

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Remote Meeting Participation

**DRAFT OF THE
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Posted 08/17/20 at 9:15am**

A recording of this meeting is available online

*The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm. Present were Commissioners, Lynch and Allen, Secretary to the Commission Lori Batzek, Sgt. Warren Chaille, a member of the Police Department, Lt. MacLaughlan, a member of the Fire Dept., Members of the City Staff, Applicants and members of the public.
The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm*

Special Meeting

Friday

June 12, 2020

12:00pm

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Chairman Lynch expressed his apologies for the link error on the 11:00am Agenda, and stated the meeting has been rescheduled for 12:00pm

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the Licensing Commission will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website.

Copy & paste the following link into your internet browser to view this meeting live:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3848016226770929163>.

If you wish to submit comments on any item on this agenda, you may send written comments by US mail to the Secretary of the Licensing Commission, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or by email to ljbatzek@somervillema.gov. Your comments must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the meeting, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Commission.

The Licensing Commission is meeting solely for the purpose of considering outdoor seating for new applications that are compliant with Covid-19 protocols.

Note: While this Licensing Commission’s meeting is open to the public, the Commission does not expect to accept testimony from the public or from current license holders.

OUTDOOR SEATING FOR New Applications

The Licensing Commission will consider the approval for all new or expanding outdoor seating license holders to open with modified seating that is consistent with Covid-19 protocols as specified by the City Engineer and the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division of the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. This approval is only for the placement of outdoor seating on public and private property. It does not approve any other aspect of the current license. It takes effect immediately and requires no additional payment from any current license holder. It allows new applicants to reduce their hours of operation without notification to the Licensing Commission. It includes the warning that any violation of the Covid-19 protocols or of any other term and condition of the license may result in the suspension or revocation of the license holder’s license.

**TEMPORARY OUTDOOR PATIO SEATING
DUE TO GOVERNOR BAKER’S ORDER**

Requesting

**An Alteration of Premises
For TEMPORARY Outdoor Patio Seating**

LICENSE #	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	APPLICATION COMPLETE	CURRENT LICENSE	NEW	PUBLIC/PRIVATE
ALM20-000009	Papagayo	331 Great River Rd	YES	NO	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000029	Bronwyn	255 Washington St	YES	NO	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000016	Trina	3 Beacon St	YES	NO	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000017	Rosebud	381 Summer St	YES	NO	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000021	Painted Burro	219 Elm St	YES	NO	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000023	Grainmaker	248 Elm St	YES	NO	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000024	99 Restaurants	20 Cumming St	YES	NO	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000026	Pizzeria Posto	187 Elm St	YES	NO	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000028	T&B Pizza	251-251A Washington St	YES	NO	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000031	The Jungle Club	66 Union Sq	YES	NO	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000032	Celeste	21 Bow St	YES	NO	YES	BOTH
ALM20-000033	Earl’s Kitchen + Bar	699 Assembly Row	NO	NO	YES	

Late Items

LICENSE #	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	APP. TYPE	APPL. COMPLETE	CURRENT LICENSE	PUBLIC/PRIVATE
ALM20-000008	Mr. Crepe	51 Davis Sq	EXPANSION	YES	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000010	Mike's	8 Davis Sq	EXPANSION	YES	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000011	Avenue Kitchen	158 Boston Ave	REDUCED	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000012	Winter Hill Brewing	328 Broadway	EXPANSION	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000013	Which Wich Sandwiches	450 Artisan Way		WRONG		
ALM20-000015	Bronwyn	255 Washington St		NO	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000029	Bronwyn	255 Washington St	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PUBLIC
ALM20-000017	Rosebud	381 Summer St	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PUBLIC
ALM20-000018	Remnant Brewing	337 Somerville Ave	REDUCED	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000020	Tony C's Sports Bar	699 Assembly Row	REDUCED	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000022	Smoke Shop BBQ	325-375 Assembly Row	CURRENT	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000043	Smoke Shop BBQ	325-375 Assembly Row	EXPANSION	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000025	Pizzeria Posto	187 Elm St	REDUCED	YES	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000030	Union Tavern	343 Somerville Ave		NO	YES	
ALM20-000034	Bow Market	337 Somerville Ave	EXPANSION	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000035	PJ Ryans	239 Holland St	REDUCED-PARKLET	YES	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000036	Out of the Blue	215 Elm St	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PUBLIC
ALM20-000037	River Bar	661 Assembly Row	REDUCED	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000038	Brass Union	66 Union Sq	REDUCED	YES	YES	BOTH
ALM20-000039	The Independent	75 Union Sq	REDUCED	YES	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000040	PJ Ryans	239 Holland St	CHANGE OF HOURS	YES	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000041	Totto Ramen	445 Artisan Way	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PRIVATE
ALM20-000042	Masala	1133 Broadway	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PUBLIC
ALM20-000044	Neighborhood Restaurant	25 Bow St	REDUCED	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000045	La Cucina	400 Assembly Row	REDUCED	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000046	Aeronaut Brewing	14 Tyler St	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PRIVATE
ALM20-000048	Taco Loco	46 Broadway		NO	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000050	Machu Picchu	311 Somerville Ave	PARKLET	NO	NO	PUBLIC
ALM20-000051	Taco Party	711 Broadway	EXPANSION	YES	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000052	Field & Vine	9 Sanborn Ct	EXPANSION	YES	NO	PRIVATE
ALM20-000053	Tsurumen Davis	420 Highland Ave	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PUBLIC
ALM20-000055	Bull McCabe Pub	366A Somerville Ave	EXPANSION	YES	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000056	Sarma	249 Pearl St	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PRIVATE
ALM20-000057	Oliveira's	120 Washington St		NO	YES	PRIVATE
ALM20-000058	Boston Burger	37 Davis Square		NO	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000059	Spoke Wine Bar	89 Holland St	EXPANSION	YES	YES	PUBLIC
ALM20-000060	Sugidama	260 Elm St	NEW TEMPORARY	YES	NO	PRIVATE
ALM20-000061	Ernesto's (did not route)	641 Assembly Row		NO	NO	PRIVATE

Chairman Lynch read this MOTION FOR APPROVAL:

MOTION: I move to provisionally approve the establishments noted in this meeting for outdoor seating service with the exception of Papagayo, Which Wich, Union Tavern, Aeronaut Brewing, Taco Loco, Machu Picchu and the Change of Hours application for PJ Ryans . This approval is conditional on each establishment filing a health and safety plan, and receiving City approval of its socially distant seating layout. Licensees are not permitted to begin operation until they receive written notice from the City Clerk's Office that both conditions have been met. This approval expires on November 1 at 11:59PM, unless otherwise modified by the Governor or State or City legislation, and requires no additional payment. License holders may reduce but not expand their existing hours of operation on private property, and may reduce but not expand past 10PM their existing hours of operation on public property. Finally, outdoor seating license holders are warned that any license holder

who violates any Covid-19 protocols, ADA requirements, or any other terms or conditions of the license, may be subject to suspension for the remainder of 2020 and/or the revocation of the license holder's license.

The Commission Provisionally approved the above licenses pursuant to the motion read above.

The Change of Hours for Temporary Outdoor Seating for PJ Ryan's has been denied. Chairman Lynch would consider a Change in Hours for Temporary Outdoor Seating Licenses in the future.

Papagayo, Union Tavern, Aeronaut Brewing, Taco Loco and Machu Picchu have been continued to the next Licensing Commission Meeting being held on Monday, June 15, 2020.