## PODA

"Private outdoor designated area" means public property that has become a legally demarcated area established by a municipal ordinance as set forth in W. Va. Code §8-12-26 for the consumption of liquor, wine, nonintoxicating beer, and nonintoxicating craft beer. (For more details See W. Va Code §60-7-8g).

PODAs are public areas where the consumption of liquor, wine, nonintoxicating beer (beer below 15% ABV), and nonintoxicating craft beer (craft beer below 15% ABV) is permitted in public areas that are designated as part of the private outdoor designated area by a municipal ordinance.

Municipalities may enact ordinances in conjunction with the WVABCA to allow for alcohol sales of alcohol by qualified permit holders and alcohol consumption by patrons in certain PODAs. There are many requirements that must be met before such alcohol sales and consumption can be conducted in a PODA.

Contact your municipality for more info on approved PODA requirements (ex. boundaries, signage, cups, fees, and etc.) and See also W. Va Code §60-7-8g.

## **Approved Municipalities with a PODA:**

Huntington, WV
Charleston, WV
Morgantown, WV
Parkersburg, WV
Wheeling, WV
Clarksburg, WV
Charles Town, WV
Westover, WV
Saint Albans, WV

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