

To: City of the Village of Douglas Planning Commission
Date: January 20, 2026
From: Sean Homyen, Planning & Zoning Administrator
RE: 2026 Temporary Outdoor Right-of-Way Expansion



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Background. During the COVID pandemic, businesses in the downtown sought an alternative to indoor dining and retail space. This solution turned out to be a huge success. Visitors and residents provided complementary feedback to the businesses that participated. With the 2026 season approaching, City administration is again seeking City Council input prior to proceeding with the application process. Attached you will find the application that City administration intends to use. Downtown businesses will be able to expand into adjacent City right-of ways from April 17, 2026, through November 2, 2026.

The list of business that applied in 2026 are:

- Happystance
- Everyday People Café
- Respite Cappuccino Court

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Sample Motion. I recommend City Council authorize City administration to proceed with the application process to allow downtown businesses use of the City's right-of-way to expand their business from April 17, 2026, through November 2, 2026.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.
