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HEADS UP-DOWNTOWN REHOBOTH RESTAURANT OWNERS:

During the City Workshop meeting this morning the following possible changes to the Restaurant Ordinance were discussed:

Limit of up to, but no more than, 2500 square feet for combined seated dining and bar area, regardless of size of overall restaurant.

SEE SUGGESTED ORDINANCE WORDING BELOW:

- 1. "The sum of the floor space devoted to permanent seated dining area and bar area in any building shall not exceed 2,500 square feet, except that where a restaurant occupies space in a building also housing a hotel/motel containing at least 25 bedrooms, the area so devoted may be up to but not more than 3,750 square feet."
- 2. "The bar area shall be no more than 25% of the square footage of the permanent seated dining area, but not to exceed a maximum of 500 square feet, except that any restaurant regardless of its permanent seated dining area may have a bar area of 350 square feet.

Next steps: Discussion at the City Commissioners Meeting September 16 - 7:00 PM, followed by a public hearing, most likely to be held before the October 21 City Commissioners meeting. The ordinance could be voted on during the public hearing or at the November 18 Commissioners meeting.

GOOD NEWS – ACCOMMODATIONS BOOKING ENGINE HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CHAMBER WEBSITE

The Regatta Booking Engine has been added to the Chamber website and is active. Take a minute to look at it and let us know what you think – <u>Click here</u> - let us know if you have questions or concerns.