

Bristol Town Council

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Outdoor Dining on State St., proposed ordinance Sec 25-16

On behalf of the East Bay Chamber of Commerce, we present this letter of support of the ordinance change to allow for outdoor dining on lower State St. in Bristol for the few months of May-October.

The East Bay Chamber of Commerce strives to support the local businesses of the East Bay as well as assisting with improving the flow of tourism throughout the area. With all that Bristol, the East Bay and Rhode Island for that matter has to offer not only it's local community but visitors from far and wide, outdoor dining adds to the ambiance and community feel as well as visitor experiences.

Investments made through Explore Bristol, the harbor dock expansion, the Providence-Bristol-Newport Ferry demand and all other improvements made to the Town make it a premier destination in the area. Most other towns like it, offer the outdoor dining experience to their benefit as that experience only invites more people to the area which creates a healthier business environment for all to benefit from.

The Economic study that was recently completed proved that more people came to the downtown area during the time period when outdoor dining was allowed on lower State St.

The East Bay Chamber of Commerce is in complete support of the ordinance change for lower State St.

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