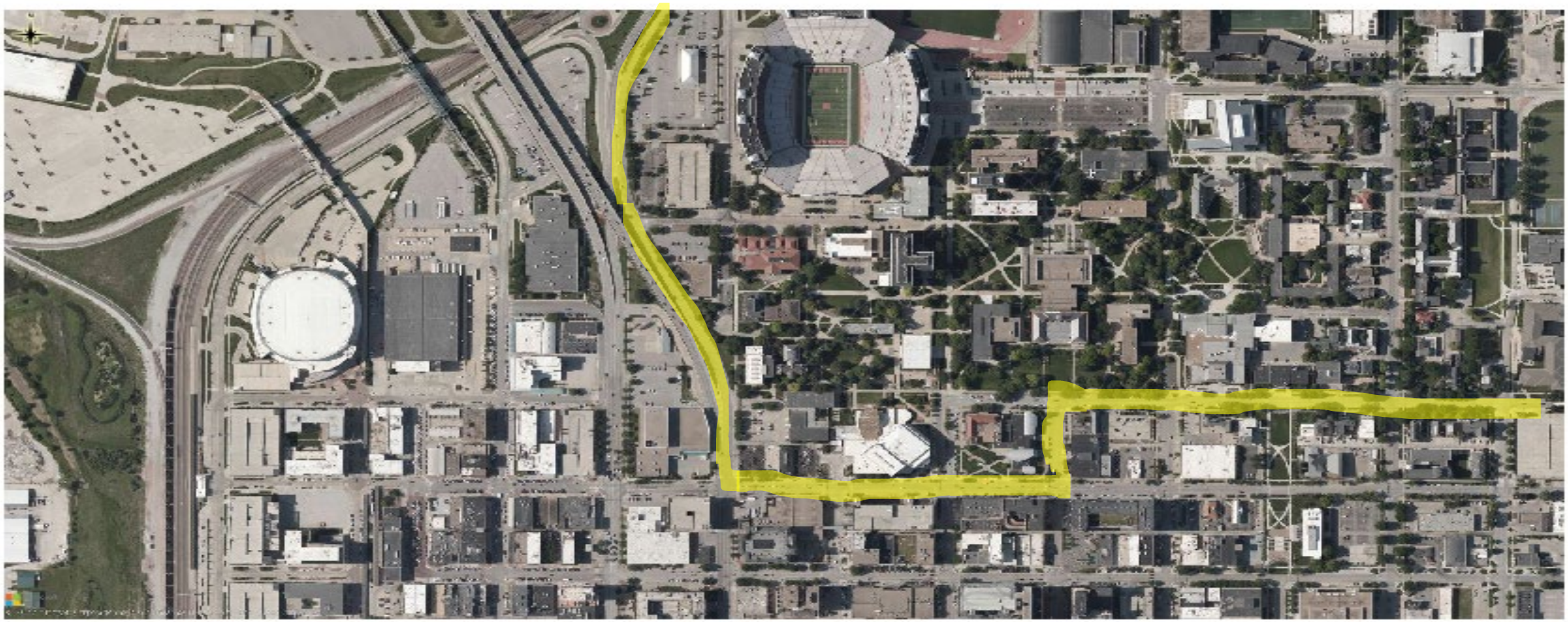
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

- **POPULATION:** 298,000
- **MAJOR UNIVERSITY:** UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN
- **STUDENT POPULATION:** APPROXIMATELY 25,000
- **BARS AND TAVERNS:** 112 (DOWNTOWN AREA)
- **TOTAL VISITORS ON GAME DAY:** 40,000-45,000
- **EXTRA VEHICLES ON GAME DAY:** APPROXIMATELY 10,000

Downtown Lincoln



DETERMINING FACTOR ON HOW GAME DAY WILL GO: WHAT TIME DOES IT START?

11:00 A.M.

- LESS PRE-GAME DRINKING
- MORE TRAFFIC CONGESTION
- FEWER TAILGATES
- MORE POST-GAME DRINKING
- PARTIES ARE DONE EARLIER
- LAW ENFORCEMENT LIKES THIS THE BEST

2:30 P.M.

- PRE AND POST GAME DRINKING ABOUT THE SAME
- LESS TRAFFIC CONGESTION
- MORE TAILGATING
- RESTAURANTS DO BETTER
- LTU LIKES THIS THE BEST

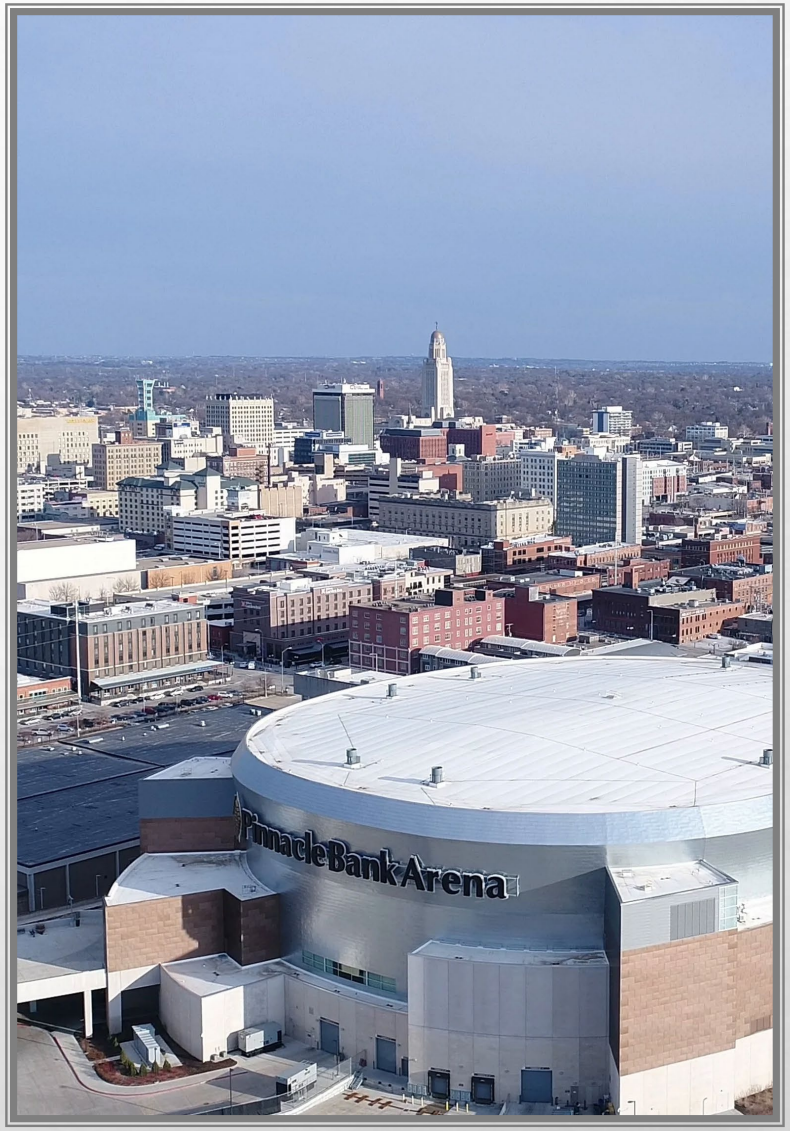
6:00P.M.

- MUCH MORE PRE-GAME DRINKING
- MORE TAILGATING
- MORE PRE-GAME DRINKING INCIDENTS
- POST-GAME TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS WORSE
- RAILYARD STAYS BUSY, DEPENDING ON WEATHER

COORDINATING WITH BARS AND TAVERNS

GENERALLY, NO ALCOHOL OUTSIDE IN PUBLIC AREAS EXCEPT FOR SIDEWALK CAFÉ PERMITS, SDLs AND EDs AS SHOWN BELOW:

- No regular meetings with bar owners
- Under cover walk-throughs conducted, but not more than normal
- One special team-North Bottoms
- Current owners are stable and long-time owners-reduces problems
- No policy of reduced enforcement
- Lack of available officers effectively reduces practical enforcement



COORDINATING WITH BARS AND TAVERNS

INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE

- Established in 1993 by Resolution A-75247
- Recognized by Lincoln Municipal Code §5.21.020
- Three Council Members
- City Attorney Representative
- Police Department Representative

INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE CONT'D

- REVIEWS PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT BARS AND TAVERNS
- NO ENFORCEMENT POWERS
- MEET WITH REPEAT OFFENDERS
- ISSUES CAN BE RAISED AT LICENSE RENEWAL TIME
- TOURS THE CITY ON GAME DAY ONCE A YEAR



SIDEWALK CAFES, ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS, AND SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSES



SIDEWALK CAFES

- LINCOLN MUNICIPAL CODE §14.50
- MOSTLY LOCAL JURISDICTION
- USE OF CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY/SIDEWALK SPACE
- CONTROLLED ACCESS IF ALCOHOL IS SOLD
- CAN BE RESERVED ANNUALLY
- PERMANENT PERMIT-AS LONG AS RULES ARE OBSERVED AND RENEWALS ARE PAID

ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

- Combination of state and local law that allows retail licensees, craft brewery licensees, microdistillery, and/or manufacturer's licensees to share in the use of one or more commons areas (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-123.17)
- Allows for alcohol to be consumed outside the bar or tavern in the common area when approved by City Council (Lincoln Municipal Code §5.04.020)
- Railyard is an example

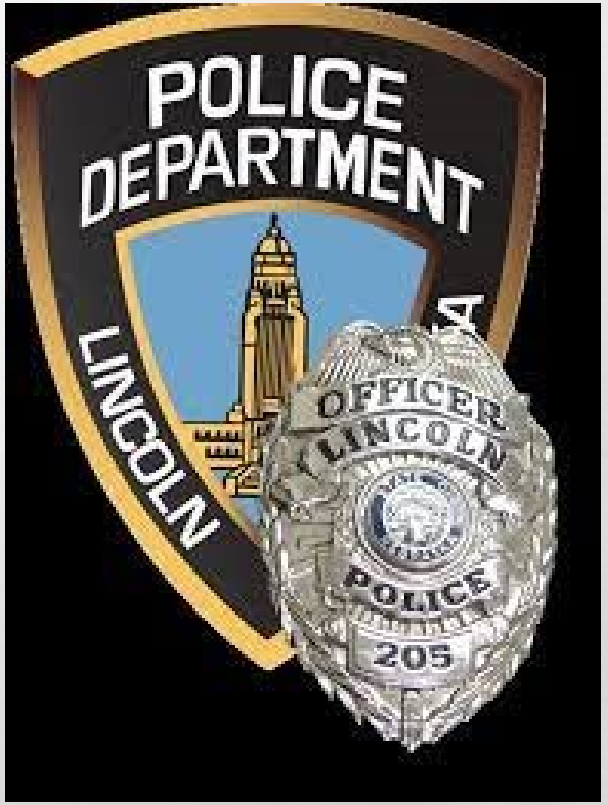


SPECIAL DESIGNATED LICENSES

- Combination of state and local law (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124.11 and Lincoln Municipal Code §5.04.064)
- Used for individual businesses-must be attached to bar or tavern property
- Can use sidewalk space
- Must have fencing and gates
- Allows for alcohol to be consumed outside
- License holders limited to six days per calendar year

COORDINATING WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- Lincoln Police Department, UNL Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, and the Nebraska State Patrol share in law enforcement duties
- Coordination meetings on Thursdays before game day; follow-up meetings on Mondays after the game
- Command Post is at UNLPD on game day
- Minimum of 35 officers from all agencies-also hire private security
- UNLPD is in charge of anything on campus
- LPD will coordinate activities off-campus
- LSO and NSP in the stadium-no traffic control in town
- NSP handles traffic issues on I-80
- No holding facility at Memorial Stadium



AMBULANCE/MEDICAL SERVICES

- All emergency ambulance service in the City is handled by Lincoln Fire and Rescue (Lincoln Municipal Code §7.08.010)
- Emergency service in the stadium is handled by private contractor who then hands off the patient to Lincoln Fire and Rescue at the gate. This includes players and coaches
- City and Hospitals have a mass casualty plan in effect
- Hospitals provide cooling stations on hot days

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

- Not many on game day
- Not permitted Downtown on game day (Lincoln Municipal Code §14.32.070)



BINGE-DRINKING

Current facility for holding highly intoxicated people will no long do these holds after September 30 due to lack of staff

Discussions continue on where to hold highly intoxicated people

All offenses are handled the same as non-game day

UNL has programs and policies dealing with student alcohol abuse



TRAFFIC AND CLEAN-UP

- LTU USES 8 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ON GAME DAY
- SOME, BUT NO EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC REDIRECTION
- TRAFFIC CONTROL STARTS 3 HOURS BEFORE GAME TIME AND ENDS 3 HOURS AFTER GAME
- LTU HANDLES STREET AND ALLEY CLEAN-UP
- DLA HANDLES SIDEWALK CLEAN-UP

