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# RECEIPT FOR DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Applicant shall file a copy of any proposed regulation Amendment, Zone Change, or Wetlands Redesignation with the Town Clerk ten (10) days prior to the hearing as per Section 8-3(a) AND (d) AND 22a-42a (b) of the General Statutes. Certification of the filing under these sections by the applicant must be presented at the public hearing.

TO:

**VERNON TOWN CLERK** 

FROM:

Shaun Gately

REFERENCE:

PZ 2021-0005

DATE:

3/29/21

The attached documents, consisting of:

Section 3.31-Outdoor Dining

**Proposed Text Amendment** 

Are being submitted for public inspection under CSG 8-3(a)/22a-42a (b).

Received: Sec 3.31 Zoning Regs Proposed Toxt Amendment

Vernon Town Clerk Signature:

# **Town of Vernon Outdoor Dining**

# **Draft Zoning Regulations Amendment**

#### March 8, 2021

# Revised March 29, 2021

Narrative: With the Governors Executive Orders due to expire, The Town of Vernon proposes to amend the Town Zoning Regulations to address temporary, seasonal, and permanent outdoor dining as permitted accessory uses.

# **Add New Section**

- 3.31 **Outdoor Dining.** Nothing in these regulations shall prohibit temporary outdoor dining on a seasonal basis, where tables, chairs, and other items are located for patrons of any use where food and beverages are served. The following regulations apply:
  - 3.31.1 **Location**. Outdoor dining may be located anywhere on the parcel (including the parking lot) or on an adjacent properly zoned vacant parcel and except as 3.31.2.
  - 3.31.2 **Required Yards**. Outdoor dining is permitted in any required yard, except in cases where the outdoor dining is located in a required yard which abuts a residential district; or when permanent structures are proposed.
  - 3.31.2 **Accessibility**. Outdoor dining areas shall not impede accessible parking spaces, entrances, or routes. All outdoor dining shall be ADA accessible and compliant.
  - 3.31.3 **Parking.** Outdoor dining shall not be included in parking calculation, unless outdoor dining replaced existing parking spaces. Then, adequate parking must be demonstrated.
  - 3.31.4 **Enclosures**. For outdoor dining in a parking lot, adjacent to, or where vehicular conflicts are present, a safety barrier, approved by the fire Marshal, shall be installed. The safety barrier shall be constructed of heavy planters with vegetation, or other alternative of equal design quality, when visible from the public right of way.
  - 3.31.5 **Seasonality**. All tables, chairs, trash receptacles, barriers, etc...shall be removed at the end of each outdoor dining season.
  - 3.31.6 **Lighting**. Glare falling outside the outdoor dining area is prohibited.
  - 3.31.7 **Application process**. A temporary outdoor dining and activity application is required on annual basis and shall be effective March 1 of each year.
  - 3.31.8 **Permanent structures**. If permanent structures are proposed, such as decking or canopies, the minor modification site plan process is required.
  - 3.31.9 **Other Permits**. Nothing herein shall preempt State Fire Codes or Building Code requirements, as applicable. Other permits may be required. An annual inspection is required.