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TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING NOW PERMITTED

City Streamlines Process, Waives Fees to Expand Outdoor Seating Options

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – The City of Sunnyvale has issued a [local emergency order](#) that allows restaurants to temporarily expand outdoor dining areas. The local order took effect June 10 and is in response to the latest Santa Clara County Public Health Office order allowing restaurants to provide outdoor dining so long as certain health and safety requirements are met.

The City created simplified rules and waived fees for the expansion of outdoor dining on private property. Restaurants must self-certify using the [Temporary Outdoor Dining Operation Certification Form](#) and submit it to the City's Planning Division.

Expanded outdoor seating areas are limited to private property immediately adjacent to the previously approved restaurant use. Additional requirements include:

- Furnishings are limited to movable tables, chairs, umbrellas or temporary shade structures.
- A restaurant may not build a permanent structure as part of the outdoor dining area under this program.
- Tables may provide seating for no more than six people.
- At least 5% of the outdoor tables must be wheelchair accessible.
- The layout of tables, chairs and furnishings must provide a clear passageway and provide for an emergency exit.

The City's [Temporary Outdoor Dining webpage](#) contains additional information.

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