

PASCO COUNTY RESTAURANT RECOVERY- Phase 1

Restaurants seeking to temporarily expand outdoor seating area by using parking spaces or other areas of their property do not need to submit any permit application to do so given the following:

- No streets, driveways, drive aisles, drive throughs or other means for traffic circulation are impeded or blocked.
- ADA Parking Spaces and required access to/from those spaces is not impeded.
- Seating areas cannot encroach or enter any landscape buffers.
- Additional permits may be required for the use of tents. Please confirm with Central Permitting prior to installation.
- Any alcohol sales or consumption must comply with state guidelines. This may include some form of barrier or designated entryway. Temporary barriers on the restaurant property to comply with these requirements do not require additional permitting.
- Temporary barriers on the restaurant property to safely delineate the seating area do not require additional permitting if they do not pose a safety hazard to occupants. No permanent barriers may be installed without proper permits.
- Permanent plumbing, electrical, and lighting fixtures shall not be installed.
- Any temporary lighting will be directed in a manner to not impair visibility on nearby streets and not shine into nearby residences.
- For restaurants within a strip mall, plaza, shopping center or other multi-tenant space, the restaurant must receive permission from the property manager/owner prior to expanding outdoor seating into common parking, pedestrian or greenspace areas.
- Any directions by the Fire Marshal to modify or discontinue the use due to safety concerns shall be heeded immediately.
- Use must cease, or be modified for compliance, if there is a State or Local order further restricting such use.
- Upon expiration of the existing State/Local orders restricting capacity, or upon a State or Local order allowing 100% restaurant capacity indoors, the use of outdoor common and/or parking areas for seating shall cease, any barriers placed therein shall be removed, and all areas formerly used for parking shall be returned for parking use.

Question:

Can I utilize the fire lane or other currently restricted areas near the building?

Answer:

No, the fire lane and other areas that are currently restricted (such as fire department connection and standpipe areas) must always remain clear of any obstacles. Access to these areas by emergency vehicles also cannot be restricted in any way.

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