



May 12, 2022

Naperville City Council  
City of Naperville  
400 South Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

**RE: Outdoor Sidewalk Dining**

Dear Council Members,

The Downtown Naperville Alliance (DNA) is in support of The Lantern's recent request to the Liquor Commission to add an additional outdoor sidewalk permit. The Lantern is only one business who has sought an additional permit to date, others expressing a strong interest in sidewalk dining include Allegory, Tasting deVine and Le Chocolat du Bouchard to name a few.

The DNA respectfully requests that the current cap of allowing only five, potentially, six, permits for sidewalk dining be removed.

In the years since sidewalk permit issuance started in Naperville the downtown businesses have demonstrated that this arrangement works well for residents and merchants alike. There have been no reported problems and demand for outdoor dining options have skyrocketed in the last two years. Our downtown food and beverage operators have faced historic challenges and are still recovering. Increasing the availability of outdoor dining options is a win-win for all concerned.

Additionally, DNA requests consideration for reducing the current clearance requirements for outdoor dining to 5 feet. We propose that any business meeting this criterion have the ability to offer outdoor sidewalk dining.

We thank you for allowing us to submit our perspective and for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,



Kim Coyne

Chairperson of the Board



Danielle Tufano

Executive Director

