

Bristol Town Council

Outdoor dining on State Street, proposed ordinance Sec 25-16

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Please support the ordinance change to allow for outdoor dining on lower State Street for the few months of May through October.

During 2021, the Bradford-Diamond-Norris Bed & Breakfast corner Hope St. and State Street, had the pleasure of serving over 400 guests from over 30 different States. When asked their thoughts on our Town, the unanimous consensus was the wonderful 'experience' they got from the inviting outdoor dining on lower State Street. They further commented stating that what was initially done for COVID has become the permanent way places they come from set up the downtown communities. The 'experience' of being drawn to walk and feel comfortable, that draw from lower State, definitely made an impression and these guests will come back expecting to have an even greater experience.

The investment made through Explore Bristol, expansion of docks in the harbor, the Providence - Bristol-Newport Ferry demand that everything is done to ensure the maximum return-on-investment. The Economic study that was recently completed proves that more people came to down town during the time when lower State Street was set up with the outdoor dining.

I am in complete support of the ordinance change for lower State Street.

Respectfully,

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