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## Katherine Garrahan and Bob Cox write “Broader state authorization, municipal flexibility needed to help businesses survive” for Worcester Telegram

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The *Worcester Telegram* has published “Broader state authorization, municipal flexibility needed to help businesses survive” by Katherine Garrahan and Bob Cox. Local businesses have been closing their doors due to the impacts of COVID-19. Restaurants and retail businesses have been hit the hardest since they are unable to adapt in the same ways that white-collar businesses can. Below is an excerpt from their article discussing some of the latest reopening news from Governor Baker.

We were heartened by this week’s issuance by Governor Baker of COVID-19 Order No. 35, including relief for seated food services, which allows cities and towns to administratively approve zoning related requests and amendments to existing decisions, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission’s advisory to licensing authorities of cities and towns permitting streamlined review of layout plans for outdoor table service.

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