



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: David Jarrell, City Manager

Date: April 9, 2022

Subject: R-22-22: Pilot Program to Study Commercial Outdoor Dining in Privately Owned Parking Lots

This resolution will allow for two specific purposes:

1. Restaurants currently using their private parking lots for outdoor dining as part of a Recovery Zone will be able to continue this usage for an additional 12 months from the date of resolution passage.
2. A study of the impact of outdoor dining and the loss of restaurant parking will be undertaken by the City Manager and City staff. A formal study report will be presented to the City Council within 30 days of the end of the 12 month Pilot Program.

This resolution is focused solely on the use of privately-owned parking lots for outdoor dining. It does not address the use of public space (sidewalks, on-street parking spaces, and streets) for outdoor dining. The continued usage of these public spaces for outdoor dining will be addressed by a City regulation, which will require a formal lease agreement between the restaurant and the City for the public space to be used.

It is anticipated that the Planning and Zoning Department, and particularly the Economic Development Manager, will coordinate with the City Council to tailor the study of the impact of outdoor dining and the loss of restaurant private parking. It is anticipated that the 12 month Pilot Program will encompass the 2022 peak summer season as well as the 2022-2023 winter season. A report of the findings would then be due to the Council no later than mid-May 2023.

Of note is that this resolution will require that implementation of proposed Ordinance 9-22, if passed, shall be held in abeyance until the conclusion of the 12-month Pilot Program.

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