

Jamaica Plain Business and Professional Association

Policy regarding decisions about providing support for zoning or licensing requests from businesses in, or wanting to locate in, Jamaica Plain.

All businesses making such requests are encouraged to make a presentation to the BAPA board of directors.

The board of directors will be notified of such requests, with the date given of the next executive committee or board meeting where the request will be discussed.

Support will be given automatically, and can be granted by the board or only the executive committee, including approval of the issuing of a letter of support, unless a business is:

1. Part of a chain or is a franchise where important decisions are not made locally.
2. Moving into a location with window grates or adding window grates.
3. Occupying a space that is 4,000 sq. ft. or larger.
4. Trying to change basic use zoning, e. g. from residential to commercial or vice-versa.
5. Doing new exterior construction.
6. Serving or selling beer, wine or any alcoholic beverage.

Businesses that are in the above categories must make a presentation to the full BAPA board of directors for a vote before a support letter can be issued.