

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-56

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROVING TEMPORARY LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR OUTDOOR PATIO DINING AREAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, given the current COVID-19 crisis, the City of Kent dining establishments have endured the hardship of being temporarily closed in Kent; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide dining options that best suit the individual needs of patrons, the City desires to establish a temporary program permitting outdoor patio dining areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration has prepared guidelines for the establishment of temporary outdoor dining areas that offer streamlined flexibility to Kent restaurants, while also ensuring the safety of its patrons; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Council to establish criteria and to temporarily authorize outdoor patio dining areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That Council does hereby establish and approve the granting of Temporary Outdoor Patio Dining License Agreements without the need for further Council action. Temporary Licensees will be required to sign the Agreement as set forth on the attached Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof and any other criteria established by the City.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: June 17, 2020  
Date

EFFECTIVE: June 17, 2020  
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

J. Fiala  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL