

Resolution of Council

29 June 2026

Item 10.3

Public Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the criteria used to develop the revised list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public spaces noting that for an area to be placed on public exhibition it must meet both of the following criteria:
 - (i) locations with increasing incidents of alcohol-related crime and assaults outdoors – these were identified using NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research crime data for alcohol-related (24 hour) assaults for the previous 3 calendar years;
 - (ii) areas of concern as identified by NSW Police and/or community - this includes locations where there are persistent and ongoing concerns that the consumption of alcohol is impacting on community wellbeing, public safety and amenity; and
 - (iii) Council reserves the right to put an area on exhibition outside of the criteria if there is strong community support or other significant circumstances arise;
- (B) Council recognises that alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas should be applied in a way that avoids unfair impacts, including discrimination, over-policing, or increased criminalisation of particular groups, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and public housing tenants;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate and report back to Council with information on how alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas can be removed from locations within 100 metres of:
 - (i) dedicated public, social and affordable housing developments; and
 - (ii) Special Entertainment Precincts;

- (D) Council approve the 30-day public exhibition of the following proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public places for a 4-year period:
 - (i) Taylor Square North, Darlinghurst – Alcohol Prohibited Area (24 hours / 7 days)
 - (ii) McKee Street Reserve, Ultimo – Alcohol Prohibited Area (24 hours / 7 days)
 - (iii) Mary Ann Street Park, Ultimo – Alcohol Prohibited Area (24 hours / 7 days)
- (E) Council does not approve all the remaining applications for outdoor alcohol restrictions referred to in the subject report and Attachments; and
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the locations of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas will not change prior to the public exhibition period commencing.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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