



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH COVID-19 TEMPORARY MEASURES

Background:

The purpose of this item is to discuss continuing, sun-setting, and/or adding to the temporary measures the City of Delray Beach has taken in response to COVID-19 impacts. The City and the local businesses have been navigating changing limitations and regulations from the State and County since March. Currently, all businesses are open without expressed capacity limitations, except for the charge to socially distance patrons.

To date, the City has undertaken the following measures:

1. Temporary Outdoor Use Areas on Private Property (7)
2. Temporary New and Expanded Sidewalk Cafes (9)
3. Designated Delivery/Pick Up Zones in the downtown (12 @ 2 parking spaces ea.)
4. Suspended Special Events hosted by outside promoters
5. Suspended Water Shut Off for non-payment
6. Suspended Parking Fees (Beach area while closures in effect; Downtown from March to September 18)
7. Currently Limiting Parking Fees downtown to begin at 6 pm for on-street and parking garages.
8. Delayed Billing residents for Alarm Fees.
9. Delayed Billing businesses for Sidewalk Cafe Permits (Existing and New)
10. Offered a Temporary Food Service Permit to allow Stand Alone Bars to open under previous County restrictions (3)
11. Developing Parklet Guidelines

Requests for new considerations related to COVID-19 impacts include the following:

1. DDA Storefront Activation Pilot Program to improve the appearance of vacant spaces; the plan exceeds the window covering limitation in the code.
2. 3 Stand Alone Bars have requested the use of private outdoor areas, which is currently not allowed by code.
3. Several requests to reduce the Required Retail Frontage standard on NE 2nd Ave. to allow Office or Tattoo Establishments in the first story, which are currently not allowed by code.
4. A new request for a restaurant to add an outdoor use area in parking spaces (the first request since capacity limitations were lifted.)

Staff is requesting guidance on both the new requests and the measures currently in place. A determination of when each measure should end (or be reconsidered) is needed to provide a level of certainty for staff, residents, and businesses.