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Harford County Executive Relaxes Parking Lot Requirements to Facilitate Outdoor Retail Sales

BEL AIR, Md., (May 14, 2020) - Harford County Executive Barry Glassman today signed an Executive Order temporarily waiving certain parking lot requirements to provide businesses with additional space in their lots for outdoor sales. The action under Harford County's State of Emergency takes effect Friday at 5 p.m. to coincide with Gov. Hogan's first phase of reopening Maryland. Sufficient parking must still be provided for visitors to commercial establishments and must comply with all fire, life safety, American Disability Act and social distancing requirements.

"Outdoor sales spaces are likely to be safer and less likely to spread COVID-19 than indoor sales," County Executive Glassman said. "As we begin to reopen in Harford County, this action will expand economic opportunities for our local businesses and their customers."

A copy of Executive Order 20-02 is attached.



Harford County Executive Barry Glassman signs Executive Order 20-02

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-02

DECLARATION FOR A WAIVER OF CERTAIN ZONING REQUIREMENTS DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, On March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, I declared a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency for Harford County; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2020, the Governor issued an executive order closing all non-essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2020 Governor Hogan issued an executive order allowing retail establishments to open to the general public but limited the occupancy to 50% of the maximum occupancy of the building as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor sales is more likely to be safer and less likely to lead to the spread of COVID-19 than indoor sales; and

WHEREAS, To facilitate outdoor sales and to promote needed economic recovery in Harford County.

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barry Glassman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Harford County, Maryland, and by the Maryland Constitution and the laws of Maryland, including but not limited to the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Local State of Emergency Plan, do hereby proclaim and order on this 14th day of May, 2020 that a state of emergency exists in Harford County and that in order to promote a safer environment for retail sales and to foster economic development in the County, I order that the following provisions of the Harford County Code be temporarily waived, in part, under the terms of this Executive Order, and only to the extent necessary to effectuate this Order provided that all fire, life safety and American Disability Act and social distancing requirements are met:

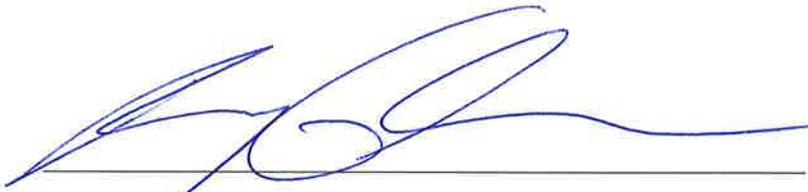
1. Requirements for off- street parking to the extent necessary to provide additional outdoor retail space while maintaining sufficient parking for individuals visiting the establishment.
2. Requirements applicable to temporary uses.

3. Requirements regarding use setbacks.
4. Requirements related to outdoor displays.
5. Requirements related to on premise signage.
6. Requirements related to outdoor storage.

Section 2. And Be It Further Ordered that the language of this Executive Order shall not be construed as a waiver of any requirement of a Harford County law or regulation unless specifically waived under this Order.

Section 3. And Be It Further Ordered that this Executive Order shall take effect at 5:00 pm on May 15, 2020.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of Harford County, Maryland, this 14 day of MAY, 2020.



Barry Glassman
Harford County Executive

ATTEST:



Name:

Title: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION