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Mayor Bethune:

First of all, thank you for your diligent service during these pressing times. I will try to keep this brief as I imagine yourself and your office is very busy.

As an citizen engaged to be married, having already postponed a wedding 1 time, we are wondering when you will provide any guidance on when wedding venues can legally reopen? They are not included in any of the 3 “reopen phases” and are currently in the dark concerning if/when they can begin hosting ceremonies/receptions again. It doesn’t have to be tomorrow, or next week, or even next month, but these businesses need to be told something. I realize these are trying times, and things are very uncertain, but even before the pandemic, the world had some uncertainty. 100s if not 1000s of couples (including children and grandchildren of government officials all over our great city) cannot solidify their wedding plans with their venue and guests until the government provides some sort of guidance to these venues. It is becoming very frustrating to be in the dark.

I feel if we are going to allow a “Bike Rally” in July with 10k+ bikers, weddings of large groups should also be allowed and it would be a complete double-standard to not. Please release some form of communications to these venues and the engaged couples eagerly awaiting the biggest day of their lives, thank you very much again.

-James Mazzeo