



LONG-TERM OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FRAMEWORK

Public Works Department and Community & Economic Development Department

Land Use / Sustainability / Resilience Committee
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BACKGROUND

Item	Date	Action
1	3/8/20	Riverside County's Public Health Officer declared a health emergency based on an imminent threat to public health from COVID-19.
2	3/19/20	Governor Newsome issued a Stay at Home Order. The order prohibited dining inside restaurants - delivery and pick-up services encouraged.
3	5/26/20	The City issued the initial Temporary Outdoor Flex Space order to help establish outdoor dining facilities.
4	12/4/20	A regional Stay at Home Order was issued effective 12/6/20. The order suspended the City's Temporary Outdoor Flex Space Permit Program and restricted outdoor dining.
5	1/25/21	California lifted the Stay at Home Order allowing restaurants, breweries, and wineries to reinstate alfresco dining.

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6	2/8/21	Staff engaged the LUSR Committee and the Committee overwhelmingly supported establishment of a Long-term Outdoor Dining Program. Provided staff with recommendations for consideration.
7	3/17/21	Riverside County enters the Red Tier allowing restaurants to return to indoor operations up to 25% capacity or 100 people (whichever is less).
8	4/7/21	Riverside County enters the Orange Tier. The indoor dining capacity is increased to 50% and retail businesses can operate at full capacity.
9	6/15/21	State reopens to full capacity and businesses no longer have to adhere to social distance rules or be limited by capacity restrictions.



STUDY ZONES

Due to the land uses, opportunities, historical requests, and available public right-of-way, the proposed study zones are:

- 1. Downtown Pedestrian Mall**
- 2. Central Business District**
- 3. Other Citywide Locations**



COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM

Program would provide:

1. Guidelines for Public and Private right-of-way
2. Recommend Design Standards for all 3 Zones
3. Assess varying Fee Structures
4. Review applicable RMC's and recommend amendments, if any
5. Incorporate outdoor dining requirements from all departments (PW, Fire, CEDD, and RPD)



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OUTDOOR DINING DESIGN GUIDELINES

Guidelines would ensure:

1. Quality outdoor seating areas.
2. Maintain adequate and safe pedestrian facilities.
3. Assess barriers (removable fences, freestanding fences, hedges, planters, trees, removable columns, other).
4. Limit/restrict advertising within the public right-of-way.
5. Assess Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requirements for outdoor spaces.
6. Assess furniture type, storage, and impacts to parking.



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ECONOMIC RECOVERY / FEE STRUCTURE

Program may study and consider:

1. Assess fee structures of other Southern CA cities.
2. Determine value of outdoor public spaces within the three zones.
3. Consider Uniform Fees (not based on outdoor square feet).
4. Consider one-time vs annual fee.
5. Consider a one-year fee delay.



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NEED FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

- Outdoor Program is sufficiently complex.
- Program requires input from the community and businesses to analyze the data.
- Assess other agencies and best practices to recommend guidelines and design standards in an objective manner.
- Consider varying guidelines for the 3 zones.
- Review the respective RMCs and evaluate the need to amend them.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Event	Date	Time
RFP Release	7/15/2021	N/A
Final Questions Due	7/27/2021	Before 5:00 pm
Response to Questions Released	7/29/2021	N/A
Proposals Due	8/5/2021	Before 2:00 pm
Notification of Tentative Selection	8/12/2021	N/A
City Council Award	9/14/2021	N/A



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Land Use / Sustainability / Resilience Committee:

1. Review and provide feedback on the proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) framework to adopt a Citywide long-term Outdoor Dining Program; and
2. Recommend issuance of the RFP for City Council to consider adoption of a Citywide long-term Outdoor Dining Program.



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