



STATE LIQUOR & WINE OUTLET STORES NH LIQUOR COMMISSION

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NH Liquor Commission Statement Regarding Parking Configuration

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In its continuing commitment to ensure accessibility at all its stores, the New Hampshire Liquor Commission today directed its senior facilities staff, as well as the building contractor, to consult with the Governor's Commission on Disabilities on the handicapped-parking plan for the new Nashua store.

The Liquor Commission is asking the Commission on Disabilities to review the store's current interim parking plan and the proposed final parking plan to ensure that they provide optimal accessibility for people with disabilities.

The Commission asked that the staff conduct its review as quickly as possible and to report back within 30 days.

Chairman Joseph Mollica stated, "We appreciate and are very sensitive to issues associated with handicapped parking. We are committed to making our facilities as accessible as possible. We will work carefully and closely with the Governor's Commission on Disabilities to review our parking plans."

"Our goal is to design stores that are welcoming to all, as well as stores that promote energy conservation and save on operating costs. We do not believe these are mutually exclusive goals. We are confident that the final parking plan, which will likely include expanding our current parking format, can achieve both of these important objectives."

The Commission noted that original construction plan for the new store called for a further review of the site as well as the overall parking once the former store closed and the old building had been fully demolished. That demolition of the old store is scheduled to begin this week.

"We expect to recover additional parking once the debris from the old building is removed and then make parking and landscaping adjustments as necessary. The pavement on the site is unfinished and requires a top coat and re-stripping which cannot be completed until the demolition process is complete," said Mollica.

"This has been a very challenging project because we were constructing a new building on the constrained site while simultaneously operating out of the old facility. We acknowledge the concern expressed over the designation of hybrid and handicapped parking spaces at the store and we look forward to the full completion of this project and the resolution of this issue," the Chairman concluded.

About the New Hampshire Liquor Commission

The NHLC operates retail locations throughout the Granite State and serves more than 9 million customers each year. Visit www.LiquorandWineOutlets.com to locate a store, search for product availability, learn about monthly sales, review wine tasting schedules, and sign up to receive significant savings with monthly Email Extras. More than \$2 billion in net profits have been raised for the state since the first store opened in 1934. NHLC is expecting to net an additional \$1 billion for the state in the next ten years.