

BERNIE’S CHAPTER

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Executive Concept Summary

Bernie’s Chapter is an upscale hospitality experience designed to provide a welcoming environment where guests can gather, socialize, and enjoy curated small plates and beverages in a comfortable setting.

The concept emphasizes comfortable seating, food and bar service in a relaxed social atmosphere rather than a traditional high-volume bar or restaurant. The layout intentionally prioritizes seating comfort and dining experience.

Video gaming terminals are incorporated as a secondary amenity and are located toward the rear of the establishment, so the overall environment remains centered on hospitality and social interaction.

Key Concept Highlights

- Upscale hospitality lounge environment
- Comfortable lounge seating and pub table seating
- Curated small plates menu with minimal kitchen requirements
- Beer, wine, and canned beverage service
- Approximately 1,500 square foot interior layout
- Video gaming terminals located in a designated rear area

Interior Layout Overview

The layout is designed so that guests first experience the comfortable seating and bar area upon entering the space. A central gathering area, while pub tables along the wall provide additional seating while supporting an open and comfortable environment.

The main bar serves as the focal point of the space with approximately five to eight bar seats. A small kitchen preparation area located toward the rear of the establishment that supports the curated small plates menu.

Video gaming terminals are located toward the rear of the establishment in a designated section to ensure the primary focus stays on hospitality and social gathering.

Community Fit

Bernie’s Chapter is intended to complement the surrounding business district by providing a refined yet approachable space for residents and visitors. The concept is designed to operate as a comfortable hospitality experience that enhances the local dining and entertainment options while maintaining a respectful and well-managed presence within the community.

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Municipal Review – Frequently Asked Questions

What type of establishment is Bernie’s Chapter?

Bernie’s Chapter is designed as an upscale hospitality experience focused on lounge seating, bar service, and curated small plates within a comfortable social environment. The concept emphasizes a relaxed gathering space rather than a traditional high-volume bar or nightclub.

Will the establishment operate as a gaming venue?

No. The primary focus of Bernie’s Chapter is hospitality, seating, and bar service. Video gaming terminals are in a designated area toward the rear of the establishment, so the primary focus remains on hospitality and centered on the lounge and bar environment.

What type of food service will be provided?

Bernie’s Chapter will offer a curated small plates menu that requires minimal preparation. The concept does not require a full commercial kitchen and will operate with light preparation and warming equipment.

How is the space designed?

The layout prioritizes lounge seating and bar service at the front and center of the space. Pub table seating is arranged along the wall, and the bar serves as the focal point of the room. Gaming terminals are in a designated area toward the rear of the establishment.

How will the business operate responsibly?

Management will maintain a well-supervised hospitality environment through responsible service practices. Staff will be trained to provide attentive customer service and ensure a comfortable, respectful atmosphere for guests and the surrounding community.

How does this concept fit within the community?

Bernie’s Chapter is intended to complement the surrounding business district by providing a refined yet approachable gathering space where residents and visitors can socialize and enjoy a comfortable hospitality environment.



Concept Overview & Preliminary Layout

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Upscale Hospitality Lounge Featuring

- Lounge Seating
- Main Bar (8-10 Seats)
- Curated Small Plates
- Separate Small Kitchen Prep Area
- Rear Gaming Area (6 Terminals)

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