



From the Office
Of
Mayor KENNETH J. HOPKINS

Executive Order: 21-02
March 26, 2021

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION ALLOWING EXPANDED OUTSIDE
DINING AT RESTAURANTS IN THE CITY OF CRANSTON**

This Emergency Declaration supplements both the Executive Order issued by former Mayor Allan Fung issued on March 15, 2020 declaring a state of local emergency and Supplemental Executive Order 20-08.

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 15, 2020, former Mayor Allan Fung issued a Declaration of a State of Local Emergency for the City of Cranston and on Thursday, March 19, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Cranston City Council by a majority vote continued said Declaration of a State of Local Emergency and all emergency powers granted therein until such time as former Governor Gina Raimondo of the State of Rhode Island lifted the state of emergency in our State and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kenneth Hopkins has not vacated any such orders; and

WHEREAS, local restaurants and businesses have been limited and financially hurt by the state and local emergencies declared by the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, they have been subject to restrictive operation permitting pursuant to State guidelines causing continued financial strain; and

WHEREAS, these restaurants and businesses need to conduct business effectively and be subject to the improving conditions and less restrictive guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH J. HOPKINS, pursuant to the powers vested in me under Charter Provision 5.01, to enforce the laws and ordinances of Cranston and the State Rhode Island and to preserve the peace, health, and safety of all of its inhabitants, do hereby issue the following order:

1. Every restaurant or other food and beverage serving establishment that is in good standing with the City of Cranston shall be eligible to obtain from the Cranston City Clerk's Office a "Temporary Outdoor Expansion of Premises License." Such license shall be strictly temporary and shall be permitted only so long as any emergency executive orders, directives, and/or guidelines related to COVID-19 are in effect in Cranston and the State. Such license shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the premise.

2. Every restaurant or other food and beverage serving establishment seeking such license shall file a "Temporary Outdoor Expansion of Premises Liability and Consent Form" with the Cranston City Clerk's Office that certifies that they will abide by all Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Rhode Island and Mayor of Cranston as well as all health, social distancing, sanitizing and safety protocols issued by the Rhode Island Department of Health, Department of Business Regulation, Commerce Corporation, Rhode Island Fire Marshal, and any other state or local agency with jurisdiction. The establishment further certifies that they will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Cranston for any claims or actions related to the use of such license.

3. Nothing in this order shall be construed to affect any regulations currently in place as pertaining to entertainment licensing. Any allowances of entertainment currently granted to any businesses or establishments under the licenses and ordinances of the City shall remain unchanged and unaffected and shall not be expanded under this Order.

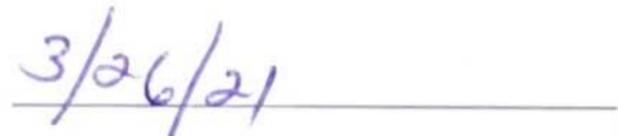
3. There shall be no fee for such temporary license.

4. Any required parking minimums and any other provision in our existing Code of Ordinances that conflict with the provisions of this duly authorized temporary outdoor expansion of premises license are hereby modified and/or suspended while the emergency executive orders, directives, and/or guidelines related to COVID-19 are in effect in Cranston and the state.

5. The Cranston Police Department, and any other local department designated by the Mayor are authorized to enforce and issue any violation of these provisions.

This Executive Order shall take effect on March 26, 2021 and shall last until such time as the State of Emergency in Rhode Island and/or the City of Cranston is lifted, or otherwise modified.


Kenneth J. Hopkins
Mayor


Date