

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR OF BUSINESS

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

5:00 P.M.

REMOTE MEETING

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING #2020-005

MEETINGS ARE RECORDED

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GLOUCESTER, MA

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City Clerk

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CITY OF GLOUCESTER
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: Gloucester City Council
FROM: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken
DATE: June 1, 2020
RE: Temporary Zoning Relief to Businesses during COVID-19

We recommend a temporary amendment to the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, Section 5, and Section 1.11.2(e) and to amend the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance to provide for temporary zoning relief to businesses during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

For your consideration is a draft new section, 5.32 Temporary Zoning Relief To Businesses During COVID-19 Pandemic, which would provide temporary zoning relief to businesses in the City of Gloucester during the COVID-19 Pandemic to facilitate and encourage the reopening of existing businesses and to provide opportunities to stimulate economic activity during this time. This would allow businesses some flexible options during the next few months so that they can use outdoor and other additional spaces to the extent reasonably safe and feasible to operate, while providing required social distancing and other health and safety measures for patrons and employees.

This would be temporary and shall expire on December 1, 2020. We anticipate further guidance on this matter from the state in the coming days as it relates to Phase 2 of Reopening Massachusetts.

Please refer this matter to the Planning and Development Standing Committee for review and approval.

Should you have any questions or need any other information please let us know.

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Sefatia Romeo Theken

Temporary Zoning Relief To Businesses During COVID-19 Pandemic
Pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, sec.5 and Section 1.11 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance

City Council initiates a temporary amendment to the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40A, Section 5, and Section 1.11.2(e) and to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide for temporary zoning relief to businesses during the COVID-19 Pandemic as follows:

Insert a new 5.32 Temporary Zoning Relief To Businesses During COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Purpose and Duration.

The purpose of this Section is to provide temporary zoning relief to businesses in the City of Gloucester during the COVID-19 Pandemic to facilitate and encourage the reopening of existing businesses and to provide opportunities to stimulate economic activity during this time. The City takes this action to allow businesses some flexible options during the next few months so that they can use outdoor and other additional spaces to the extent reasonably safe and feasible to operate, while providing required social distancing and other health and safety measures for patrons and employees. This Section 5.32 is temporary and shall expire on December 1, 2020. This Section shall apply only to temporary structures and to temporary uses and only to the structures and uses described below. Such structures and uses shall not remain on the site or in use after the expiration of this Section, unless otherwise permitted by law.

2. Temporary Permit Exemption

Existing business uses as identified in Section 2.3.4 Business Uses including existing retail and consumers services as identified in Section 2.3.4(27) and restaurants as identified in Section 2.3.4(9) of the Zoning Ordinance shall be allowed to temporarily add outdoor seating, display, or takeout without requiring a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals or the City Council, or approval of the Planning Board under Section 5.9 Site Plan Review, as applicable. Such outdoor seating, display, or takeout operations may be proposed on public or private sidewalks, in parking spaces, or in parking lots, however all other codes, requirements and permissions shall be in effect. In lieu of a special permit or Site Plan Review requirements, applicants for outdoor seating, display, or takeout, shall be required to obtain a temporary use permit from the Building Department after an administrative application review by, including but not limited to, the Building Department, Health Department, and Public Safety Departments to ensure the safe use of the outdoor space.