

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-099-2020

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING AREAS

WHEREAS, a worldwide pandemic has occurred involving the coronavirus more commonly known as Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order No. 103, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared a State of Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A App. A.:9-33 et seq. and a Public Health Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq. due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order No. 104, the Governor of the State of New Jersey set forth numerous restrictions encouraging the practice of social distancing so as to help minimize the the slow and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this pandemic has presented unprecedented conditions that have caused countries throughout the world to shut down their economies, resulting in the worst economic contraction in modern times; and

WHEREAS, the economy in Franklin Township has been severely impacted, and it has caused great hardship and uncertainty to the businesses of Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of all of the aforementioned factors delineated above, the Township Committee of Franklin Township has determined that it is in the best interests of Franklin Township, its businesses, residents and visitors to implement thoughtful and meaningful policies and programs to assist the business community in Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, helping local businesses to begin to recover from the adverse effects of COVID-19 at this difficult time supports the Township Committee's long-standing goal of helping develop a robust and growing economy that enables entrepreneurship, employment opportunities and maintains a healthy eatable tax base; and sustains property values; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order No. 150, the Governor of the State of New Jersey effective at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, allowed restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, bars, and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, collectively referred to as "food or beverage establishments," permission to offer in-person service at outdoor areas, provided that the establishment complies with certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020 Executive Directive No. 20-014 was signed establishing COVID-19 Protocols for Food or Beverage Establishments offering Service in Outdoor Areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. All Franklin Township Code requirements are relaxed such that any "food or beverage" establishments may offer in-person service at outdoor areas, provided that the establishment complies with the above mentioned requirements delineated in the Executive Order 150 and Executive Directive 20-014; and
2. All Franklin Township plenary liquor license holders will be required to obtain a Special ABC permit if they seek to expand their premises to allow reasonable seating capacity while observing social distancing guidelines; and
3. These privileges will expire on November 30, 2020.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of

Franklin on June 20, 2020.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK

JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at the meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on June 9, 2020.

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, MUNICIPAL CLERK