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To: Dover Small Business Food or Beverage Establishments

From: Carlos N. Sanchez, Deputy Town Administrator 

Re: Temporary Guidelines to Allow Small Music Performers At Existing Food, Dining or Beverage Establishments Limited To The Outdoor Space Available For Each Facility"

In an effort to continue to support the Dover small business community in re-opening and re-igniting their businesses during the State of Emergency and in support of Governor Murphy's Executive Order 150, signed on June 3, 2020, which allowed that starting June 15, 2020, food or beverage establishments, such as restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license; and bars and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, to offer in-person service at outdoor areas only; and

Executive Order 150, the New Jersey Commission of Health has issued Executive Order 20-014, which provides detailed protocols for food or beverage establishments offering services in outdoor areas; and the Acting Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control issued a Special Ruling Establishing a Temporary COVID-19 Permit to Expand Licensed Premises; and

Executive Order 150 grants to municipalities the authority to make all decisions with respect to establishing the process for allowing and determining the location of restaurants or bars to expand their service footprint on their property and potentially into shared spaces in a way that complies with public safety; and

The Town of Dover want to ensure that outdoor seating for food or beverage establishments is undertaken in a manner that both returns those businesses to successful operation quickly and in a manner consistent with the health and safety concerns of Covid-19, and also does not interfere with the operations of non-food or beverage retail establishments, which were also permitted to re-open on June 15, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order 150.

The Town of Dover fully supports the small business community and recognizes that their success is beneficial to all residents, visitors and employers of the Town and based on Local Municipal

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Executive Order #6 (see attached) to allow small outdoor performers, the following "TEMPORARY GUIDELINES TO ALLOW SMALL MUSIC PERFORMERS AT EXISTING FOOD, DINING OR BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS LIMITED TO THE OUTDOOR SPACE AVAILABLE FOR EACH FACILITY" as follows:

- 1) Facility (establishment) must demonstrate that appropriate and adequate space is available for equipment (sound system, speakers, etc.);
- 2) No more than two (2) Outdoor wireless speakers allowed. Speakers should not exceed 2' x 2' in sizes;
- 3) There shall be no electrical wires on the floors / sidewalks or next to outdoor tables – microphones and other equipment must be wireless;
- 4) Each performer must have their own equipment (guitar, key board, etc.) – no sharing equipment or microphones;
- 5) Music must be at a reasonable volume as to not disturb other establishments, residents or visitors of the Town;
- 6) All outdoor music must end by 10 pm Monday -Thursday and Sunday; 11:30 pm Friday and Saturday;
- 7) No "Open Mic" or "karaoke" will be permitted unless owner can demonstrate compliance with restrictions above and Governors Executive Order, DOH and DCA guidance on health and safety protocols;
- 8) All performers must comply with appropriate social distancing, health safety and disinfecting protocols as per Governor's Executive Order 150, New Jersey Commission of Health (DOH) Executive Order 20-014 and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) protocols;
- 9) Any violation of the above listed guidelines or any of the Governor's Executive Orders by any of the establishments will be grounds for immediate suspension of the privileges under "TEMPORARY GUIDELINES" established by the Town;

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10) The above "TEMPORARY GUIDELINES" will be in effect until The Governor's State of Emergency is rescinded and/or The Town of Dover issues additional Executive Orders rescinding these guidelines.