



May 7, 2020

To Restaurant Owners and Operators:

On April 29, 2020, the Governor issued Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan For Florida's Recovery. The plan allows for the phased opening of non-essential services and activities, and requires all individuals to continue following CDC safety and social distancing guidelines. The Phase 1 Plan allows for the opening of restaurants under the following conditions:

"Restaurants and Food Establishments may reopen dining areas with a maximum occupancy of 25% of the stated building capacity. Bar counters where alcohol is served must remain closed. Outdoor seating is permitted under the Governor's order without building capacity limitations, as long as appropriate CDC social distancing guidelines are followed."

To assist local restaurant owners and operators in their recovery efforts, the City of Temple Terrace will temporarily suspend outdoor seating regulations and allow restaurants to set up outdoor tables and chairs to boost seating capacity while adhering to social distancing requirements. The outdoor seating would not count toward the 25% maximum building occupancy so restaurant owners and operators would be able to serve a greater number of patrons while complying with the Governor's Order and CDC social distancing guidelines.

In its temporary suspension of outdoor seating regulations, the City would allow restaurant owners and operators to utilize spaces that aren't typically used for seating, like parking lots and parklets, as long as the expansion of such outdoor seating did not constitute a safety hazard to residents or to the safe and efficient operation of the City.

The following requirements must be followed during the temporary suspension of outdoor seating regulations:

- Restaurants that use outdoor seating must ensure that outdoor dining areas are maintained and free of trash and other debris;
- Face coverings are encouraged for restaurant staff;
- Outdoor dining areas must provide for at least six feet of social distancing between tables and all tables and chairs must be on solid surfaces;
- No part of an outdoor dining area may block entrances, exits, fire lanes, fire hydrants, drive aisles, back-up areas, pedestrian or handicapped access;

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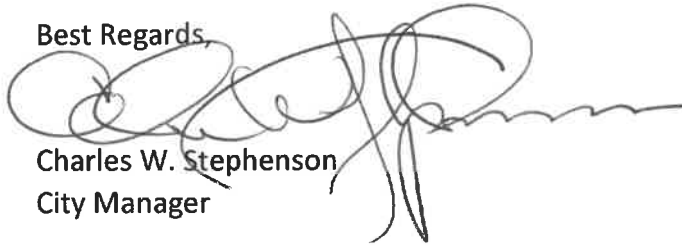
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- Parking spaces may be used for outdoor dining areas with the property owner's consent; there must be a physical barrier or separation to protect customers from vehicle traffic, such as bollards or planter boxes;
- The outdoor seating must comply with Fire Department standards, including points of egress and access to fire extinguishers;
- If a tent or canopy is to be used, its fabric must be flame resistant in accordance with NFPA 701, it must meet safety guidelines, it must have open air flow and it may not have walls.

Outdoor seating regulations will be relaxed until full indoor occupancy is allowed. It is our hope that our community will be back to normal in the not so distant future.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work through this challenge together.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles W. Stephenson', written over a light gray background.

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