



**Town of Bristol, Rhode Island**  
**Department of Community Development**

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**May 25, 2022**

To: Honorable Steven Contente, Town Administrator.

RE: Review of Sidewalk Use License: Portside Tavern , 444 Thames street

I have reviewed the sidewalk use application for Portside Tavern, 444 Thames Street.

I responded and met with Bristol Police Lt. Roman Wozny to measure the sidewalk and review the seating.

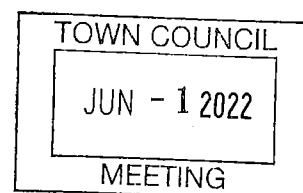
Upon review of the application, we viewed a street/ curbside request for 6 tables with 2 seats each . Each table and chair combo was placed right along the curb directly next to curbside parking (edge of roadway) where patrons would park and open their door into the tables.

This seating area was initially applied for and granted during the Temporary Outdoor Dining extension - executive order granted by the State of Rhode Island along with approvals from the Town of Bristol. That order has expired and will no longer be valid within the state.

Initial measurement from the curb to the Patio property owned by Portside Tavern is 9 feet 1 inch.

There is 1 telephone pole, 1 tree, 1 light post in the town sidewalk area.

The town sidewalk itself is 5'0 from tree, light and pole wooden borders.



The Portside restaurant property has an outdoor, covered patio on the west side of the building along with a patio on the south side.

In accordance with town code 12-15 (b) : Outdoor dining:

(b)

*Minimum required dimensions.* No license shall be allowed for sidewalk alcohol service if the sidewalk is less than nine feet wide, measured from the curb to the closest point on the outside wall of the building. **For sidewalks between nine feet to 12 feet in width, tables and chairs must be placed close against the building in such a manner as to provide a minimum of six feet of unobstructed passage width for public use.** For sidewalks in excess of 12 feet in width, tables and chairs must be placed close against the building in such a manner as to provide a minimum of six feet plus 50 percent of the width of the sidewalk beyond 12 feet of unobstructed passage width for public use. However, the width of unobstructed passage need not exceed eight and one-half feet no matter the width of the sidewalk.


Based on the sidewalk measurements and expired one time extension, I would not recommend seating along the edge of the roadway.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Diane Williamson  
Community Development Director

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STEVEN CONTENTE  
Town Administrator