

Council of the City of York, PA
Session 2020
Resolution No.

INTRODUCED BY: **Henry Hay Nixon**

DATE: **June 3, 2020**

WHEREAS, the small business community in the City of York has been greatly impacted by the Covid-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, our independent restaurants are still under strict guidelines from the Commonwealth prohibiting indoor dining, limiting the ability for our restaurant industry to recover; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of restaurants' revenues are derived from sales of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the City is allowing relaxed guidelines for outdoor dining in an effort to support restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Article 713.03 provides that the Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, may grant special permission to allow the distribution and consumption of alcohol on public streets, sidewalks and parks; and

WHEREAS, allowing open containers in designated areas will allow restaurants to serve alcohol in non-traditional settings, speeding their economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, loosening open container restrictions in designated areas will also encourage the public to come out and support local businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of York, PA, that Council hereby grants the Mayor the authority to allow open containers in areas designated by him for the purpose of accelerating the City's economic recovery through September 7, 2020.

PASSED FINALLY:

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

NAYS: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council

ATTEST:

Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk