

**Memorandum
General Administration**

To: Mayor and City Council
**Subject: Special Authority to Grant Authorizations to
Accommodate Outdoor Seating Arrangements
During Covid-19 Mandates**
Date: May 21, 2020



With the Governor's recent changes to the Covid-19 mandates allowing Bars and Restaurants to open for outside consumption, some temporary changes to our usual approval system are being recommended.

In the past requests for outdoor consumption of alcohol and / or food, have been presented before the City Council for approval, unless a specified outdoor seating area with alcohol consumption has already been granted to an establishment as part of their liquor license. These requests included activities on the establishment's private property and the City's right of way, including restaurant / bar seating on the sidewalk and closing of streets.

In lieu of current events and the rapidly changing Covid-19 requirements from the Governor, the approval process can be streamlined by granting this approval authority jointly to the Local Liquor Commissioner and the City Manager.

All requests will be reviewed on an individual basis and all activities will need to conform to the current requirements for our region, as well as State and local regulations.

The Council will be informed of all approved activity.

This authorization will remain in effect until such time as the Governor has lifted all restrictions on bars and restaurants.

Recommendation: To authorize the Local Liquor Commissioner and City Manager temporary joint authority to approve outdoor food and beverage activities, including sidewalk / street / alley closings if necessary.

Submitted by: Linda K. Mohr, Executive Assistant / Interim City Clerk

Approved by: Randy Tweet, City Manager