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## Theatre District restaurant wants to offer beer from taps right at your table

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Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery is drawing up plans for "taps on tables" that would let customers pour their own beer.

First, though, the restaurant will drop the brewery part of its name as it removes its current beer-making setup. And then it will have to convince neighboring residents and the Boston Licensing Board to approve the novel - for Boston - method of beer sales.

A remodeling proposal for Stuart Street restaurant went before the licensing board today. Rock Bottom attorney Matthew Fogelman said the restaurant will later file for permission for table taps, after he and his clients meet with the Midtown Park Plaza Neighborhood Association on March 9.

Board member Suzanne Ianella said she was looking forward to hearing how the taps on the table would work, in particular how the restaurant would bar inappropriate behavior, such as minors gaining access to the beer.

In the meantime, however, the board votes tomorrow on whether to approve Rock Bottom's proposal to remove the current brewery equipment. Along with that, the restaurant plans to reduce the number of seats from 325 to 291.