



Article 37: Zoning Bylaw Amendment Table IV Minimum Parking Restaurant Outdoor Seasonal Seating

Planning Board Public Hearing

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Outdoor Dining Helped Support Economic Vitality



Without a State of Emergency

- A restaurant could add outdoor seating if they could demonstrate additional onsite parking in the amount of one (1) space per three (3) seats
- Many restaurants are operating with a Special Permit for relief from parking due to site limitations

Amendment Objective

- Formally eliminate the required one (1) space per three (3) seats for only restaurant seasonal outdoor seating

Reasons for Amendment

- Promotes economic recovery
- Creates more vibrant village centers
- Flexibility in managing existing staff and meeting the needs of patrons without expanding operations

Amendment Does NOT change

- Parking requirement for indoor seating and employees on the largest shift (*Section 7, Table IV Minimum Parking*)
- ADA and Fire Code requirements
- Board of Health and Food Code requirements
- Public safety requirements

If the Proposed Amendment Passes

- If a restaurant is able to meet all existing requirements and provide an outdoor seating area, they will not need to obtain a special permit to waive parking requirements because of the additional seating.



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Questions & Comments