

Tandy's Top Shelf

1 Eagle Square
Concord, NH
03301

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to request permission to reassemble the decking outside of Tandy's Top Shelf for 2015 as was done in 2014.

Tandy's has been open for five years now and each year we have been allowed to have tables for food service outside in Eagle Square adjacent to our building. Over the past several years the condition of the bricking in the entire square has significantly degraded to the point that seating and tables were wobbly and the overall appearance of the square was poor.

Our intent in putting up the deck in 2014 was to compensate for the unevenness of the bricking and also to add a little life back to the square. When we moved into the location the square, for the most part had minimal foot traffic and had become a gathering place for transients and vagrants. As our business grew and with the greater use of the patio area the regular foot traffic increased in the square and the vagrancy issue diminished significantly.

Our goal for the installation of the decking was to make the entire square more inviting and to give it better visual appeal and a little life, as so much of the square is unutilized so much of the time. The installation of the deck was for the most part well received and I believe brought more people into the square, as well as our establishment, and made the square a nicer place to be in whether while sitting on the deck or just visiting the square. The footprint of the deck does take up a fair amount of space in the square but in return Tandy's has continually made an effort to maintain the appearance of the square as well.

We would like again to put the deck back up for 2015. We feel that it adds to the feel of the square as opposed to diminishing it. The condition of the brick is wonderful now, however there still exists quite a lot of slopes in the areas that we would set up tables and chairs. Our overall intent is to make the square a livelier and nicer place to be and help reinvigorate the business coming into downtown.

Last year we did not limit the deck to patrons only. There were many occasions that people used the deck to sit, hangout, or eat meals that had been purchased elsewhere nor was access restricted when there were events in the square that were not sponsored by us and it would not be our plan to do so in the future.

Adjustments were made to the design of the deck for 2015 to make it more accessible to entrance from the square and to hug the building a little more. I am open to modifying the design so that the footprint becomes less obtrusive into the square and follows the outline of our inside location more. Simply – It was easier to work in squares for construction purposes – but that can be changed.

We are also open to putting of signage that states that the use of the deck is open to the public or the deck is permitted or sponsored by LWCF.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Stephens
Executive Partner

