



CITY OF DOVER

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES – P22-14

Application Type: Outdoor Dining Application
Applicant(s): Sonny's Tavern
Owner(s): City of Dover (Belknap Parking Lot)
Location: 320 Central Avenue (Assessor's Map 2, Lots 13)
Date: April 21, 2022

INTENT: To request permission to utilize three off-street parking spaces in the Belknap Parking Lot and area on the sidewalk in front of restaurant for outdoor dining use adjacent to Sonny's Tavern

UNITS PROPOSED: N/A

AGENDA ITEM #: 1-B

ACREAGE: 0.12 Acres

ZONING DISTRICT: CBD-G

EXISTING LAND USE: Parking Lot

PROPOSED LAND USE: Parking Lot and Off-street Outdoor Dining

SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential, Mixed Use, Commercial

ZBA ACTION: None.

PERMITS REQUIRED:

RELIEF/WAIVERS REQUESTED:

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Donna Benton, Planning
Reid Amy, Business Development
Jim Maxfield, Fire/Inspection Services
Marn Speidel, Police
Frank Torr, Planning Board
Ken Mavrogeorge, Engineering
Michael Asciola, Zoning

Others:

Tyler Lessard, Sonny's Tavern
Ryan Bubar, Empty Pint Brewing Co.
Tammy Johnson, the Nook
Jamie Donovan, Health Officer
Bill Simons, Parking Services

PLAN REVIEW:

Planning:

- Is Public Safety ok with construction materials? *Would prefer city issued jersey barriers to protect from vehicles but combination would be acceptable.*
- Is lighting turned off after hours? *Yes*
- Confirm balance sidewalk meets accessibility requirements
- Furniture taken in and out after close or somehow affixed? *Taken in at night*

Engineering:

- Application Checklist was not filled out.
- Provide consent form with signature of abutting property owner. Email authorization is not sufficient.
- Applicant shall review section 125-20 of the Dover Code to ensure compliance throughout permit duration.
- Parking on attached exhibit appears to be incorrectly shown (wrong angle).
- The outdoor seating area shall allow a minimum four-foot-wide unobstructed pedestrian corridor at all times. Wider pedestrian corridors or increased clearances may be required where warranted by pedestrian traffic or other circumstances. Furniture in an outdoor seating area may be located next to the curb, with two-foot clearance, and/or adjacent to the building, so long as clearances are maintained. Where existing obstructions are present (such as fire hydrants), the corridor can be measured to go around these obstructions.
- Furniture must be made of durable material. No plastic or unfinished or pressure-treated wood furniture is permitted.
- Lighting must not cause glare to pedestrians or vehicular traffic and must not be affixed to City trees.
- Community Services has a limited supply of barrier to provide businesses. It appears that the owner be providing their own. Applicant to confirm.
- The outdoor seating area must be kept clean and neat, and all trash shall be properly disposed.
- The building in which the licensed business operates must share a common boundary line with a sidewalk.
- The outdoor seating area shall not extend beyond the boundaries fronting the licensed business and shall be open and available to all individuals, not solely customers of the permittee.
- Liquor License not included.



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Police Department:

- Outdoor heaters to be used? *No*
- Three spaces shown, sketch has opposite angles than what exists
- Would like jersey barriers used for safety

Fire/Inspection Services:

- Area needs to be clean and neat
- Additional third weekly trash pickup may be needed. Landlord to be contacted by applicant for further discussion.
- Pressure treated picnic tables need to be covered and maintained, cover to be replaced when needed.

Business Development:

- Happy to see the business utilizing this program

Planning Board:

- Dumpster coordination with pickup to ensure trash not trapped under the dumpster during pickup. Lock dumpster when not in use and potentially install security camera to avoid illegal dumping.
- Utilize planters to beautify the area in use

Motion: M. Seidel moved to that the outdoor dining application did not need Planning Board review. J. Maxfield seconded. Vote: u/a

The application will list conditions to be met prior to delivery of barricades and prior to final permit and be signed by staff.

Motion: F.Torr moved to adjourn at 11:10am. Seconded by K.Mavrogeorge. Vote: U/A