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A Guide for Temporary Outdoor Seating

The City of Jacksonville has assembled the following information to assist restaurants desiring to establish areas for non-permanent outdoor dining areas due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Temporary outside dining may occur after a zoning permit has been issued provided the following items can be met:

- 1) May not create any permanent fixtures or structures, this includes signage and lighting;
- 2) The area be no larger than 1,000 sq. ft.;
- 3) May use no more than 6 parking spaces or 15% of required parking whichever is smaller;
- 4) May use cones, moveable barricades or tents to create the seating area;
- 5) The total number of indoor and outdoor seating may not exceed the approved occupant load of the building;
- 6) The outdoor seating area shall not obstruct the movement of pedestrians along sidewalks or through areas intended for public use. Cannot block any required ingress/egress required by building or fire codes;
- 7) Cannot block any required driveway, drive isles, stacking areas, parking spaces, loading areas or any other feature required by the Unified Development Ordinance. This also includes required landscaping or bufferyard areas;
- 8) Any tent must be approved by Jacksonville Fire and Emergency Services;
- 9) The outdoor seating area shall be located no closer than 100 feet from any single-family residential zoning district;
- 10) The outdoor seating areas of the restaurant shall not operate after 2:00 AM;
- 11) No music or entertainment outside of the establishment after 10 p.m. if within 1,000 feet of a residential zoning district;
- 12) The outdoor seating area shall meet all ADA standards; and
- 13) The provisions for temporary outdoor seating areas expire on March 31, 2021.

The Planning and Inspections Department will be happy to assist with your proposed outside dining area. Should a permanent outside dining area be desired, staff can also go over options and permit requirements. Staff from the Planning and Inspections Department can be reached by calling 910-938-5232 or by stopping by City Hall located at 815 New Bridge Street.