



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Department of Community Development

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February 27, 2026

TO: Steven Contente, Town Administrator

FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director

RE: **The Franklin, LLC 195 Franklin Street**
Request for modification to BV Intoxicating Beverage License
To expand alcohol service area to include outdoor seating area

Reviewed

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I have reviewed the above petition and reviewed it with the Zoning Officer. The existing restaurant use is nonconforming as to the parking requirements within the General Business zoning district. The existing restaurant seating requires 11 parking spaces and 7 are provided. The Zoning Ordinance (Section 28-222) states that a use that is **non-conforming by parking cannot be expanded unless additional parking spaces are provided to meet the expansion**. Based on the additional outdoor seats proposed, the property would need to have an **additional 6 parking spaces** which there doesn't appear to be room for on the site. Therefore, a parking variance from the Zoning Board on the parking requirements would be needed.

Unless a variance is received for the parking to allow the outdoor dining area, we cannot support this petition.

Thank you.

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