

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
JUNE 19, 2020

Commission Members Participating: Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: Walter Shea, Chairman

Staff Participating: Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Lt. James Johnson Worcester Police Department
District Chief Gary Arpin, Fire Prevention Division
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

****Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 23, 2020 Order, as amended, imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Worcester License Commission was conducted via remote participation.**

Call to Order – 9:00 am

New Business

1. License Commission Temporary Outdoor Dining - Rules and Regulations

Mr. Rolle gave a brief update on the Outdoor dining Rules and Regulations which included the following description of the rules for the temporary outdoor dining;

Be it adopted by the License Commission of the city of Worcester as follows:

Section 1. The following rules shall apply to all outdoor dining in the city of Worcester, whether licensed pursuant to the COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program or previously licensed:

Rule 1. All outdoor dining licensees shall comply with any applicable executive orders of the Commonwealth and the City Manager, all COVID-19 Safety Standards, including but not limited to the MA Safety Standards for Restaurants, the MA COVID-19 Checklist for Restaurants, and any rules and regulations promulgated by this Commission. Licensees approved prior to the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program must comply with any rules and regulations adopted by this Commission pursuant to the Temporary Dining Outdoor Program, including but not limited to these rules and regulations.

Rule 2. All outdoor dining shall end by 10:00 PM Sunday-Wednesday, and 11:00 PM Thursday-Saturday, unless otherwise conditioned by the Commission.

Section 2. The following rule shall apply to licensees approved prior to the COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program:

Rule 3. Any establishment licensed for outdoor dining prior to the COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program, whether approved on a sidewalk or patio, must submit an updated schematic design showing the COVID-19 compliant configuration, a COVID-19 Control Plan as required by the Commonwealth, and any additional information the Commission may require, to the Division of Planning and Regulatory Services.

Section 3. Any license issued pursuant to the COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program shall be effective from the date of issuance and shall remain in effect until November 1, 2020, unless sooner revoked, or until the City Manager's Executive Order dated June 3, 2020 is rescinded, whichever is sooner, at which time the Licensee's operations shall automatically revert back to its status prior to the approval of the temporary License.

Adopted by the Commission on June 19, 2020.

Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (New)

2. OD-2020-066 – Vernon Hill American Legion Post 435, 267 Providence Street

Richard Smalley called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area in parking lot south of the building. 60 seats with 12 tables. Should inclement weather occur, the east half of the outdoor dining area will be covered with 10'x20' open-sided tents. Hours of operation: Sunday: 12 PM–6 PM; Monday–Thursday: 3 PM–8 PM; Friday: 3 PM–9 PM; Saturday: 2 PM–9 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

3. OD-2020-068 – 110 Grill, 123 Front Street

Michael Mills called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area in patio northwest of the building as an extension of the existing patio. 116 seats, 25 tables total. Hours of operation: Sunday: 10 AM–9 PM; Monday–Wednesday: 11:30 AM–9 PM; Friday & Saturday: 11:30 AM–10 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

4. OD-2020-069 – Route 12 Café, 580 West Boylston Street

Rosa Navegantes called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Common Victualer (Non-Pouring) License. Outdoor dining area in parking lot west of the building. 20 seats with 4 tables. Umbrellas and/or tents will be used to allow for outdoor dining during inclement weather. Hours of operation: Tuesday–Sunday: 7 AM–2 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

5. OD-2020-071 – The Broadway, 100 Water Street

SW-2020-027 Sidewalk Dining License – Water Street

No one called in for the item.

Proposal is as follows; Outdoor dining area on the sidewalk on the northwest side of Water Street, southeast of the building. 20 seats with 6 tables, enclosed by roping. Hours of operation: 7 AM–3 PM daily

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (As may be necessary if previously postponed or continued)

~~6. OD-2020-015 The Woo Bar & Grill, 358 Shrewsbury Street~~

~~7. OD-2020-035 Leo's Ristorante, 11 Leo Turo Way~~

~~8. OD-2020-056 BirchTree Bread Company, 138 Green Street~~

~~9. OD-2020-057 Dino's Restaurant, 13 Lord Street~~

~~10. OD-2020-058 Mai Tai Sushi and Bar, 69 Green Street~~

~~SW-2020-023 Sidewalk Dining License – Green Street~~

~~11. OD-2020-059 Chestnut Café, 10 Chestnut Street~~

~~12. OD-2020-060 Boulevard Diner, 155 Shrewsbury Street~~

~~SW-2020-024 Sidewalk Dining License – Shrewsbury Street~~

~~13. OD-2020-061 Patsie Dugans, 49 Millbury Street~~

~~14. OD-2020-064 Wholly Cannoli, 490 Grafton Street~~

~~15. OD-2020-065 Smokestack Urban Barbecue, 139 Green Street~~

Items #6–#15 were continued.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 am