

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
No. 2025-18**

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTERS 5 AND 17
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN CODE**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapters 5 and 16 of the Ordinances of the Town of Bristol be amended as follows:

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CHAPTER 5 – AMUSEMENTS

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ARTICLE III. – SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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Sec. 5-92. License application; information required; changes to licensed premises.

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- (2) The days and hours during which the proposed show, exhibition or similar entertainment is to be conducted.
- (3) The nature and types of activities that will occur.
- (4) The approximate number of spectators and participants reasonably expected to be present or participate in the event.
- (5) A plan, drawn to scale, depicting the exact location of the event including the exact size and dimensions of the entertainment area and its approximate distance and relative location from the public entrance of the building or other enclosed area where applicable. The plan shall be clear, clean, and legible, and shall identify any stage area, dance floor, seating layout, and entry/exit locations. The plan shall indicate whether entertainment is proposed indoors, outdoors, or both.

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- (6) The location and number of health and sanitation facilities.
- (7) Written proof that the applicant is 18 years of age or older.
- (8) Other information as may be required by the town council. Current photographs of the premises depicting interior and exterior views, including indoor and outdoor entertainment areas.
- (9) Other information as may be required by the town council.

(b) Substantial changes to the approved entertainment area shall require review and approval by the town council. Tables and seating configurations of licensed premises may vary to accommodate special events; however, any such arrangements must remain within the approved licensed premises as shown on the submitted sketch or floor plan. Tables, chairs, or other furnishings shall not block any pathways, aisles, or designated exits, and the approved maximum occupancy as established by the Fire Marshal shall not be exceeded.

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CHAPTER 17 – OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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ARTICLE II. – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS

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Sec. 17-84. Application; forms and required documentation; modifications to licensed premises.

(a) An application form must be obtained from the town clerk and must be fully completed and returned to the clerk, together with all application processing documentation and the required fee. Any change to the layout, expansion of service area, or addition of a bar shall require review and approval by the town council, including submission of an updated sketch or floor plan that meets the requirements of subsection (b)(1).

(b) Applications shall include the following:

(1) A sketch or diagram showing the exact area(s) where alcoholic beverages will be served or consumed, including indoor and outdoor service areas. The plan shall include the location of any main or satellite service bars, beverage stations, or temporary outdoor bars, as applicable. Any patio, deck, or fenced area designated for outdoor alcohol service shall be clearly marked. The plan shall indicate the relationship of service areas to exits, restrooms, and seating. The plan shall

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(c). For renewal applications that do not involve changes to the licensed premises or service layout, the applicant shall provide a written attestation that the previously approved layout remains accurate and that no modifications have been made to the premises or service areas.

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This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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