Greetings fellow business owners, property owners, and community stakeholders! The city has been responding to our advocacy on many levels. On Wednesday, June 6th, the City Council will vote to approve legislation to allow temporary expansion for restaurants into the public ROW (i.e. sidewalks, parking space/ private lots, parklets and streets). This is super exciting news and I look forward to providing the details of that process once they are available. There are areas of concentrated activity where we see the opportunity to do some things on a larger scale for our community. We kickstart those discussions soon. This is a time for us to rally around and embrace our ENTIRE community...LET'S GET IT DONE!

City of Cleveland’s Working Capital Loans

The City of Cleveland has approved the first round of Working Capital Loan program loans. I was happy to see several businesses in Tremont on the list of businesses receiving these funds. The City expects to get the payments out in the next four to six weeks. If you applied but were not awarded a loan, the City expects to be able to fund your application once the next round of funding becomes available.

Applications for the City’s two new programs are now available:

- The Restoration Working Capital Loan program provides working capital loans. Large businesses (more than 30 employees) can receive a loan of up to $100,000 and small businesses (fewer than 30 employees) can receive a loan of up to $25,000. More information and the application is available here.

- The City is also offering working capital loans up to $20,000 for Specially Impacted Businesses (restaurants, personal care businesses and storefront retail establishments.). Up to $10,000 (50%) of the loan is forgivable if spent on costs associated with PPE or COVID-related safety (i.e. signage, plexiglass dividers, masks for employees, etc.) Just make sure you save your receipts for safety-related purchases. More information and the application is available here.
City of Cleveland’s Temporary Outdoor Dining Legislation

Last night, Cleveland City Council announced that they will introduce emergency legislation to allow for restaurants to temporarily expand into the public right of way creating outdoor dining space through full or partial street closures (i.e. Professor Avenue), parklets in parking lanes in front of businesses, private parking lots, and other public rights-of-way. The legislation should pass on Wednesday. I don’t have any more information on what the approval process will look like, but I wanted you to know as soon as I did so you can start thinking about how you might take advantage of this. If you serve alcohol and would like to expand your liquor permit, I have provided the application to do so below.

There a few businesses who wanted this yesterday on Professor. I see an opportunity along West 14th to implement something on a district scale as well. I encourage others to reach out about sidewalk or lot encroachments expansions. We need to plan for these spaces comprehensively and support you in the approval process.

The City’s Economic Development Department has been asked if the expenses related to creating more outdoor space (barriers, furniture, etc) would be eligible for their forgivable Working Capital loans and they do not know that yet. I will share more when they approve the eligible expenses for this program.

Division of Liquor Control – Expansion Applications

DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL - EXPANSION APPLICATIONS DURING COVID-19
During the term of the COVID-19 health emergency in Ohio, the Division of Liquor Control will streamline the review process on temporary liquor permit premises expansion requests. The Request for Expansion Application can be found here.

- Supporting documentation that may be required may include the permit number and location/address. Maps, photos, and sketches will also be considered.
- Inspections are not required for the temporary expansion request application. A Compliance Agent from the Division’s Investigative Services Unit may visit your permit premises to view the proposed expansion, take photos, and record any other pertinent information.
- Your request may require approval by your local board of health and/or legislative authority.
- There is no cost to the permit holder.
- Temporary Expansions will expire on August 5, 2020.
- All temporary expansion requests with supporting documentation must be submitted to the Division via email to LiquorLegal@com.state.oh.us.
• Local authorities have jurisdiction and will enforce any liquor violations with the assistance of Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Investigative Unit.
• **USE OF OUTDOOR PREMISES MUST COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS AND ANY OTHER ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR OR DIRECTOR OF HEALTH DURING THE TERM OF THE COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

For further guidance permit holders are encouraged to contact the Division’s Legal Section at LiquorLegal@com.state.oh.us.

Honeycomb Bond

Honeycomb is announcing a new product for small businesses that offers debt-free capital and a new way to engage their communities during a time of crisis.

Honeycomb **Loyalty Bonds** enable small businesses to raise cash quickly by selling a gift card “subscription” that will keep customers coming back for years to come.

Honeycomb has helped several businesses in Cleveland with access to capital and created this specific program in response to the current crisis. Let us know if you are interested and we will connect you with the appropriate people.

**Responsible Restart Resources**

- CDC Main Employer Resource Page
  - [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- FDA Best Practices
  - [Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up/Delivery Services](#)
- Food & Beverage Issues Alliance – this is a nonprofit source, but the information was vetted by FEMA
  - [Food Industry Recommended Protocols When Employee/Guest is Sick](#)
- OSHA Regulations and Guidance
  - [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)
  - [Worker Exposure Risk to COVID-19](#)
  - [COVID-19 Guidance for the Construction Workforce](#)
  - [COVID-19 Guidance for the Manufacturing Industry Workforce](#)
  - [COVID-19 Guidance for the Package Delivery Workforce](#)
  - [COVID-19 Guidance for Retail Workers](#)
  - [Prevent Worker Exposure to Coronavirus (COVID-19)](#)

With other neighborhood-based partners around the city, we have been promoting the support of small and local businesses through:
Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) CARES Act Update

- Another round of funding is opening with more flexible rules for smaller businesses and eligible lenders. There have been smaller banks and organizations certified to offer this program. Email us to find out the best options available as soon as possible if you have not already applied.
- Highlights
  - Only 25% of forgivable expenses can be non-payroll
  - Loan terms – 1% over 2 years with first 6 months deferred

Please contact Khalid Hawthorne (khalidhawthorne@tremontwest.org) or Cory Riordan (coryriordan@tremontwest.org) directly for assistance and support. We also want to share the following information and resources for you:

- Cuyahoga County Small Business Stabilization Resources
- City of Cleveland Emergency Working Capital Program
- SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program – Low-interest, long-term loans of up to $2M; Call the Small Business Administration’s Cleveland Office at 216- 522-4180 for more details.
- CARES Act Tax Updates
- Tremont News – www.experiencetremont.com/about/newsroom
  Information about latest updates regarding the COVID-19 crisis and general community updates.
- Ohio City COVID-19 Resources – www.ohiocity.org/covid19
- Greater Cleveland Partnership has a growing list of companies in Cleveland who are currently hiring.
- Ohio Development Services Agency released a survey trying to assess damages to businesses: Economic Damage Assessment Survey
- The City of Cleveland has deferred payment for six months on most loans issued by the city and aid businesses seeking to obtain deferment on loans issued by other lenders. (Cleveland.com article)

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