

**Ann Machado - RE: 245 Commercial Street**

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**From:** "Stan Finch" <stan@musepaintbar.com>  
**To:** "Ann Machado" <AMACHADO@portlandmaine.gov>  
**Date:** 1/24/2014 10:15 AM  
**Subject:** RE: 245 Commercial Street

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Hi Ann,

Just left you a message on this. Practically, this won't happen very much at all. We're really only "open" when we're having our painting sessions, and it's a little awkward for someone to come in and eat/drink while the instructor is up there teaching class. That said, as a matter of our policies, we can go either way on this. Interestingly enough, this has come up in two of our other locations. Providence preferred that we not allow this so that we didn't compete with other bars and restaurants around there. West Hartford asked that we allow it because they did not want the painting fee to be considered a "cover charge," which they don't allow because they don't want nightclubs in the area (they want to keep them in Hartford).

So short answer is that we could go either way on this. If it's up to us, we'll allow it if people want to do it, but it really just won't happen much at all.

Best,

Stan

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Stan -

One more question. Can the public come in and get a drink or bite to eat or is the bar & restaurant for the customers who are taking the painting sessions?

Thanks.

Ann

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