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October 27, 2025

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 October 23, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Fifty Merchants LLC dba The Commerce Inn 50 Commerce St 10014 (OP–Restaurant) (Alteration: DONYP–Sidewalk) (Lic. ID # 0340-22-112446)

- i. **Whereas**, the Applicant will submit an application to the NYS Liquor Authority for an Alteration to the existing On-Premises Liquor License to add sidewalk café seating consisting of 6 seats in total as part of the Dining Out NYC program to their licensed premises; and
- ii. **Whereas**, the Applicant has executed and has had notarized a supplementary Stipulations Agreement with CB2, Man. to address the new Dining Out NYC program seating that they agreed to submit to the NYSLA and agreed would be attached and incorporated into the existing method of operation of their liquor license in addition to any other existing stipulations, with those supplementary stipulations as follows:
 1. Will implement a text or QR-based digital line reservation/messaging system **in the immediate future** to avoid sidewalk queues at **ALL** of the applicant's CB2-based existing establishments (Fifty Merchants LLC #0340-22-112446; JMWilliams LC #0340-22-104299; I Sodi LLC #0340-23-128671; Fiftyone Merchants LLC #0340-22-103159; Fiftytwo Merchants LLC #0370-24-126325; Officina 1397 LLC #0370-24-130839) and will include this function upon inception of any future CB2-based establishments to alert patrons of table availability.
 2. There will be no lines in the pedestrian clear path.
 3. There is no roadway seating included with this application.
 4. Dining Out NYC sidewalk seating will substantially conform to submitted diagram and have no more than 3 tables and 6 seats on Commerce Street between Hudson/Barrow Streets and Bedford Street.
 5. Hours of operation for the Dining Out NYC sidewalk will be from 10 AM to 10 PM Sundays and 8 AM to 10 PM Mondays through Saturdays. No patrons will remain outside after stated closing time and all tables and chairs will be secured.
 6. All outdoor patrons will be seated and any waitstaff will serve only from within the Dining Out NYC sidewalk café boundaries. There will be no waitstaff service over any barriers or outside the areas indicated as patron areas on submitted diagrams.

7. There will be no host stands, bus or service stations on the sidewalk or in the roadbed.
8. There will be no exterior music, speakers, TVs or any other sound reproduction devices in the outdoor area.
9. There will be no speakers or TVs inside the premises pointing outside through any doors or windows.
10. Will follow all rules and regulations of the Dining Out NYC program including clear path and ADA requirements.
11. All other stipulations agreed to and executed with Community Board 2, Man. remain in effect.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Man. recommends **denial** of the application for the alteration to the existing On-Premises Liquor License for **Fifty Merchants LLC dba The Commerce Inn 50 Commerce St 10014** to add seating under the Dining Out NYC program **unless** the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and supplementary stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are added to the existing NYSLA Liquor License.

Vote: Unanimous, 33 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



Valerie De La Rosa, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

VDLR/em

cc: Hon. Daniel Goldman, Congressman
Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, NY State Senator
Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NY State Senator
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NY State Assembly
Hon. Grace Lee, State Assembly Member
Hon. Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller
Hon. Michael Levine, Man. Borough President
Hon. Erik Bottcher, NYC Council Speaker
Hon. Christopher Marte, NYC Council Member
Thomas Donohue, Deputy Commissioner of Licensing, NY State Liquor Authority



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Community Board 2 Addendum to Existing Liquor License Stipulations: Alteration to include use of Municipal Property for Dining Out NYC Sidewalk or Roadway Cafe

The original signed and notarized form must be returned to the CB2 office by Monday, October 20, 2025.
If not returned 24 hours prior to CB2s full board meeting, the application will be denied.

I, **Jody Williams** as a qualified representative of **Fifty Merchants LLC dba The Commerce Inn**
located at: **50 Commerce Street, New York, NY 10014**
agrees to the following stipulations:

Currently held Liquor License Class: Lic. ID # 0340-22-112446

☒ On Premise Liquor ☐ Restaurant Wine ☐ Tavern Wine ☐ Other _____

Alteration to License to add:

☒ Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Cafe ☐ Dining Out NYC Roadway

Sidewalk café will substantially conform to submitted diagram and have no more than:

- 3 tables and 6 seats on Commerce Street

Hours of operation for Dining Out NYC sidewalk and roadway seating:*

Sunday: 10 AM to 10 PM	Thursday: 8 AM to 10 PM
Monday: 8 AM to 10 PM	Friday: 8 AM to 10 PM
Tuesday: 8 AM to 10 PM	Saturday: 8 AM to 10 PM
Wednesday: 8 AM to 10 PM	

*No patrons will remain outside after stated closing time and all tables and chairs will be secured.

- ☒ Will implement a text or QR-based digital line reservation/messaging system in the immediate future to avoid sidewalk queues at ALL of the applicant's CB2-based existing establishments (Fifty Merchants LLC #0340-22-112446; JMWilliams LC #0340-22-104299; 1 Sodi LLC #0340-23-128671; Fiftyone Merchants LLC #0340-22-103159; Fiftytwo Merchants LLC #0370-24-126325; Officina 1397 LLC #0370-24-130839) and will include this function upon inception of any future CB2-based establishments to alert patrons of table availability.
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- ☒ There will be no exterior music, speakers, TVs or any other sound reproduction devices in the outdoor area.
- ☒ There will be no speakers or TVs inside the premises pointing outside through any doors or windows.
- ☒ Will follow all rules and regulations of the Dining Out NYC program including clear path and ADA requirements.
- ☒ All other stipulations agreed to and executed with Community Board 2, Man. remain in effect.

Residents may contact the Manager/Owner at the following phone number. Any complaints will be addressed immediately

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

646-479-6864

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Dated _____

Sworn to this 18 day of October 2025

GRECIA GONZALEZ

Registration No. 01606424506

Qualified Public Notary

CB2 and Applicant/Licensee request that the SLA add these stipulations to the next Top of License conditions of license.