

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

**VIRTUAL MEETING HOSTED AT
MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 WEST GRAY, NORMAN, OK**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

5:30 P.M.

This is a virtual meeting - Councilmembers Bierman, Foreman, Peacock, Petrone, Hall, Wilson, Holman, and Mayor Clark are appearing via video conference

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING TEMPORARY USE OF PARKING LOTS AND/OR SPACES FOR OUTDOOR DINING USES.

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Utilizing Parking Spaces for Outdoor Dining during COVID

Council Conference
September 8, 2020

Background

- Across the country, cities are getting creative to help small businesses impacted by COVID-19 restrictions
- A number of cities have been utilizing parking lots/spaces to extend the dining areas for restaurants
 - Allows for spacing
 - Additional capacity
- CPTC first discussed this topic in July 2020.



Approaches Seen in Other Cities



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Boulder, CO

- Temporary Outdoor Expansion in public ROW and private spaces allowed for a number of commercial uses (restaurants, retail, office, personal service, etc.)
- Revocable permits required - issued by CM - evaluated based on:
 - Public health, safety, welfare impacts
 - Balance of needs of commercial uses to have an economically viable use with needs of surrounding property owners
 - Access to utility infrastructure
 - Adequate access through the area
 - Health/convenience of business, employees, customers, residents/visitors
 - Term of permit; hours of operation
 - Impacts to others in the area
- Initial order expires September 30



Ft. Collins, CO

- Temporary Outdoor Expansion on City or private property adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the fixed location for restaurants, liquor licensed establishments and retail establishment
- Revocable permits required – issued by City Engineer – evaluated based on:
 - Up to date on all licensing, City requirements
 - Closure is safe
 - Sufficiently mitigates impact to the public’s ability to safely and conveniently bypass the proposed closure
 - Compliance with applicable laws, including ADA
 - Maintains adequate emergency access
 - Compatible with other activities in the vicinity
- Order expires on September 27



Stillwater, OK

- Temporary Outdoor Expansion in adjacent public ways and parking lots allowed for restaurants and bars
- Revocable Permit required - issued by CM – evaluated based on:
 - Permanent location within Stillwater; up to date on all licensing and permits; general liability insurance to indemnify the City
 - Extended service area is limited to immediately adjacent sidewalk, on-street parking area, and/or private lot
 - Enclosed by physical barrier to separate service area from public ROW and deny access to persons who aren't customers
 - Tables, chairs and equipment within barriers must be physically distanced
 - ADA access into extended service area.
- Order expires November 30



Existing Norman Ordinances/Processes

- Special Event permits: outdoor festivals, gatherings, etc anticipated to last more than 2 hours, open to the public, with 1000 or more people anticipated to attend.
- Allows for street closures, barricades, to operate the special event area



Existing Norman Ordinances/Processes

- Parking Variances –
 - evaluated by PD
 - Must still allow adequate emergency and pedestrian access
- Sidewalk Dining
 - Allows restaurants to have outside food service adjacent to business
 - Must maintain public access along the sidewalk



Issues to Consider

- Safety
 - Accessible pedestrian access
 - Dining Areas must be protected from traffic
- Loss of public parking
- License
 - ABLE license – “licensed premises” – includes adjacent premises if in the control of the licensee and used in connection with the business
 - Sidewalk?
- Coordination with adjacent properties



Issues to Consider

- Process
 - Revocable Permit
 - Safety Barriers
 - Adequate Access to Expansion Area and around it
 - Social distancing
 - Insurance/Indemnification
 - Who approves? Evaluation by PD and Public Works a must
 - Expiration Date (mask ordinance sunsets November 30)



Temporary Outdoor Expansion Permits

Questions/Comments?

