

RESOLUTION 12 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MONONGAHELA, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR
DINING**

WHEREAS, the City of Monongahela, County of Washington, is a duly organized City of the Third Class and a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “Commonwealth”); and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority pursuant to the Third Class City Code and the Municipality Planning Code to impose certain regulations to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, on March 11th, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6th, 2020, due to the spread of COVID-19 under the authority of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7501, *et seq.* that authorized the suspension of certain procedures and formalities prescribed by law and urged local municipalities to “act as necessary to meet the current exigencies;” and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Monongahela issued a Declaration of Emergency on April 1, 2020, which was indefinitely extended by the Council of the City of Monongahela on April 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused extreme hardship to the City’s businesses, including its food service establishments; and

WHEREAS, the offices of the Governor and Pennsylvania Department of Health have issued certain regulations and guidelines regarding food service establishments and the encouragement of outdoor eating arrangements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III of the City of Monongahela Zoning Ordinance and Chapter 21, Section 404 of the City of Monongahela Code of Ordinances of 1995, certain restrictions and requirements already exist for the implementation of outdoor dining and blocking of sidewalks within the City; and

WHEREAS, outdoor dining by food service establishments is currently only permitted in the C-1 and MU districts;

WHEREAS, the City desires to mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19 on City taxpayers by using its discretion to temporarily suspend and/or modify requirements for outdoor dining.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Monongahela, at a duly called meeting this 8th day of July, 2020, as follows:

1. Outdoor dining by food service establishments shall be explicitly permitted in the following zoning districts: C-1, MU, MRU, C-2, and RD.

