

Temporary Outdoor Dining and Business Activity in West St. Paul

The West St. Paul City Council Will Consider A Resolution To Allow Restaurants, Bars, and Other Businesses To Temporarily Expand Outdoor Operations Beginning June 1st.

May 21st, 2020 - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic impacting the profitability of West St. Paul's businesses, the City of West St. Paul is proposing a resolution that would allow businesses to expand dining and retail operations to outdoor areas not previously zoned or permitted for business activity. The City Council will vote on the matter on Tuesday, May 26th. If passed, businesses would be able to take advantage of the resolution beginning June 1st, coinciding with the start of Phase II of the State's Stay Safe MN plan.

Under this resolution, businesses wishing to establish drive-up or drive-through areas, customer ordering, waiting or pick-up areas, or customer seating or service areas on its property for sales that do not include alcohol will be able to apply through, and obtain approval from, the City's Community Development Department. Businesses with liquor licenses wishing to expand on-sale liquor service would need to obtain approval from the City Council before applying with the Community Development Department for expanding business activity.

Should the resolution approving temporary outdoor business activities pass at the May 26th, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council will consider approval of expanded liquor sales for businesses that request such approval. Businesses requesting Council approval at this meeting must email the City Clerk at sbuecksler@wspmn.gov by Tuesday, May 26th at noon stating their wish to be included. The following City Council meeting is scheduled for June 8th, 2020.

The City of West St. Paul would like the entire business community to know that it appreciates the immense sacrifice many businesses and employees have made for the health of our community. As we begin to navigate these next steps of reopening, we encourage patrons to safely make their purchases locally, practice social distancing, and honor the safety rules individual businesses have in place.

Thank you.

City of West St. Paul