



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

December 1, 2017

City Council President Joseph Lopes, and
Honorable Members of the New Bedford City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

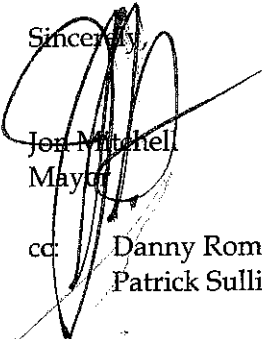
Re: Outdoor Café Ordinance

Dear Council President Lopes, and Honorable Members,

I am submitting for your consideration an ordinance that will expedite the application, review and approval process for the city's Outdoor Café permit. The Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development reviewed the existing Sidewalk Café ordinance and recommended changes that significantly improve the ordinance. The application process has been streamlined and there is an expedited internal approval process that includes applicable Departmental review. There will no longer be required public hearings before the Planning Board.

Enclosed please find the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 15, Article I. by striking Sec. 15-100 in its entirety and inserting a new Outdoor café permit ordinance that places the jurisdiction of the café permits under the Department of Inspectional Services. In addition, there is an amendment to Sec. 17-18, to allow the option of issuing non-criminal tickets, and Section 17-28 to allow for 40U ticket in the event there are violations.

Sincerely,

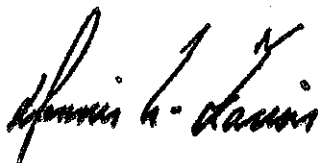

Jon Mitchell
Mayor

cc: Danny Romanowicz
Patrick Sullivan

IN CITY COUNCIL, December 14, 2017

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.
a true copy attest:

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk



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