



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: David Jarrell, City Manager

Date: July 8, 2021

Subject: O-26-21: Emergency Ordinance – Recovery Zones and Temporary Uses

This Ordinance authorizes the extension of temporary uses and parking restrictions for outdoor seating at restaurants and outdoor shopping options for retail establishments. On June 7, 2021, Anne Arundel County’s County Council adopted Ordinance 55-21, extending outdoor seating until November 1, 2021. This Ordinance follows the lead of the County in extending outdoor dining and shopping until November 1. The intent of both the City’s proposed legislation and the County’s adopted legislation is to provide additional time for the restaurant and retail industries to recover from the COVID-19 restrictions of the last year.

It is anticipated that all of the current “Recovery Zone” special event permits will be extended for three additional months. Some of the zones, including those on Dock Street and Maryland Avenue, will be modified to allow the streets to be fully re-opened. The permits were to expire 30 days after the end of the Governor’s State of Emergency, which occurred on July 1, 2021. By extending the Recovery Zones through the months of August, September and October, 2021, the restaurant and retail businesses will have an opportunity to recoup a portion of the significant losses they incurred during 2020 and early 2021. The outdoor dining and retail is very popular with many residents and visitors, and is highly beneficial to the participating businesses.

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