



RESOLUTION 20-260

Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Removal of Up to Four On-Street, 2-Hour Parking Spaces on the East Side of Pine Street to Accommodate Outdoor Dining on the West Side of Pine Street During the COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, the Princeton Council adopted Ordinance No. 2020-14, which was enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to place Princeton's staff and officials in a position to react quickly to evolving circumstances as various businesses in Princeton begin to reopen as authorized by the various executive orders issued by the State, by temporarily relaxing or suspending certain requirements presently set forth in Princeton's ordinances, and by establishing a more streamlined process by which staff and officials can react and addresses issues as they arise; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2020-14 explicitly authorizes the Mayor and Council by resolution to allow outdoor dining areas to be expanded onto publicly-owned property provided (1) the authorization is temporary, (2) there is no increase in the establishment's overall number of tables/seats, (3) the expansion is needed to comply with applicable social distancing or other COVID-19 related requirements imposed by the State, and (4) the public property in question is not subject to Green Acres regulations; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2020-14 also explicitly authorizes the Mayor and Council by resolution to close all or parts of sidewalks, close all or parts of streets, suspend or alter parking regulations, block off parking spaces and loading areas, and/or reserve or re-designate parking spaces and loading areas as may be needed to enable all legitimate right-of-way users, retail businesses and retail food establishments to comply with any COVID-19 related requirements and limitations imposed by the State, including safe distancing recommendations and

requirements for curbside pick-up; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2020-14 established an *ad hoc* committee to be known as the “COVID-19 Compliance Committee,” whose purpose *inter alia* is to identify issues related to or arising out of the various requirements and limitations imposed by Governor Murphy and/or the State legislature or administrative agencies, and to recommend solutions to the Mayor and Council for their approval by resolution or ordinance as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Compliance Committee received a request for the temporary removal of up to four on-street, non-metered parking spaces on the east side of Pine Street to accommodate the placement of an outdoor dining area in the municipal right-of-way on the west side of Pine Street, as depicted in Exhibit “B” and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Compliance Committee’s recommendation with the condition that emergency services vehicle traffic movement will not be impeded at the Pine Street / Nassau Street intersection is summarized in a memorandum from the COVID-19 Compliance Committee dated August 4, 2020 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the Compliance Committee’s recommendations will advance the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council therefore wish to approve the Compliance Committee’s recommendations.

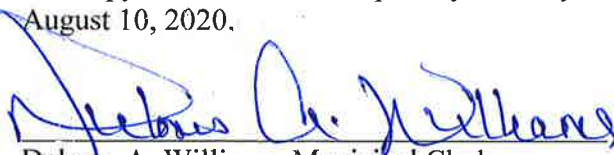
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton in Mercer County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The preamble to this resolution is hereby incorporated as fully restated herein.

2. The recommendations of the COVID-19 Compliance Committee described in Exhibit A attached hereto are hereby approved.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X			X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X		X	X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X	X		X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Lempert		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held August 10, 2020.



Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A Pine Street (PDF)
- Exhibit B Pine Street (PDF)