



September 17, 2020

Mr. Dion Irish, Commissioner
Inspectional Services Department
1010 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118

Re: **Guidance for Permitting Off-campus Spaces for Temporary Institutional Uses:**
New England School of Law, Revere Boston Common Hotel

Dear Commissioner Irish:

This letter serves as a recommendation to approve the temporary institutional uses for New England School of Law ("School"), as described herein, in accordance with the interdepartmental guidance (the "Guidance") towards permitting non-institutional spaces to be used for the purposes of institutional de-densification, issued by the City of Boston on July 9, 2020, and in accordance with the Boston Public Health Commission directive supporting this aim, issued June 24, 2020.

New England School of Law submitted an application (the "Application") on September 8, 2020, detailing its plans for temporary occupancy of the grand ballroom at the Revere Boston Common Hotel (the "Hotel") at 200 Stuart Street. The School intends to use this space in the Hotel as classroom space, exclusively for student use, in an effort to assist the de-densification of existing on-campus classroom space. To be clear, the Hotel will not be utilized for the purposes of student housing.

Instructors, professors, and teachers' aides will always be present when students are in the aforementioned space. Additional details of the School's operational plan for this space as well as the proposed layout for the ballroom are included in their Application.

The School has taken appropriate steps to work with the Boston Public Health Commission to ensure that their COVID-19 control plan meets the City's public health and safety expectations.

Given the above, BPDA Staff deems the School's Application for occupying this space in compliance with the Guidance and the Boston Public Health Commission's directive. BPDA Staff recommends that you permit the change of use for the proposed facility beginning September 21 to November 30, 2020, with the option for the School to renew for a similar period should that be deemed necessary and in accordance with the Guidance at that time, as well as in accordance with up-to-date public health recommendations.

If you have any further questions or require additional information, please contact Nupoor Monani, Senior Institutional Planner & Project Manager, at Nupoor.Monani@Boston.gov.

Sincerely,

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