



To: Church Street Marketplace Commission
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Re: Eclipse Vending and Café Spaces

Background: The total solar eclipse will be visible from Burlington on April 8, 2024. The State of Vermont has indicated that the estimate for out-of-state visitor attendance for northern Vermont will range from 36,000 to 145,000. This attendance will be heavily influenced by the weather, however, all hotels in Chittenden County are currently sold out.

College Street will be closed on the day of the eclipse to allow for pedestrian traffic to flow between the waterfront and the Marketplace.

The Marketplace team has received several requests to vend outside and set up café spaces weather permitting. This includes a request from the City's eclipse team to vend t-shirts and eclipse glasses on the Marketplace. As a reminder, current outdoor café agreements do not expire until May 1st, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: Balancing the financial needs of our merchants while also trying to accommodate the immense amount of foot traffic, Marketplace staff recommends the following:

- **Retail Merchants:** Allow stores to set up 10 x 10 pop-up tents on Saturday 4/6/24, and Sunday 4/7/24 only to vend their wares.
- **Outdoor Cafés:** Allow outdoor cafes to set up Saturday 4/6/24, Sunday 4/7/24 and Monday 4/8/24 (the day of the eclipse).
- **City Vending:** Allow the City of Burlington to sell City branded eclipse items including eclipse glasses on the Marketplace Saturday 4/6/24, Sunday 4/7/24, and Monday 4/8/24 (the day of the eclipse).