

Dear Dining Partner,

Attached is the signed resolution for temporary use permits.

UPDATE - Streamlined Approval for Outdoor Dining and Retail Display

Consistent with social distancing requirements and to assist in the reopening and economic recovery of local businesses, Sarasota County's Planning and Development Services Department is implementing streamlined administrative procedures for Temporary Use and Tent Permits for restaurants conducting outdoor dining and outdoor display at retail businesses.

Any restaurant or retail business planning to conduct outdoor services can obtain an Outdoor Dining and Retail Display Temporary Use and Tent Permit Approval Packet at: <http://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=45245>

Email the packet to zoning@scgov.net for electronic approval that includes standard provisions to ensure the health and safety of employees and customers. This approval will be processed within 24 hours.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-101 adopted by the County Commission on May 6, 2020, the fees for the Outdoor Dining and Retail Temporary Use and Tent Permit have been temporary suspended. The Resolution also temporarily suspends Building Permit fees and after-the-fact fees for improvements made as a direct result of COVID-19 to promote health, safety and welfare for businesses reopening.

The Planning and Development Services Department continues to implement process improvements and adjust operations to help keep the County running and moving forward to ensure positive outcomes for safety, the economy, and the well-being of the community. For example, curbside permitting is available at 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota and 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. For more information on curbside permitting, electronic permitting, online resources, and other operational updates, please visit www.scgov.net/building.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 101
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Sarasota County requires Temporary Use Permits pursuant to Chapter 124 of the County Code of Ordinances and requires Building Permits pursuant to Chapter 22 of the County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2019, Sarasota County adopted Resolution No. 2019-203 setting a schedule of fees and penalties relating to the review, issuance, and inspection of permits, permit amendments, and enforcement remedies; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2019-203 requires fees for Temporary Use Permits and requires an after-the-fact Building Permit fee for work conducted without a permit; and

WHEREAS, due to the proliferation of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Orders and Sarasota County has declared a State of Emergency to protect the health and safety of staff and the general public; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the social distancing requirements of the Governor's Executive Order 20-112, restaurants are allowed to reopen dine-in services with full outdoor seating and indoor seating allowed at 25 percent of building capacity; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the social distancing requirements of the Governor's Executive Order 20-112, retail businesses are allowed to reopen at 25 percent occupancy; and

WHEREAS, to assist in the reopening and economic recovery of local businesses, Sarasota County is implementing streamlined administrative procedures for Temporary Use Permits for retail businesses and restaurants conducting outdoor services and, because of the minimal review required, temporarily suspending the associated fees in Resolution No. 2019-203; and

WHEREAS, as businesses reopen, limited improvements may be needed to improve the health and safety of employees and customers directly in response to COVID-19 and, specifically for these purposes, Sarasota County is temporarily suspending the associated Building Permit fees and after-the-fact Building Permit fees in Resolution No. 2019-203; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, in public meeting assembled:

A. This Board, to promote social distancing and encourage implementation of health and safety measures, shall consider that:

1. The adoption of this Resolution temporarily suspends the fees in Resolution No. 2019-203 for Temporary Use Permits for restaurant outdoor dining and outdoor displays at retail businesses because of the minimal review required in the streamlined administrative procedure being implemented.
2. The adoption of this Resolution temporarily suspends Building Permit fees and after-the-fact fees in Resolution No. 2019-203 for improvements made as a direct result of COVID-19 to promote health, safety and welfare for businesses reopening. The Director of the Planning and Development Services Department, or their designee, has the sole authority

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in determining the work being directly related to COVID-19.

B. This Resolution sunsets on July 31, 2020.

C. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Chair

ATTEST:

KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk
of Circuit Court and ex officio
Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners of Sarasota
County, Florida.

By: _____

Deputy Clerk