



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

CLASS B LICENSEES PERMITTED TO SELL BEER AND WINE WITH TAKE OUT AND ALL GATHERINGS LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

MARCH 21, 2020: The Town of South Kingstown is monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, is following State and Federal guidance to help promote the health and safety of our community, and is implementing additional precautionary measures to reduce opportunities for COVID-19 transmission in South Kingstown.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Emergency declared by the Governor March 9th, 2020, the Declaration of Emergency by the Town Council March 15th, 2020, and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 20-8 issued March 20th, 2020 and the recent directive issued by the Governor relative to gatherings, the Town Manager has issued an Executive Order today amending emergency measures initially authorized March 16th, 2020. The Town is providing notice of the following:

Effective March 17th, 2020, all restaurants and coffee shops were shut down and are to remain closed until Monday, March 30, 2020 except for take-out, drive-through, and delivery services. **Effective March 21st, 2020, all Class B licensees are permitted to sell up to 2 bottles of wine and 144 ounces of beer in original factory sealed containers with take-out food orders**, provided such sales shall be made in accordance with §1.4.10 of the RI Department of Business Regulation Liquor Control Regulations 230-RICR-30-10-1. Any restaurant or establishment that offers beer or wine pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order must do so in accordance with the social distancing protocols and guidance set forth by the RI Department of Health. **In addition, all gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited.** The South Kingstown Police Department is authorized to enforce these regulations in accordance with state directives and the Emergency Management Statute. The full Executive Order is attached to this Press Release for ease in reference.

Guidance for Members of the Public: During this pandemic, all residents are strongly advised to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing. The Town echoes the guidance issued by the Governor for residents to please stay home, except for running essential errands such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, and avoid crowded places. Please be advised that even when gathering in small numbers, social distancing guidance is to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. Residents are strongly advised to follow proper handwashing techniques, and proper cough and sneeze techniques; to remain home if you are sick (with any symptoms); and to self-quarantine for 14 days and contact RIDOH if you have traveled anywhere internationally in the last 14 days. Residents should be aware of potential COVID-19 symptoms including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Residents are advised to contact their healthcare provider if they believe they may have COVID-19, and per RIDOH guidance, please do not go directly to a healthcare facility without first calling, unless you are experiencing a medical emergency. Residents are strongly advised to stay up to date on the Federal, State, and local response to, and guidance on, the evolving COVID-19 situation. Please visit the Town's COVID-19 webpage for up to date information and links to Federal, State, and local resources www.southkingstownri.com/998/COVID-19. Because of the evolving nature of this ongoing community health situation, the Town may implement additional mitigation measures with short notice, and the information provided here is subject to change. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. For additional updates from the Town, as well as information and resources related to COVID-19, we encourage residents to visit www.southkingstownri.com. Updates and information will also be shared via the Town's official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/southkingstownri. Questions can be referred to the Town Manager's Office at (401) 789-9331 x1201.



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE ORDER

In an effort to protect our community and do all we can to help control the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with a directive issued March 16, 2020 by the Governor of Rhode Island, and Executive Order 20-08 issued March 20, 2020 by the Governor of Rhode Island, the following emergency measures adopted March 16, 2020 are amended as follows:

Effective March 17, 2020 all restaurants and coffee shops will shut down and remain closed until Monday, March 30, 2020, except for take-out, drive-through, and delivery services.

Effective March 21, 2020 all Class B licensees are permitted to sell up to 2 bottles of wine and 144 ounces of beer in original factory sealed containers, with take-out food orders, provided such sales shall be made in accordance with §1.4.10 of the RI Department of Business Regulation Liquor Control Regulations 230-RICR-30-10-1. Any restaurant or establishment that offers beer or wine pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order must do so in accordance with the social distancing protocols and guidance set forth by the RI Department of Health.

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Issued March 21, 2020.

By

Robert Zarnetske, Town Manager

Attest:

Susan M. Flynn, Town Clerk