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Guidelines for Outdoor Dining in Somerville Restaurants

In order to insure the safe and successful implementation of the city's outdoor dining initiative for restaurants in this time of pandemic, the Somerville Licensing Commission requests that that all staff and patrons of Somerville's restaurants adhere to the following guidelines.

- **Operating after hours** - Food and beverage service must end by 11:30 PM; all outdoor seating must be empty by 12:00 Midnight.
- **Entertainment** - No recorded or live music is allowed for any outdoor seating.
- **Overcrowding** - Seating must be separated by at least 6 feet.
- **Unruly behavior** - Alcohol must not be served to suspected intoxicated patrons.
- **Unsafe operation** - Every establishment must have a written safety plan available for review, and that plan should match the observed operation.
- **Unsafe patron behavior** - Patrons must not congregate and must observe social distancing.
- **Unsafe staff behavior** - Staff must wear masks at all times.
- **Blocking the public way** - All furniture must be arranged to allow handicapped access on the public sidewalk and into the seating area according to their approved seating plan.
- **Service animals** - Service animals are allowed on the premises under state law. Otherwise, dogs can only be on the premises if staff can present a License from the City Council.