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To: City Council
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RE: Waiving of Fees for Outdoor Dining
Meeting Date: May 21, 2020

Executive Summary:

The City approved a license agreement with Big River Grill for use of Walnut Park for outdoor dining. There are also Right of Way permits for outdoor dining that may be used or modified as a way to extend dining services to comply with the state guidelines for Phase 2 reopening in response to COVID-19. Restaurants are struggling from the impact of COVID-19 on their businesses and this is one thing the city can do to help.

Overview of Items:

Big River Grill was closed temporarily and is now operating for take-out service only. They may open for dining service and would like to continue to use Walnut Park. The current agreement is for five months at \$500 per month. If waived the impact would be a loss of \$2,500 in revenue to the city.

El Rio Texicantina and Red Bluff Tap House have all applied for a Right of Way permit in the past for a sidewalk café. While they work on evaluating whether or not to open for dining service, the City can increase flexibility for outdoor seating to increase the number of tables available. Options include extending the sidewalk café service by blocking off one or two parking spots along Hwy 14 to allow for additional sidewalk seating and room for pedestrian access along the sidewalk. The fee for a ROW permit is \$25.

Action Needed:

Approve waiving of Park Use licensing fees for Big River Grill for 2020.

Approve waiving Right of Way permit fees for Sidewalk Cafes, the blocking off of no more than two parking spaces for such use, and temporary street furniture to maintain ADA access and separation from the vehicle traveling path for businesses to increase their usable space until December 31, 2020.