

## Preparing for Restarting Businesses

Tuesday night the Council passed the following resolution to make it easier on businesses WHEN THE GOVERNOR OPENS UP THE STATE A LITTLE. Did I mention these don't go into effect until the Governor relaxes some of the EOs.

- 1) Onsite signs, banners, pennants, flags that do not require a building permit as long as they are not unsafe by reason of placement including but not limited to within a site line, site easement or otherwise create a hazard are hereby permitted without the need for a permit.

In short, this means we will lighten up on the sign ordinance as long as signs are safe. You can do this now.

- 2) Outdoor sales and services including outdoor dining shall be permitted for all retail good and service stores and any other such business where goods are currently sold on the property the entity is located on as long as any such sales and services on sidewalks do not interfere or cause a hazard for pedestrian traffic and any such sales and services on parking lots and other areas of the property do not interfere or cause a hazard for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Any sales or services on parking lots and other areas of the property except sidewalks shall require approval from the Township's Technical Review Committee. All such sales and services must comply with the requirements of social distancing and other regulations in accordance with all applicable Executive Orders issued by the Governor. All food sales and outdoor dining must comply with applicable Health Department regulations.

In short, within limits, stores and restaurants can use outside spaces to expand their footprint. So, if the Gov says you can only allow 25% of your occupancy load inside, you can have sidewalk sales to expand your store's size. This may include parking lots. You can not do this until the Governor releases the shutdown.

- 3) The Township Manager or his designee shall have the authority to extend any licenses, permits and approvals issued by Franklin Township for any business subject to said extensions not otherwise being precluded from being extended without approval from other entities or applicable law.

This means we are here to help. We understand how hard this is and we will work for you. This goes into effect immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above shall become immediately effective upon adoption of this Resolution and shall remain in effect for a period of one year or until such time as this resolution is repealed or modified by the Township Council.**

These provisions are long term but temporary.

Everything underlined is the law. The not underlined text is my 2 cents. It does not carry the weight of law. If you have other ideas please let me know.