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**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY REGARDING
EXTENSION OF ALLOWANCE OF OUTDOOR TABLE SERVICE**

On September 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker issued an Order Making Certain Phase III Adjustments (also known as COVID-19 Order No. 50), which extends the period for outdoor table service by licensees licensed for on-premises consumption. The text of the Governor's Order can be found [HERE](#).

Pursuant to this Order, local licensing authorities (“LLA”) may approve requests for expansion of outdoor table service or extensions of earlier granted approvals issued pursuant to Section 4 of COVID-19 Order No. 35¹, from November 1, 2020, for any period up to and until sixty (60) days after the end of the state of emergency. The LLA may issue extensions automatically to all licensees, or may do so on request from individual licensees.

The LLA may modify any prior approvals as the LLA deems proper and appropriate, including addressing snow removal, pedestrian traffic, and other similar concerns.

Any licensee that was previously granted approval but is not granted an extension by the LLA may still operate outdoor table service until November 1, 2020.

ABCC approval is not required on these extensions. Upon approval from the LLA the LLA may issue the amended license forthwith. The LLA must provide notice by mail to the ABCC on all application approvals. For further guidance on the process of approving and issuing these amended licenses LLAs should consult with their counsel.

Please be aware that all expanded premises approved pursuant to this Order are only effective through sixty (60) days after the end of the state of emergency and revert to their original licensed premises on that date.

The ABCC continues to retain supervision and oversight of all alcohol licensees, including those that expand their licensed premises pursuant to this Order. As always, all licensees must ensure that they comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that sales of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by federal, state, and local law. All questions should be directed to Executive Director Ralph Sacramone at (617) 727-3040 x 731.

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¹ The text of COVID-19 Order No. 35 can be found [HERE](#).