



State & Commerce Committee – Board of Representatives

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair

Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday July 21, 2022
Time: 7:00pm
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Jacobson and Committee Member Reps. Ley, Miller, Sanford, and Walston. Excused were Chair Pierre-Louis and Rep. Goldberg. Also in attendance were Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Frank Petise, Director of Transportation; Luke Bittenwieser, Traffic Engineering; Lauren Meyer, Mayor's Office, and two members of the public.

Vice Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. SC31.006	ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment to Chapter 214, Article V , of the Code of Ordinances, Outdoor Dining, to Expand Outdoor Dining Into Parking Spaces and the Roadway. 02/09/22 – Submitted by Frank Petise 03/02/22 – Held by Committee 5-0-0 03/30/22 – Held by Committee 4-0-0 04/11/22 – Moved to Pending	Approved as Amended 5-0-0

Mr. Quinones reviewed the [attached](#) presentation on outdoor dining in Stamford.

Prior to the pandemic, there was a sidewalk patio dining ordinance. During the pandemic, there was the desire to expand the public footprint primarily in downtown area. The Governor's executive order allowed this to happen. The executive order has been extended through the current streatory season.

This ordinance will allow Stamford to continue this type of outdoor dining in the event that the current executive order is not extended.

If this new ordinance can be established by December, then by January 1, 2023 Stamford will be in a position to accept outdoor dining permitting under the new ordinance.

Chair Jacobson and Rep. Ley spoke in favor of the ordinance.

A motion was to amend the language in Sec. 214-46 D, Table Effective January 1, 2023, Level 1 to read "**20 seats or fewer**" was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Jacobson, Ley, Miller, Sanford, and Walston in favor).

A motion to approve Item #1 as amended was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Jacobson, Ley, Miller, Sanford, and Walston in favor).

As a Secondary Committee (at Land Use Committee - to meet on Thursday, July 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m.):

1. LU31.017 REVIEW: Recent State of Connecticut Legislation
Related to State Control Over Local Zoning, Including
but not Limited to [Public Act 21-29](#), Previously
H.B.6107, and Other Statutes or Proposed Bills
Allowing as of Right Accessory Apartments, as of Right
Higher Density Development, and Elimination of Single-
Family Zoning Including the Process and Ability of
Municipal Opt-Outs.
06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes and Sherwood

Vice Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).