

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting by Remote Participation

**Monday
March 15, 2021
6:00pm**

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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.

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. Minutes of January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY REGARDING THE
LIFTING OF THE 40% CAP ON SEATING CAPACITY**

3. On February 25, 2021, Governor Charlie Baker announced that the state will move into Phase 3, Step 2 of its reopening plan. A description of this phase and step of the plan can be found at www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts

Beginning Monday, March 1, 2021, licensees that sell alcohol for on-premises consumption are no longer subject to a 40% cap on seating capacity in their establishments; capacity will be limited only by the requirement of six feet distance between tables. Musical performances may begin again as well, so long as 6-foot distancing between customers' tables is maintained.

These licensees are reminded that the 90-minute time limit per table and table capacity of 6 people remain in effect, as well as the requirement that food must be served with alcohol orders.¹

Food courts must remain closed during this phase of reopening.

As reminders, licensees for on-premises consumption may continue to make alcohol sales for take-out orders until February 28, 2021, or until the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency, whichever comes later.² Licensees with outdoor seating that was approved pursuant to Executive Order 35 may continue their outdoor operations until Order 35 is rescinded by the Governor.³

(Issued February 26, 2021)

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY REGARDING
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AT LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS**

4. On February 25, 2021, Governor Charlie Baker announced that the state will move into Phase 3, Step 2 of its reopening plan. Part of this phase and step of the reopening plan permits musical performances, so long as 6-foot distancing between customers' tables is maintained.

The Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards has clarified that, while musical performances are permitted at licensed establishments for on-premises alcohol consumption, singing is not permissible indoors as part of these performances.

Singing is permissible outdoors, provided licensees comply with the following requirements:

- 1) there must be a minimum of 10 feet between performers, and
- 2) there must be a minimum of 25 feet between performers and first row of the audience.

Please be aware that plexiglass barriers cannot be used to reduce the required distance between performers or between performers and the audience.

Licensees can find further guidance on this phase and step of the reopening plan, including musical performances, at www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts
(Issued March 5, 2021)

5. Status of Communication from Chairman Lynch dated 2/16/21, Urging the Commission to review its Rules and Regulations and prepare a timeline to produce any proposed amendments. This communication was placed on the February 22, 2021 Agenda

Continued from January 25, 2021 & February 22, 2021

**Existing All Forms Alcohol
Private License
Requesting
Change of Manager**

6. Parisi's d/b/a Mike's Bar, 97 Washington St. requesting a Change of Manager from Robert Parise to Jana Brinkhaus (ALM20-000176)

Applicant requested to continue this item for the February 22, 2021 Licensing Commission Meeting. Unable to stay past 9:15pm

Applicant did not appear for the February 22, 2021 Licensing Commission Meeting

COMMON VICTUALLER

7. Julio Pleitez
d/b/a Cristian Latin Catering Cuisine
854 Broadway
Julio Pleitez
Hours of Operation (Days not listed): 9:00am-9:00pm
(AL21-000001)

8. Adhikari Inc.
d/b/a Veggie Indian Palace
233 Elm St.
Lokesh Adhikari
Hours of Operation: Sun-Thu 11:00am-11:00pm & Fri-Sat 11:00am-12:00am
(AL21-000003)

EXISTING ALL FORMS ALCOHOL RESTAURANT LICENSE
PRIVATE LICENSE
CHANGE OF D/B/A

9. Union Square Group Inc. d/b/a Brass Union requesting approval for a Change of d/b/a from Brass Union to Vera's (ALM21-000010)

Requesting

An Alteration of Premises
For TEMPORARY Outdoor Patio Seating

- 10.

LICENSE #	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	STATUS	APP. TYPE	COMPLETE	CURRENT/NEW	PUBLIC/PRIVATE	TENT	HASP	FLOOR PLAN	CONTROL ENG.	SPCD	FIRE	INSURED	WINTER CERT.
AL17-000119	Davis Square Food Services Inc. d/b/a Boston Burger	37 Davis Sq.	Winter Cert.	Winter Cert.	Yes	Current	Private	No	prev sub	prev sub		N/A		N/A	Yes
ALM21-000007	Taqueria Montecristo d/b/a Montecristo	146 Broadway	Expanding	Adding Private Seating	Yes	Current/New	PUBLIC/PRIVATE	No	prev sub	Yes	prev sub			No	No
ALM21-000008	Area Celeste, LLC d/b/a Celeste	21 Bow St.	Expanding	Street Parklet	No	New	PUBLIC	No	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	
ALM21-000011	Bow Market Entertainment Inc.	337 Somerville Ave.	Adding Structures	Adding Structures	No	Current	Private							N/A	
ALM21-000003	LDDI Inc. d/b/a Dave's Fresh Pasta	79-83 Holland St.	New Temporary	12 seats & 6 Tables	No	New	Public	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Denied		No	