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Director
Licensing Issuance Division
NY State Liquor Authority 163 W. 125th Street
New York, New York 10027

Dear Sir/Madam:

At its Full Board meeting on March 20, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Ruby's West Village LLC dba Little Ruby's Café 225 West 4th Street 10014 (Alteration: DONYC–sidewalk seating) (Lic ID # 0340-23-138523, exp 8/31/2025, SN #1345228) (*renotification, appearance waived*)

- i. **Whereas**, in [July/2024](#) the Applicant and Applicant's Representative appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee #1 & #2 to present an application for an alteration to their On-Premises Restaurant Liquor License to add sidewalk seating on both West 4th Street and 7th Avenue South to their ground floor licensed premises located within a four-story mixed use townhouse building (ca. 1910) with a single story extension on a triangular corner of Seventh Avenue and West 4th Street in Greenwich Village, this building falling within NYC LPC's designated Greenwich Village Historic District; and
- ii. **Whereas**, at that time the Applicant executed and had notarized a stipulation agreement with CB2, Man. that they agreed to submit to the NYSLA and agreed would be attached and incorporated into the Change in Method of Operation/Alteration of their On-Premises Restaurant Liquor License and the full board of CB2, Man. unanimously recommended approval of the application with those stipulations as follows:
 1. Premises will be operated as a family-friendly restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner with the kitchen open until at least 10:30 PM nightly food available until closing every night.
 2. Will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
 3. The hours of operation will be from 11 AM to 11 AM Sundays through Thursdays and 11 AM to 2 AM Fridays and Saturdays. All patrons will be cleared and no patrons will remain after stated closing time.

4. Will not operate a backyard garden or any outdoor area for commercial purposes except for a sidewalk café operating under the Dining Out NYC program with no more than 4 tables and 8 seats on West 4th Street, 14 tables and 28 patron seats on 7th Avenue South and one counter with two seats within the property line on 7th Avenue South which will operate with the same hours as the Dining Out NYC sidewalk seating.
5. Will abide by all rules and regulations of the Dining Out NYC program including all clear path requirements and that all service will be from within the sidewalk café boundaries.
6. Unenclosed sidewalk café and exterior seating within the property line will close no later than 10 PM. All tables and chairs will be secured at this hour. No exterior music, speakers or TVs.
7. Pre-existing enclosed sidewalk café consisting of 10 tables / 20 seats which was licensed with the Department of Consumer Affairs follows the same hours as the interior restaurant. There will be no speakers in the enclosed sidewalk café.
8. No roadbed seating.
9. Primary entrance will be located on 7th Avenue with entrance through the enclosed sidewalk café.
10. Will play recorded background music at conversational levels only. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
11. Will not have televisions.
12. Will close all doors and windows at 10 PM every night, allowing only for patron ingress and egress.
13. Will not have patron occupancy/service to any portion of the basement of licensed premises.
14. Will not install or have French doors, operable windows or open facades.
15. Will not make changes to the existing façade except to change signage or awning or those currently pending or approved by LPC.
16. Will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and keep current at all times required Permits and Certificates.
17. Will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food and drink specials. Will not have “boozy brunches.” No pitchers of beer.
18. There will be no “bottle service” or the sale of bottles of alcohol except for the sale of bottles of beer or wine products.
19. Will not have: dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, security personnel.
20. Will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
21. Will appear before CB2, Man. once a procedure is put in place for the enclosed sidewalk café under Dining Out NYC.

iii. Whereas, the NYSLA did not permit the Applicant to file the Alteration application to add outdoor seating until they received the permit from DOT and the DOT permit was just issued on February 14, 2025, the original 30-Day Notice having expired, the Applicant is re-notifying CB2, Man. of their intention to re-file the same alteration application, there is no change in principals or method of operation, the Applicant affirming that the previously signed and executed stipulations would be attached and incorporated into the Change in Method of Operation/Alteration application; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends **denial** of the Alteration application to the On-Premises Restaurant Liquor License in the name of **Ruby’s**

West Village LLC dba Little Ruby's Café 225 West 4th Street 10014 unless the statements presented by the Applicant are accurate and complete and that the conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" of the NYSLA Liquor License in order to create public interest for the issuance of this liquor license.

Vote: Unanimous, 41 Board Members in favor.

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

Sincerely,



Donna Raftery, Chair
SLA Licensing 1 and 2 Committees
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Susan Kent, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Daniel Goldman, Congressman
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