

**Resolution in Support of
Exemption for Proposed Retailer's Class BV License at 499 Hope Street**

WHEREAS, the town of Bristol recognizes the importance of economic development and the potential benefits that businesses can bring to the community; and

WHEREAS, a proposed retailer has applied for a Class BV license at 499 Hope Street, Plat 19, Lot 75 in the town of Bristol; and

WHEREAS, the current Rhode Island legislation requires a distance of two hundred feet (200') between the premises of schools or places of worship and establishments with a Class BV license; and

WHEREAS, the proposed retailer's location at 499 Hope Street, Plat 19, Lot 75 is within the two hundred feet (200') distance requirement from a school or place of worship; and

WHEREAS, the proposed retailer will adhere to all other relevant regulations and requirements for obtaining a Class BV license, including compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to the sale of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the town of Bristol believes that the proposed retailer's Class BV license would not pose a threat to the safety, welfare, or well-being of the community and that the exemption from the two hundred feet (200') distance requirement would not have any adverse impacts on the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the town of Bristol acknowledges that the proposed retailer's establishment could provide economic benefits to the community, including increased tax revenue and job opportunities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town of Bristol supports an exemption from the two hundred feet (200') distance requirement for the proposed retailer's Class BV license at 499 Hope Street, Plat 19, Lot 75, in the town of Bristol, and encourages the members of the General Assembly to grant such exemption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town of Bristol will work with the proposed retailer, the relevant regulatory authorities, and other stakeholders to ensure that all other applicable regulations and requirements are met and that the proposed retailer operates in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to the sale of alcoholic beverages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. The Bristol Town Council hereby respectfully requests the General Assembly to adopt and ratify the proposed amendment to Section 3-7-19 of the General Laws entitled "Retailing to Alcoholic Beverages," attached hereto; and
2. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Town's Legislative Delegation requesting that they introduce the appropriate legislation and work for its passage in the 2023 session of the General Assembly.

ADOPTED this 19 day of April, 2023.

Attest: 
Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

