



*Waltham, Massachusetts*

## **Resolution**

### **Concerning Lowering the Meals Tax**

*April 27, 2020*

**WHEREAS...** Waltham has been known as “Restaurant Row”, as restaurants are the heart of downtown Waltham, and

**WHEREAS...** The current meals tax rate in Waltham is 7.0%, which comprises a 6.25% state tax and a 0.75% local option tax, and

**WHEREAS...** The local option meals tax became effective on Waltham on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, and

**WHEREAS...** Most restaurants in Waltham are locally-owned small businesses, and

**WHEREAS...** The recent COVID-19 crisis has drastically reduced restaurant income, and thus has negatively affected many of its lower wage workers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...** that the City Council consider removing the 0.75% local option meals tax.

**Read and adopted** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest: Robert J. Waddick, City Clerk**

Respectfully submitted:

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Councillor George A. Darcy III