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## **Temporary Outdoor Dining Permits Now Available**

### ***Restaurants Offering Dine-In Services May Expand to Serve More Customers***

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton is now offering temporary outdoor dining permits to restaurants that have the room to expand outdoors into City-owned public property, allowing local restaurants additional seating to serve more customers and comply with social distancing and other public health requirements.

“This is a way to help local restaurants recover from the reduced business and sales they have endured over the last few months,” shared Economic Development Director Carrie Wright. “There are lots of restaurants in our community that may have a sidewalk or adjacent areas that can be used for expanded seating, which will help implement the State Guidance and allow diners to enjoy our beautiful weather.”

To use a designated outdoor space for dining, restaurant applicants complete and sign a simple permit application form, attach photographs and/or drawings of the proposed space, and provide proof of appropriate insurance, then submit it to the Community Development Department. Requirements are listed on the permit form and in the City of Stockton Local Emergency Order, including accessibility information; hours of operation; restrictions for structures, seating, fencing and amplification; and compliance with all State and County laws.

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In addition, the provisions of the Stockton Municipal Code that limit temporary signage, such as A-frames, window signs or banners for business advertisement and promotion are suspended during the local emergency, as long as the signs do not block, impede or interfere with the public right-of-way and safe travel of vehicles and pedestrians. This will allow restaurants to more easily communicate changes in service during the local emergency.

“We understand that restaurants are critical to the local economy and that the number of customers they serve is key to their survival,” said William Crew, Director of Community Development. “Our commitment is to get permits issued as soon as completed applications are submitted. We look forward to our expanded partnerships and working with local businesses to creatively address the needs of our community.”

For a Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit application and list of requirements, please visit [www.stocktonca.gov/CDD](http://www.stocktonca.gov/CDD) or call the Community Development Department at (209) 937-8561. Other related services and program information is available at [www.advantagestockton.com](http://www.advantagestockton.com) or on the Economic Development website at [www.stocktonca.gov/edd](http://www.stocktonca.gov/edd).

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