



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider Expediting and Streamlining Outdoor Patio Requests.
Background Information:	<p>On Wednesday, May 20, Governor Tim Walz and other state officials participated in the daily COVID-19 media briefing to provide updates on Minnesota's response to COVID-19.</p> <p>The following was announced:</p> <p>Restaurants and bars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Starting June 1, can be open for outdoor dining only ○ Six feet between tables ○ No more than 50 total people at a restaurant to keep that cap at a manageable level ○ The party size, we're asking people to keep it to 4 total, or 6 if you're a family. ○ Reservations will be required. ○ All workers in these settings should wear masks. Customers are encouraged to wear masks too (obviously not when eating or drinking). ○ For restaurants without outdoor seating, we're eager to see municipalities get creative to find ways to make makeshift outdoor space work. "We know that the different cities have different zoning restrictions on this, and we ask that they get creative on this and find ways to make this possible for restaurants who might not have access to that space." <p>The City currently permits us of public right of way sidewalk use by permit and anticipates possible increased demand for sidewalk use permits and or outdoor patios and wishes to expedite and assist Restricted Businesses.</p> <p>Temporary use of public parking spaces for sidewalk cafés is appropriate due to reduced demand that is a direct result of COVID-19 pandemic. The temporary nature of these measures and the urgency of the needs of affected businesses necessitates the need for certain City Ordinance provisions with regard to parking to be recalculated. Thus, parking standards required by Ordinance for any Restricted Business may be temporarily and proportionately reduced by any temporary reduction in occupancy ordered by the State of Minnesota.</p> <p>Restaurants and Bars that own or operate within a privately-owned parking lot are not required to complete the Private Use of Public Streets/Parking Lots Permit application but must follow the guidance and direction provided by the State of Minnesota and City of Marshall.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	No Fee
Alternative/Variations:	
Recommendations:	Staff recommends the following directive be ordered by the Council:

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restricted Businesses wishing to add onsite temporary outdoor seating may utilize temporarily public right of way sidewalks and unnecessary parking spaces by obtaining a Permit for Private Use of Public Streets (Rights-Of-Way) and Parking Lots. No fee is imposed for this Permit.• Permit for Private Use of Public Streets (Rights-Of-Way) and Parking Lots Permits shall be issued administratively by the Public Works Director and shall terminate when the restrictions in place starting June 1st cease.• Parking standards required by Ordinance for any Restricted Business may be temporarily and proportionately reduced by any temporary reduction in occupancy ordered by the State of Minnesota.• Direct staff to assist with designation of parking stalls available and sectioning off of areas via appropriate markings, including possibly cones, temporary fencing/barriers.• Make available the use of city-owned picnic tables by request, with damage deposit, and for a fee determined by the Council.• The retailer must provide the city with proof that their liquor liability insurance covers alcohol sales in any expanded outdoor spaces. |
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