



# The Town of Barnstable

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### **HYANNIS MAIN STREET BARRIERS TO BE REMOVED NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Outdoor Business in the extended areas is November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (*Hyannis, MA – October 20, 2020*) In response to the cooler temperatures and other off-season transitions, the Town of Barnstable is removing the concrete barriers installed on Hyannis Main Street. The barriers were placed to create additional space for pedestrians and outdoor business use and to promote public health and safety in response to the COVID-19 health crisis.

The last day of outdoor business use will be Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Businesses will have all day on the 16<sup>th</sup> and until 5pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> to remove any items or installations that have been placed between the barriers and the sidewalk. Barriers will be removed starting on the night of Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and work will continue at night until all barriers are removed.

Restaurants that had outdoor dining areas prior to the COVID-19 State of Emergency may revert to using the previously permitted footprints; social distancing requirements established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts continue to apply.

All temporary licenses issued in 2020 to businesses to use Town property will expire on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Town of Barnstable was proud to support business on Hyannis Main Street this summer and received overwhelmingly positive feedback from merchants and visitors in response to the modifications made to the street. The Town will evaluate the reinstallation of the barriers in the spring, and welcomes feedback from residents and merchants.

The decision to remove the barriers in November was driven by feedback from businesses that the use of outdoor dining areas is limited by the cold temperatures and the desire to have ample, convenient parking for shoppers during the holiday season. The Town also needs the ability to promptly and safely respond should we get a snow event that requires plowing.

We would like to recognize the tremendous efforts from so many Town of Barnstable employees who worked to make this project a success including Departments and Divisions of Public Works, Licensing, Health, Asset Management, Legal, Planning & Development, and the Barnstable Police Department and Hyannis Fire Department. We also thank the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District for their contribution to the effort.

The Town of Barnstable encourages everyone to stay the course and keep physical distance, wear a mask/face covering whenever in public, wash hands and frequently touched surfaces, avoid crowds, and choose outdoor activities over indoor ones when possible.

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