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Director, Planning & Urban Development Department

Noah Talmatch  
The North Point  
35 Silver Street  
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**Re: Outdoor Seating Request Clarification**

Dear Mr. Talmatch:

I need to clarify my letter dated August 3rd.

The changes you propose cannot be approved under the City's Outdoor Dining Regulations. They are beyond the scope of what is anticipated in those regulations. I have consulted with the City Manager and other City staff, and we are in agreement that your proposed plan would create a public safety hazard that exceeds any benefits of providing limited outdoor seating.

If you were to pursue this concept at the Transportation, Sustainability and Energy Committee, you would be doing so as an amendment to the City's traffic schedule. If you did pursue this option, staff would oppose the request.

We value the contributions your business make to the vitality of the City, and appreciate your ongoing effort to find an outdoor seating solution.

Sincerely,

Jeff Levine

cc: Jon Jennings, City Manager  
Mayor Michael Brennan  
Kevin Donoghue, District One City Councilor  
Anita LaChance, Deputy City Manager  
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