

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Office of the Selectmen

RESOLUTION

Regarding the Temporary Suspension of Zoning Regulations in Conflict with Executive Order No. 7MM & modification to the Ordinance Concerning Outdoor Private Gatherings Under Tents or Portable Structures

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued a declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued Executive Order No. 7MM entitled "Protection of Public Health & Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic & Response Expedited Approval and Permitting for Expanded Outdoor Dining."

WHEREAS, The Town of Middlebury has an Ordinance Concerning Outdoor Private Gatherings Under Tents or Portable Structures;

WHEREAS, the First Selectman has determined that certain changes to the town zoning and said ordinance is necessary to effectuate Executive Order No. 7MM.

NOW THEREFORE, I Edward B. St. John, First Selectman of the Town of Middlebury by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order and direct:

- 1. Through September 30, 2020 any Planning and Zoning Regulations for the Town of Middlebury that conflict with Executive Order No. 7MM shall be suspended;
- 2. Through September 30, 2020 the modification of Town of Middlebury Ordinance Concerning Outdoor Private Gatherings Under Tents or Portable Structures. SECTION 2 shall read as follows:

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall apply to all tents or portable structures used in gatherings of 100 or more persons or covering a ground area of more than one thousand two hundred square feet or in conjunction with outdoor dining and retail as addressed in Executive Order No. 7MM.

3. Any restaurant or retail business within the Town of Middlebury shall be permitted to conduct business outdoors in accordance with Executive Order No. 7MM provided said business entity submits a sketch of the proposed outdoor activity and completes the application provided by the Town of Middlebury attached hereto. Said application shall be expedited by the Town of Middlebury and does not require a filing fee.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middlebury, CT this 18th day of May 2020.

Edward B. St. John, First Selectman

Elaine M. Strobel, Selectman

Ralph Barra, Selectman