

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

R E S O L U T I O N #21-67

**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 Clarke/Chipowsky families received permission to use the Hopewell Valley Enterprises property located at 46 Yard Road on October 24, 2020 for a “Wedding Event” from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the families seek to amend the date of the “Wedding Event” to now be held on October 23, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 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 16th day of February 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 “Clarke/Chipowsky Wedding Event” on October 23, 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. Tent tops/roofs are considered acceptable and must comply with NJ Department of Health regulations. To be considered "outdoor" dining, **three (3) sides must be open air; the tent may only have one (1) wall.** More than one (1) wall restricts air flow and is not acceptable. Tents must meet all Fire Safety permit requirements. Awnings and umbrellas may be used.
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. **Space heaters of any kind, including propane heaters, are prohibited.** Commercial electric heaters are permitted with proper permitting through the municipal construction office.
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 are limited to 150 persons or 25 percent of the room capacity of the venue, whichever is less. Indoor wedding receptions are limited to 10 persons. If the wedding ceremony and reception are held in the same venue, the ceremony is limited to 150 persons or 25 percent of the room capacity of the venue, whichever is less, and the reception is limited to 10 persons.
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: February 16, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Deputy 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 16th day of February, 2021, via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR
Deputy Municipal Clerk