



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F/Logan Circle

Public Opinion Survey About Liquor Stores and Establishments That Sell Alcoholic Beverages

Long awaited new development in the Logan Circle neighborhood will soon be in high gear. With this development will come increased pressure for an assortment of restaurants, bars, nightclubs and liquor stores. The **Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)** is now in the process of developing a consistent and coherent policy for working with applicants for licenses to operate such establishments in our neighborhood (*in the area bounded by 9th Street to the east, 15th Street to the west, Massachusetts Avenue to the south and S Street to the north.*) Opinions by area residents are vital to this work. As a registered voter, your name has been randomly chosen to participate in this important survey. Please complete this survey, adding any additional comments or suggestions you may have. ***Development decisions over the next few years will determine the quality-of-life and desirability of our community.***

Note: In the survey we refer to everything from restaurants to nightclubs. If you're unsure what activities are permitted in these categories, please refer to the end of the survey for some helpful definitions.

1. Historically, the main commercial corridor of Logan Circle is 14th Street. In a few words, please sketch your vision of the kind of commercial district you would like to see the 14th Street Corridor become.

2. In your opinion, are there aspects of either the Georgetown or Adams Morgan commercial districts you would like to see emulated along 14th Street? Please explain:

2A. Conversely, are there aspects of either Georgetown or Adams Morgan that you would **not** like to see repeated along 14th Street?

3. Please tell us your concerns with establishments in the Logan Circle neighborhood that are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. Please score each concern from 0 to 5, with 0 being of no concern and 5 being of great concern.

- _____ Noise
- _____ Parking
- _____ Crime/Safety/Security
- _____ Trash/Litter
- _____ Public drunkenness/public urination

3A. Please tell us of any other concerns, or thoughts:

4. If an eating or drinking establishment has a capacity for occupancy of over 75 persons, do you believe it should be required to offer off-street parking (either through a valet service or other arrangement) for their patrons?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

5. Would you support a liquor-licensed establishment (other than a retail store) opening next door to you?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

5A. If you answered no, would you support a licensed establishment if it were:

1 block away _____ 2 blocks away _____ More than 2 blocks away _____

6. Do you support more nightclubs on in the Logan Circle neighborhood?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

6A. If yes do you support dancing in these nightclubs?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

7. Do you support more bar or taverns in the Logan Circle neighborhood?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

7A. If yes, what kind of bar would you like to see?

Sit-down lounge _____ Large 'meet-somebody' bar _____

Neighborhood gathering place _____ Other _____

8. Concerning retail stores (not restaurants) selling alcoholic beverages in the Logan Circle neighborhood, do you think the current number is:

Just about right _____ Too many _____ Not enough _____ Not sure _____

9. Some ANC's have sought bans on the sale of single bottles of beer because they claim the sales contribute to public drinking, littering and urination. While others argue that prohibiting these sales is a form of economic discrimination. Should retail stores that sell alcoholic beverages be permitted to sell single bottles of beer and/or malt liquor?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

10. Concerning the total number of restaurants in the Logan Circle neighborhood would you like to see:

More restaurants _____ Fewer restaurants _____ Not sure _____

10A. Would like to see restaurants in the neighborhood offer sidewalk-dining service.

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

10B. Do you believe restaurants in the neighborhood should be allowed to offer late night dancing with live music and/or DJ's?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

10C. If you support the idea of more restaurants in the neighborhood, please tell us what kind of restaurants you would most want to see locate here.

11. Of the neighborhood's 3 commercial corridors (9th, 11th, 14th) which do you live nearest to:

9th Street _____ 11th Street _____ 14th Street _____

12. Finally, to help us sort through the responses, it would be very helpful if you would tell us a little something about **you**.

Your age: _____ 18 to 30 _____ 31 to 40 _____ 41 to 50 _____ 50+

12A. How long have you lived in this neighborhood? _____

12B. Why did you decide to live here? _____

12C. What do you most like about living here? _____

12D. What do you least like about living here? _____

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Please include any additional comments you wish and return this survey to us **no later than December 15th**. Please mail to: **ANC 2F PO Box 9348 – Mid-City Station Washington, DC 20005.**

Some useful definitions:

Restaurant – By law a restaurant is required to obtain at least 45% of gross receipts through the sale of food. If applied for, dancing and live music are allowed, but can be restricted through neighborhood negotiated voluntary agreements.

Bars/Taverns – A tavern or bar is not required to have a percentage of sales in food. If applied for dancing, live music or DJ's are allowed (although by law the dance floor must be small,) but again can be restricted through voluntary agreements.

Nightclubs – Dancing, live music, DJ's are allowed. No requirement to offer food. Activities can be restricted through voluntary agreement but a nightclub license is the most permissive.

Voluntary Agreements — Provided through DC laws as a tool for residents to negotiate conditions on a liquor license that are not specifically addressed in general license definitions. As mentioned above this can include things like dancing and live music, as well as issues such as trash, parking, security, etc.

ANC – Advisory Neighborhood Commission. Your local elected government body that represents the interests of the neighborhood to various city agencies.

he results of this survey and plans for the future will be discussed at a special community forum early next year. If you wish to be made aware of this meeting please contact the ANC by email (anc2f@starpower.net) and ask to be notified.

Thank You!