

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N # 21-129

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER
TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES PERMIT TO
HOPEWELL VALLEY ENTERPRISES
FOR A WEDDING EVENT AT THE HOPEWELL VALLEY VINEYARD**

WHEREAS, the Pulijal/Jonnavittula families seek permission to use the Hopewell Valley Enterprises property located at 46 Yard Road on May 29, 2021 for a “Wedding Event” from 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Attorney who has advised that this proposal can be authorized under a Temporary Activities Permit issued by the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Health Department, Hopewell Township Police Department, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety and the Municipal Construction Office, who have raised no objections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of April 2021, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer be directed to issue a Temporary Activities Permit to Hopewell Valley Enterprises for the “Pulijal/Jonnavittula Wedding Event” on May 29, 2021 subject to receipt of all final approvals and comments from the Hopewell Township Health Officer, Hopewell Township Police, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety, Municipal Construction Official and Zoning Officer, and subject to any relevant restrictions on use, noise, signs, etc. or other permits as may be required, including:

1. All distance separations shall comply with all applicable Executive Orders issued by the Governor of New Jersey, as well as any other requirements, conditions and/or limitations in the Governor’s Executive Orders, including, but not limited to Executive Order Nos. 150, 157, 158, 183, 194 and 196, allowing service by food or beverage establishments at indoor and outdoor areas, as well as State of New Jersey, Department of Health Executive Directive No. 20-019 (Revised 06/29/2020), outlining COVID-19 protocols for food or beverage establishments offering service in outdoor areas and Executive Directive No. 20-030 (Revised 12/11/2020), outlining COVID-19 protocols for food or beverage establishments offering indoor dining service, pursuant to applicable Executive Orders. **Occupied seating must be six (6) feet between parties and limited to a maximum of eight (8) guests per table.**

2. Policy (with signage) should require customers to wear masks until they are seated and at any time they are not seated at their table.
3. The consumption of alcoholic beverages will continue to be regulated by the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission; therefore, all applicants are responsible for verifying that their liquor license permits the serving of alcohol outdoors. If applicable, applicants are required to obtain a COVID-19 Expansion permit from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
4. If applicable, barriers establishing the perimeter of the designated outdoor dining area shall remain in place for the duration of this Temporary Activities Permit. Removal and replacement of the outdoor dining area on a daily basis to coincide with operating hours shall not be permitted.
5. If applicable, perimeter barriers within existing parking lot areas shall be a minimum of 42 inches in height and contain high-visibility / reflectorized materials to enhance visibility for vehicles within the active parking lot.
6. If applicable, temporary lighting used to illuminate outdoor dining areas shall not be directed to shine into or across existing parking areas or adjacent roads. Temporary lighting may be used during the permissible operating hours for the outdoor dining area only.
7. No temporary outdoor dining area shall be located within an approved delivery area, loading zone or fire lane.
8. No temporary outdoor dining area shall impact the effective functioning of the prior approved site plan, except for the specific mitigating measures approved as part of this application.
9. Roofs/tent tops/awnings/umbrellas are considered acceptable and must comply with NJ Department of Health regulations. **Food and beverage establishments are permitted to offer in-person service at outdoor areas, defined as open air spaces that either 1) have no roof or cover or 2) have a fixed roof or temporary or seasonal awning or cover, with at least two open sides that would comprise over 50 percent of the total wall space if the space were fully enclosed.** Tents must meet all Fire Safety permit requirements.
10. Tents that are greater than 16,800 square feet, and/or are erected for 180 days or more, and/or are erected between December 1 and March 31 require permitting from the municipal construction office.
11. **The fire code PROHIBITS the use of space heaters of any kind, including propane or other fuel fired heaters under tents, canopies, awnings and umbrellas. Commercially rated electric heaters MAY be permitted with proper approval through Fire Safety and proper permitting through the Municipal Construction Office. If your proposed electric heaters are approved through Fire Safety, temporary guidance documents supplied by the Fire Official will remain in effect for the duration of your Temporary Activities Permit.**

12. All temporary outdoor dining areas shall maintain the existing ground conditions with no changes in grade. Temporary flooring or mats are not permitted.
13. Any expansion or changes to the outdoor dining area to enlarge or alter the configuration of the occupied footprint shall invalidate this permit.
14. Indoor wedding ceremonies and receptions are limited to 150 persons or 35 percent of the room capacity of the venue, whichever is less.
15. All venues must follow current guidance found in Executive Directives 20-019 (Revised) Outdoor Dining and 20-030 (Revised) Indoor Dining (attached).

Date Adopted: April 19, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Laurie E. Gompf, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 19th day of April, 2021, via Zoom Video Communications.



Laurie E. Gompf, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk