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TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING OPERATIONS POLICY FOR RESTAURANTS DURING DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY

**Effective Friday, May 15, 2020 through end of Georgia Declared State of Emergency
Caused by COVID-19 Pandemic (“State of Emergency”)**

Pursuant to authority of Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Georgia related to restaurants during the State of Emergency, and pursuant to authority granted to the City Manager in Sec. 50-108 of the Sandy Spring Code of Ordinances to promulgate special event policies, the City Manager hereby establishes this policy and guidelines for temporary outdoor dining areas for restaurants during the State of Emergency.

Due to the State of Emergency and the distancing requirements imposed by the Executive Orders, the City understands that some restaurant establishments will seek alternatives to their existing indoor and outdoor configurations by extending operations to new outdoor common areas, such as parking lots. In an effort to ensure that the social distancing requirements are met while encouraging restaurant establishments to resume operations, the City will allow certain flexible outdoor operating allowances on a temporary basis that may not otherwise be permitted by City Code. City staff proposes that such allowances may be permitted if a restaurant meets the following requirements:

1. Permit: Restaurants in good standing with the City may apply for a Temporary Outdoor Dining Operations Permit (“Temporary Permit”) which shall be valid through the term of the declared State of Emergency. There shall be no fee for the Temporary Permit.
2. Alcohol: Restaurants properly licensed for consumption on the premises may allow on-premises consumption of alcohol, so long as all appropriate social distancing measures and occupancy requirements are met.
3. Occupancy: Temporary outdoor operations authorized by a Temporary Permit may not exceed the occupancy previously authorized by the Fire Marshall for the interior space and occupancy requirements established in any Executive Order. Such temporary outdoor operations shall be confined inside tents or other approved structures in order to allow for increased patronage.
4. ADA Requirements: No temporary outdoor operations shall be placed on a sidewalk unless an ADA accessible path is provided for the general public.
5. Executive Orders: Temporary outdoor operations shall comply in all respects with all requirements for restaurants and eating establishments outlined in Governor’s Executive Order 05.12.20.



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6. Life Safety Requirements: A minimum of one fire extinguisher (rated 2A10BC) shall be provided for temporary outdoor operations. Points of ingress and egress shall not be blocked to temporary outdoor operations for any reason.
7. Tents: Individual tents shall be under 400 square feet in area (with sides) or 700 square feet in area (without sides). Tents exceeding these sizes will require application through the Fire Marshall's office. This process takes approximately one (1) week, which may extend processing of the Temporary Permit application.
8. Traffic and Parking: Temporary outdoor operations shall not interfere with normal vehicular traffic movement, to include Fire Department access to the building and access to fire hydrants and other firefighting equipment.
9. Health Department Requirements: Food preparation shall be conducted inside the restaurant kitchen facilities and shall be prepared in compliance with all Fulton County Health Department requirements.
10. Landlord Approval: Temporary outdoor dining may not occur outside the property lease area of the restaurant without the written authorization of the landlord.

The City is instituting the following additional requirements in connection with temporary outdoor dining:

1. The maximum size of any party shall be limited to five (5) persons per table.
2. Seats shall be at least twenty-four (24) inches apart (in addition to the six (6) foot table separation).
3. All restaurant staff shall wear masks, covering the nose and mouth.
4. Restaurants are encouraged to use disposable menus or clean menus after each use.
5. All restrooms shall be cleaned and sanitized at the start of every shift, at the end of the day and periodically throughout the day.
6. Additional guidance from the Georgia Restaurant Association can be found here: <https://www.garestaurants.org/news/covid-19-employer-guidance>.

The City of Sandy Springs is committed to working with local businesses as they resume operations. For questions regarding compliance with this Temporary Outdoor Dining Operations Policy, please contact the City of Sandy Springs Community Development Director Ginger Sottile :gsottile@sandyspringsga.gov or 770.730.5600.

Application for a Temporary Outdoor Dining Operations permit may be made online at <http://www.sandyspringsga.gov/business/economic-development/covid-19>