

Monday, June 8, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 93-20

Offered by Councilor MORROW Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic has had a significant negative economic impact on the Borough's restaurants and eateries; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to temporarily ease the site plan and zoning regulations in order to help the Borough's restaurants and eateries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, starting June 15, 2020, that the Director of Planning & Development may permit an existing restaurant or food establishment to expand outdoor dining during the 2020 outdoor season upon issuance of the appropriate Executive Order by Governor Murphy authorizing said activity, subject to the following:

- Outdoor dining may be conducted on any restaurant property in the C1 & B zoning districts;
 and
- 2. Hours of operation are limited to 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and
- 3. The hours of operation for expanded outdoor dining and conditions under which such expanded outdoor dining is permitted may be further limited by the Borough Administrator; and
- 4. Any restaurant may create outdoor dining on private property, the public sidewalk in front of their business and the public sidewalk next to their establishment with the consent of the property owner, and
- 5. Outdoor dining may be permitted on premise-owned parking lots in spaces that may have been previously required by zoning or other agreements; and
- 6. Service of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in outdoor areas licensed or allowed by temporary ABC or state regulations; and
- 7. Submission of an acknowledgement that the restaurant will abide by all CDC and State regulations and recommendations for the food service industry including 1) social distancing, 2) appropriate masks for staff; and

8. Submission of a sketch that shows the table layout and service dates and hours; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator and the Director of Planning & Development with the advice and consent of the Borough Attorney may waive other sections of Glen Ridge Code Chapter 16 & 17 and may enact other regulations as appropriate to maintain order, enhance public safety and to help Borough restaurants and eateries that are economically impacted by the COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic.