buildings.

Oak Mountain Trail Development

This new development off CR-52 is pad-ready and is already home to Tractor Supply. There has also been much interest in other food, retail, and hoteliers for other areas of the site.

Ascension St. Vincent's

This freestanding emergency department, primary care, and multispecialty space is highly anticipated in the area. A facility of this magnitude could make a difference between life and death for someone needing immediate care. The proposed project includes medical specialty as well. Groundbreaking at the site is expected to take place in February 2024.

Pelham Park Development

The property in front of the library is moving forward with plans for a retail/office space with dining choices and a city-managed outdoor gathering space for residents and visitors to enjoy. The details of the development agreement are being finalized, and the project will be moving forward.



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