

Subject: Daniel's Restaurant Outdoor Seating

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Good Afternoon Council and Mayor,

As you are aware, Daniel's restaurant approached the Borough in early 2023 inquiring about extending their Café License onto 1st Avenue on a temporary, seasonal, trial basis. They have been working directly with Borough Administration to ensure that any temporary outdoor seating design would accomplish the following:

1. Limit the number of parking spaces utilized directly in front of their establishment.
2. Meet Public Safety standards.
3. Provide an outdoor dining opportunity that can serve the specific needs of that establishment based on its location.
4. Enable Daniel's to provide an additional user experience to encourage business and increase demand.
5. Enable the Borough to assess this temporary set-up to determine if a permanent option would work for both Daniel's and the Borough in the future.

The Borough strives to be business friendly and works strategically and collaboratively with all businesses to find innovative solutions to help ensure our businesses thrive. This trial accommodation for Daniel's is no different. After the 2024 season, Daniel's and the Borough team will reassess the success of this outdoor seating configuration to determine any future next steps if applicable. This outdoor seating configuration is expected to operate from May – October. It involves the use of 4 public parking spaces directly in front of Daniel's restaurant and utilizes an aesthetically appealing design that fits with the feel of the Borough. If this trial period is successful, the concept could be considered for expansion to other interested applicants if applicable.

Again, any discussion regarding any permanent configuration at this location will require additional approvals in the future if applicable.

I am writing this afternoon, however, to notify you that in my excitement to assist a small business in the Borough, I failed to ensure that this matter appeared on an agenda for public discussion prior to its implementation. While café licenses are handled administratively, because Daniel's proposal goes further than the edge of the sidewalk it should have come before Borough Council for consideration. This was strictly an oversight on my part, and I sincerely apologize. As Borough Council has done with other temporary restrictions on parking, we would start with a 90-day trial period and monitor the matter. A resolution accomplishing this is scheduled to be considered at the May 15th Borough Council meeting. I am aware that this approval will be relative to an item that is currently in operation. Therefore, at the May 15th meeting, I will be prepared to explain my oversight and apologize to Borough Council, Mayor, and the Borough residents and businesses for that oversight.

If anyone reaches out to you directly with any questions or concerns, you can forward this email to their attention or provide my contact information and I will review the contents of this email with them directly.

It is my job to ensure that the proper policies and procedures are followed, and I hope you can accept my sincere apology as it pertains to this matter. I will work diligently to ensure that it does not happen again.

Sincerely,

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