

Amendment by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell

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**Establishing Permanent Options For Outdoor Dining**

As guidance from federal, state, and county public health officials signal an ability for our communities to resume normalcy and emerge through the COVID-19 emergency, there is an opportunity to make permanent some of the innovative solutions that arose during the pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted small businesses, especially the restaurant and hospitality industry, which has had to evolve and pivot to survive ever changing conditions. The ever-changing regulatory requirements of closing completely, partial indoor dining reopening, and surviving on takeout and delivery has been very challenging for the industry.

However, one of the temporary solutions that the County has enacted, the expansion of available outdoor dining locations, has been a helpful tool to expanding dining options.

Utilizing sidewalks, parklets, alleyways, and private parking for additional dining space has led to new outdoor dining options that have benefited businesses and patrons.

**MOTION**

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**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office, in consultation with County Counsel and the Departments of Public Works, Regional Planning, Public Health, Fire, and Consumer and Business Affairs to:

1. Establish permanent Countywide guidelines for expanded options for outdoor dining spaces, including public sidewalks, alleys, and within the road right-of-way, as well as private on-site and off-site parking facilities.

2. Develop a plan to transition all temporary outdoor dining participants into the permanent outdoor dining program, including assistance to restaurant owners to identify suitable permanent locations and, in the case where locations are within the public right of way, assistance to identify the necessary traffic safety and accessibility equipment to operate permanently.

3. Develop a plan to increase awareness and participation of restaurants, especially in neighborhoods that have been disproportionately impacted by the dual health and economic pandemic. This should include a plan to engage stakeholders to shape planned guidelines, and marketing resources to communicate directly with businesses on program guidelines, in the appropriate languages.

4. Report back within 30 days.