

Town of Bristol, Rhode Island Department of Community Development

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TO: Steven Contente, Town Administrator

FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director

125 JUN 1 RE: **Don Patron Mexican Grill and Cantina** Modification of BV Intoxicating Beverage License to Include outdoor seating

I have referred the above petition to Ed Tanner, the Zoning Officer, for review given the proposed location of the outdoor patio in the parking lot. Mr. Tanner reported:

I have reviewed the petition for a Modification of the BV Intoxicating Beverage License to include outdoor seating at "Don Patron Mexican Grill & Cantina", 200 Gooding Avenue. I have also visited the property and previously discussed the proposed outdoor dining location with the applicant. This property is zoned General Business (GB), and the proposed outdoor dining use is permitted at this location. However, after reviewing the site sketch submitted with the Petition to the Town Council, it does not appear that the proposed outdoor patio will be in an appropriate location. The sketch depicts the patio area on the westerly side of the building to the right of the main entrance door. This location is within the existing parking lot and would eliminate two existing handicapped parking spaces. A more appropriate location appears to be available at the easterly end of the parking lot to the left of the main entrance door. This location, adjacent to a retaining wall would not require the elimination of any parking spaces, has existing vehicle barricades in place, and does not appear to be used for any other purpose. Thus, I recommend that the proposed outdoor patio location be denied and that the applicant propose a different location that will not eliminate required off-street parking.

I concur with the recommendations above and based on this, I also recommend that the petition be denied and that the applicant propose a location that will not eliminate the required off-street parking.

STEVEN CONTEN Town Administrator

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