



TO: Scott Nicewarner, City Administrator  
FROM: Brittany Arizmendi, Community Engagement Officer  
DATE: September 14, 2022  
SUBJECT: Open Container Law Exemption

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Staff will attend the preliminary agenda review during the September 20, 2022 Work Session to answer any questions regarding requested exemptions to the Open Container Law for the upcoming Halloween Block Party on Friday, October 28, 2022.

**Action Requested**

Staff seek approval of the following exemptions and their Application/Permits (attached here) at the September 27, 2022 Regular Session:

Downtown Hagerstown & ACT Black Box Studio  
Brittany Arizmendi  
Event: Halloween Block Party  
Location: S Potomac Street  
Date: Friday, October 28, 2022

Per the City of Hagerstown's Open Container Law, the Mayor and City Council may permit the possession of alcoholic beverages in open containers on the streets, lanes, alleys, sidewalks, parking lots or public ways of the City during special events upon application or upon its own initiative.

If approved by the Mayor and City Council, the applicants will go to the Liquor Board for review and final approval. They will be requesting One Day Event Licenses, which allow a non-profit, society, corporation, organization, or association to serve and sell alcoholic beverages at a non-licensed establishment, with fencing surrounding the area, if outside.

The City's Logistics Committee (representatives from Community Engagement, Public Works, Engineering/Parks & Recreation, Police, Fire, Utilities, and HR/Liability) review all facets of these events to ensure compliance, safety, and to create conditions for optimal event outcome. All applicants will provide the City with a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Hagerstown as additional insured on a \$2 million policy.