

## Temporary Use Permits - COVID-19 Re-opening

As part of an effort to support the local economy, Monroe Township has determined that some local restaurants may be able to temporarily establish outdoor seating for their establishments with the issuance of a temporary use permit. These permits may allow restaurants, on a case-by-case, limited basis, to expand the areas available for outdoor seating through Sept 15, 2020. The temporary use permit for outdoor dining is only for restaurants with an active mercantile license from Monroe Township and will be limited to fifty per cent (50%) of the currently authorized seating capacity and will not be permitted to exceed one thousand square feet (1000 SF). If the restaurant currently has approved outdoor dining the temporary use permit is only necessary if the restaurant wishes to temporarily expand their approved outdoor dining space.

Restaurants and businesses interested in applying for a temporary use permit can find the corresponding application below. Completed applications should be sent to the Township Zoning Officer [cbevins@monroetwp.com](mailto:cbevins@monroetwp.com). There is no fee for a temporary use permit for qualifying restaurants and businesses.

Temporary use permits shall be restricted to normally permitted current zoning activity and shall be related to the principal commercial activities in operation on the subject property. Temporary use permits shall not be issued to occupy unimproved properties or areas identified as open space, preserve, drainage or detention areas, or landscape buffers. Safe ingress and egress shall be provided to the site, including emergency access measures at all times. If the applicant does not own the area, a letter from the property owner granting permission to utilize the subject area identified within the temporary use permit, during the requested time period, shall be provided by the applicant.

All restaurants and businesses receiving the temporary use permit must comply with the requirements of social distancing and other regulations in accordance with applicable Executive Orders issued by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy.