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BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT PETITION REVIEW FORM

DATE FILED: 2/28/26

PETITION DESCRIPTION:

David Fierabend, The Franklin, LLC, 195 Franklin Street, request for Modification to BV Intoxicating Beverage License (to expand alcohol service area to include outdoor seating area)

PERSON/S FILING PETITION: David Fierabend

LICENSE RENEWAL NEW PETITION

REVIEW:

- APPROVED
- CONDITIONAL APPROVAL
- DENIED
- FORWARD TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW

NOTES:

There is no known reason to deny this license, provided that all laws and ordinances governing this practice are followed. I recommend a three-month review.

REVIEWING OFFICER: Lieutenant Paul Medeiors
DATE COMPLETED: 2/28/26

2026 MAR -4 11:00 AM
BRISTOL POLICE DEPT.



**Bristol Fire
Department**

Inter Office Memorandum

To: Steven Contente, Town Administrator
From: Michael DeMello, Fire Chief
cc: File
Date: February 26, 2026
Re: License Recommendation, March 11 Council Meeting

2026 MAR -2 AM 9:08

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

The fire department has reviewed the license request presented as follows:

1. Modification to BV Intoxicating Beverage License

David Fierabend for The Franklin LLC

195 Franklin St.

Expand alcohol service area to include outdoor seating

There is no objection to the granting of said license provided the applicant is compliant with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, and/or other compliancy requirements.

Steven Contente
STEVEN CONTENTE
Town Administrator



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
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2026 MAR -2 PM 3:56

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

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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- E3.** David Fierabend, The Franklin, LLC, 195 Franklin Street, request for Modification to BV Intoxicating Beverage License (to expand alcohol service area to include outdoor seating area)
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief
 - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
 - c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

Teixeira/Sweeney -Voted unanimously to table the matter.

Prior to the vote being taken, Todd Renner, Director of Operations for Groundswell Guild and The Franklin restaurant at 195 Franklin Street, addressed the council on a request to modify the existing Class BV intoxicating beverage license to expand the licensed alcohol service area to include an outdoor seating area. Mr. Renner introduced himself and confirmed that they had already submitted the required paperwork to the Zoning Board but were unsure how the Council would proceed that evening.

Chairman Calouro clarified that, because the requested change involves expanding the premises where alcohol is served, the matter must first be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Board before the Council can act on the license modification. At the Solicitor's recommendation, rather than denying or approving prematurely, the Council chose to table the item until zoning action is complete. He further noted that, if and when approval is granted by the Zoning Board, the petitioner shall contact the Town Clerk's Office to have the matter placed back on a future Council agenda.