

Bristol Police Department

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June 15, 2022

TO:

Steven Contente, Town Administrator

FROM:

Kevin M. Lynch, Chief of Police

SUBJECT:

Requests for State Street Seasonal Outdoor Expansion – Alcohol

Service License

Mr. Contente:

Lt. Wozny has reviewed the petitioner's requests, and I agree with his recommendations. Please see attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Lynch Chief of Police

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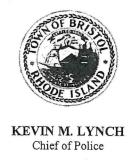
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TOWN COUNCIL

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MEETING



Bristol Police Department

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MEMORANDUM

TO

: CHIEF KEVIN M. LYNCH

DATE: 06-14-2022

VIA

: PROPER CHANNELS

FROM

: LIEUTENANT ROMAN WOZNY

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR STATE STREET SEASONAL OUTDOOR

EXPANSION-ALCOHOL SERVICE LICENSE

Sir,

The following establishments are requesting a State Street Seasonal Outdoor Expansion-alcohol service license:

•	Foglia	31 State St.	5pm to 10pm
•	Bristol House of Pizza	55 State St.	11am to 10pm
•	Bar 31	29 State St.	5pm to 10pm
•	JR Bean	1 State St.	9am to 11pm

I have reviewed the listed applications for the Seasonal Outdoor Expansion-alcohol license. It is our recommendation that all alcohol be kept in this designated dining area for each establishment. Each establishment should display a sign advising guests to keep their alcoholic drinks in this area only. Additionally, alcohol should not be allowed to be served past the kitchen operating hours.

Additionally, Chief Lynch has contacted the Governor's Commission on Disabilities Office regarding the outdoor dining and ADA requirement. All approved outdoor dining areas will need to conform to the ADA requirements. Please see attached letter from Susan K. Declercq, Assistant US Attorney regarding outdoor dining.

After reviewing these petition requests, there is no know reason to deny these petitions provided that all laws and ordinances governing this practice are followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Roman Wozny
Lieutenant Roman Wozny



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August 11, 2021

Re: Americans with Disabilities Act Obligations for Outdoor Dining Areas

Dear Municipal Colleague:

We are aware that in response to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, many local municipalities have allowed restaurants to expand their outdoor dining spaces onto streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. We are writing today to simply remind municipalities and any restaurant within your jurisdiction that the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C. §§12101 et seq., applies to all restaurant dining spaces, including outdoor areas.

Under the ADA, restaurants must ensure that all dining areas and routes to such areas are accessible. A portable ramp can be used to create an accessible path of travel from the restaurant building/sidewalk to the outdoor dining area if an outdoor dining space is placed in the street below curb level. Indoor and outdoor seating must include tables that are accessible to a person using a wheelchair, and tables must be arranged far enough apart so that a person using a wheelchair can maneuver around them while other diners are seated.

In addition, municipalities, who often must approve the use or expansion of outdoor dining, must ensure that outdoor dining areas do not obstruct the accessible path of travel on sidewalks. Specifically, outdoor dining spaces must not block access or reduce the width of nearby sidewalks to less than 36 inches. Additionally, outdoor dining spaces should not reduce the availability of accessible parking spaces in streets and parking lots.

We encourage you to consider and discuss the obligations of the ADA with any restaurant within your jurisdiction that seeks to create or expand an outdoor dining area. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan is committed to enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act. This letter summarizes only a few of the ADA's requirements. Additional useful technical assistance on the ADA's requirements, including a detailed discussion of the ADA's requirements applicable to state and local governmental entities and public accommodations, such as restaurants, can be found at www.ada.gov.

Please contact us on the U.S. Attorney's Office Civil Rights Hotline, (313) 226-9151, if you have any questions or concerns. We hope that the warmer weather allows all diners in the Eastern District of Michigan to safely enjoy good food and friends at their favorite local restaurants.

Very truly yours,

SAIMA S. MOHSIN Acting United States Attorney

SUSAN K. DeCLERCQ

Assistant U.S. Attorney Civil Rights Unit, Chief