

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: June 1, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

TITLE:

Temporary Downtown Sidewalk Cafés

SUMMARY:

Amid the global pandemic in 2020, many businesses were forced to close their doors in the interest of public safety. Once restaurants were allowed to reopen at reduced capacity, the City made the decision to allow dining areas to expand in to the right-of-way. This program only consists of the north/south roadways between Dixie Hwy and Federal, as Lake Ave and Lucerne Ave are owned by FDOT.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

In 2020, COVID-19 decimated local economies. Once the Governor issued an Executive Order allowing restaurants to reopen at 50% capacity, the City began looking in to options to help where possible. The initial intent was to help local restaurants maintain social distance per CDC guidelines by allowing their tables to expand into the City right-of-way. Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines and a modified Sidewalk Cafe Permit were established to begin this process.

As the months roll on and we continue to progress through different phases of this pandemic, mandates and needs/wants continue to change as well. Because of these changes, Public Works brought forth an agenda item at the 3/25/21 Commission meeting. Per the direction given at that meeting, the Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines and Permit were modified and the program was extended until 5/31/21.

Staff would like to request that this date be extended to Monday, June 21st with notification going to the downtown businesses no later than Friday, June 4th.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove staff recommendation to extend the downtown temporary outdoor dining guidelines to 6/21/21.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A