

Public drinking on the streets of Waynesville will totally redefine what the Town of Waynesville stands for forever, which is a place where families with children can live and visit. It's a family atmosphere, not a West Asheville bohemian feel where only young adults come to hang out at the bars all time of the day or night. The Town of Waynesville is already rated high on crime, having problems with litter, needles and vagrants. The police are already having issues with drugs and drinking. Why would you want to add more issues by allowing public drinking on our streets when we're trying to get a handle on crime, litter and vagrants? Are police going to go up and down the street checking people's cups? Most stores don't want any food or drink much less cups of alcohol! Stop being soft on crime and enforce the laws you already have on the books against vagrants camping and discarded needles being disposed of correctly. Citizens picked up 60 discarded used needles with syringes attached found in a homeless camp right

next to our children's middle school! Shame on all of you for not considering the safety of our children first, before allowing homeless camps, infected needles and public drinking on the streets of Waynesville. I can't believe you would be for all this Julia Freeman. The paper said you and Anthony Sutton were all for Social District drinking on our streets! What about the new apartments at the old Bi-Lo shopping center? You're not even going to allow us to see what 500 people walking back and forth from Main Street is going to be like before you want to vote in public drinking on the streets? Hendersonville's mayor was quoted in the paper as saying they don't need to add more problems public drinking on their streets would bring....they voted it down. Sylva is a wild college town... but even their citizens are unhappy about the Council members voting in Social Districts without them voicing their opinions. You saw a poll with mostly employees of what? Main Street? The people who need to be polled are the people who live in the town of

Waynesville and also the people who live in Haywood County and enjoy the family atmosphere of their Town of Waynesville. Citizens have started an on-line and paper survey and we already have more than 100 citizens against it. Just like low barrier shelters, people have no idea what a Social Drinking district is and most people don't want public drinking on the streets of Waynesville. It's unnecessary and has no positive outcome. It will hurt our tourism. Bars are there for the people who enjoy bars.