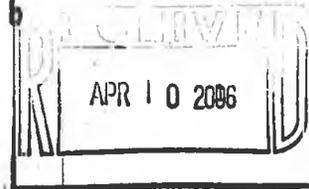


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WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL  
RE: ORDINANCE REGARDING OUTDOOR DINING AREAS

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1 . . .Verbatim Proceedings of a hearing  
2 before the West Hartford Town Council in the matter of an  
3 ordinance regarding outdoor dining areas held on March  
4 28, 2006 at 7:12 p.m. at the West Hartford Town Hall, 50  
5 South Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut. . .  
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9 MAYOR SCOTT SLIFKA: Now, we will open the  
10 6:45 public hearing. Roll call, please, Mrs. Cronin.

11 (Whereupon, roll call was taken.)

12 MAYOR SLIFKA: Please read in the subject  
13 matter, Mr. Spada.

14 MR. ART SPADA: I will, Mr. Mayor.  
15 Ordinance regulating outdoor dining areas.

16 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mr. Spada. Mr.  
17 Feldman, do you have a presentation from the  
18 administration? I see Mr. VanWinkle is here.

19 MR. RON VANWINKLE: Good evening. My name  
20 is Ron VanWinkle, I'm Director of Community Services for  
21 the Town of West Hartford. You have before you an  
22 outdoor dining ordinance. As you know we have an outdoor  
23 dining ordinance existing in West Hartford. It's been in  
24 place for quite awhile and we have a variety of outdoor

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1 dining opportunities here.

2 The application for outdoor dining is a  
3 special use permit that goes to the TPZ. It continues to  
4 be in this ordinance. This ordinance actually takes a lot  
5 of the things that TPZ sets as guidelines for themselves  
6 in approving outdoor dining and sets them down in law so  
7 that applicants can see and understand what they're going  
8 to be looking at.

9 As you look in this ordinance you'll see  
10 comments about pass through windows, about accommodating  
11 disabled patrons, about heaters that would warm the  
12 patrons in the outdoor dining in those fall months,  
13 public address systems, unreasonable noise, patrons when  
14 they can be seated, not to be seated after 10:00,  
15 lighting, trash receptacles, umbrellas. A lot of the  
16 things that they regulate on a -- with the special use  
17 permit now under their authority is written down so that  
18 applicants can understand what they're going to be  
19 looking at and what information they need to give to TPZ  
20 when they make that application.

21 The other change in this ordinance is in  
22 the zones in which it would apply. We have made a change  
23 to outdoor dining in that we have allowed it to be in all  
24 commercial zones that have -- that -- where restaurants

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1 are allowed. And because of that we would add the BN and  
2 the BND zones to the outdoor dining ordinance.

3 That's really the only significant change  
4 in this ordinance. Again, it would be allowed in the BND  
5 or BN zone. It would still need to go to the TPZ. They  
6 would still need to review it, find it to be an  
7 acceptable location for that outdoor dining meeting these  
8 codes.

9 That's the gist of the ordinance you have  
10 before you. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

11 MAYOR SLIFKA: I just have one quick one,  
12 Mr. VanWinkle. Aside from that last piece where we would  
13 -- the ordinance would expand this to the commercial  
14 zones where restaurants are now allowed, is this -- is it  
15 fair to characterize this as just a -- not a change in  
16 practice but a codification of the existing practice?

17 MR. VANWINKLE: Absolutely.

18 MAYOR SLIFKA: Okay. Thank you, that's  
19 all I have. Anyone else? Mrs. Carpenter.

20 MS. BARBARA CARPENTER: Yes, could you  
21 clarify what is the BN and the BND zone, district?

22 MR. VANWINKLE: It's a business  
23 neighborhood district. You would -- along Farmington  
24 Avenue some of those small commercial zones that are

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1 nestled among the multi family and single-family homes  
2 along the Avenue as you go toward Hartford, those tend to  
3 be BND zones and BN zones. They tend to be exactly what  
4 they are. We wrote a zone to kind of fit what was already  
5 there and developed small retail uses serving the  
6 neighborhood. And so you might have a small restaurant  
7 there that could have some outdoor dining. We don't now  
8 have those, but that would be possible in those areas.

9 MS. CARPENTER: Thank you.

10 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mrs. Carpenter.

11 Anyone else?

12 Seeing none, sign up sheet, Mr. O'Brien?

13 MR. O'BRIEN: There is, no one has signed  
14 up though.

15 MAYOR SLIFKA: Is there anyone who wished  
16 to speak to the topic of the 6:45 public hearing who did  
17 not sign up?

18 Okay, seeing none, one last chance for the  
19 Council.

20 Okay, with that we close the 6:45 public  
21 hearing. Thank you, Mr. VanWinkle.

22 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at  
23 7:15 p.m.)

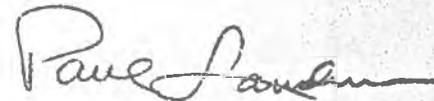
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