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Virtual Town Hall: Denver's Temporary Outdoor Expansion Program for Restaurants & Bars

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Denver Restaurant and Bar Patio Expansion

- In collaboration with the Mayor's Economic Relief & Recovery Council, the city of Denver is developing a temporary program to expand options for restaurants and bars to operate in outdoor settings adjacent to their businesses.
- The intent of the program is to allow for greater physical distancing and safety for patrons when the state's public health orders allow for restaurants and bars to resume sit-down service.
- To gauge interest, Denver has created a webpage and simple intake form where businesses can submit a proposal for the city to review. www.denvergov.org/restaurantpermits

Parameters for Expanded Outdoor Space

WHAT COULD BE ALLOWED

- Expansion into designated outdoor areas such as adjacent **parking lots**, **streets** and **sidewalks**
- Sit-down dining
- Customer pick-up
- Carry-out service
- Temporary tents*, railings, shade devices, benches etc.

WHAT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

- No standing areas
- No live entertainment or games
- No amplified sound
on temporarily expanded patios
(e.g., music, movies, broadcast sports etc.)

***Final rules and regulations
still in development***

Eligibility

ELIGIBLE

Restaurants, cafes, fast food outlets, coffee shops, bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distillery pubs, wineries, tasting rooms

And other similar places of public accommodation offering food, beverages, or alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption

NOT ELIGIBLE

Food trucks and other mobile food establishments that have been able to continue to operate and serve to-go food

Hours of Operation and Program Duration

HOURS OF OPERATION

For New Patios:

Sunday through Thursday, outdoor patios are required to close by 10 p.m.

Friday, Saturday, and federal holidays, outdoor patios are required to close by 11 p.m.

For Existing Patios:

Keep current approved hours

PROGRAM DURATION

Once restaurants/bars are permitted to open, patio expansions will be available to those eligible businesses for the duration of the outdoor summer dining season through September 7, 2020

Extension of program will be evaluated

Key Dates and Next Steps

TO DATE

Mayor's Economic Relief & Recovery Council and city agencies (Mayor's Office, Excise and Licenses, Department of Transportation & Infrastructure, Community Planning and Development, Denver Economic Development & Opportunity, Denver Department of Public Health, Office of Special Events, and the City Attorney Office) in partnership with Colorado Restaurant Association and Eat Denver have been working swiftly to develop a way to expand options for restaurants and bars to expand outdoors

MAY 18

Temporary outdoor expansion interest forms available online

MAY 18 –
MAY 25+

- ➔ City coordinating with State on health guidance for businesses, including restaurants/bars
- ➔ City reviews applications and assigns each business a process navigator to provide 1:1 support and coordinate inspections for restaurants/bars preparing for reopening with expanded outdoor space

MAY 25

Governor Polis expected to announce new guidance for industry, next phase for Safer at Home

TBD

Restaurants/bars reopen based on state guidance/approval

Interest Form & Contact Info

Interest Form: www.denvergov.org/restaurantpermits

Questions/Contact:

TempExpand@denvergov.org

FAQs:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/646/documents/Temporary-Outdoor-Expansions-FAQs.pdf>

The screenshot shows a webpage with the following elements:

- Header:** "Temporary Outdoor Expansions for Restaurants and Bars"
- Text:** "The City and County of Denver is creating a temporary program to allow restaurants and bars to operate in outdoor settings adjacent to their businesses. The intent of the program is to allow for greater physical distancing and safety for patrons when the state's public health orders allow restaurants and bars to resume sit-down service. While final rules and regulations are still in development, proposals could include expansion into designated outdoor areas such as adjacent parking lots, streets and sidewalks."
- Right Side:** "Translate This Page" with a "Select Language" dropdown menu and "Powered by Google".
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 - **Download FAQs** (circled in red)
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Q&A