



CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-32

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation Declaring a National Emergency concerning COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-51 declaring a Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida due to the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Florida, extending to all sixty-seven (67) counties, including Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa, due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, pursuant to Section 2-402 of the City of Tampa Code, as Mayor of the City of Tampa, I issued City of Tampa Executive Order 2020-01 declaring that a state of local emergency has occurred in the City of Tampa in response to a city-wide threat of the spread of COVID-19, which Executive Order and state of local emergency has been extended several times and is currently in effect; and

WHEREAS, between March 17, 2020 and the date hereof, Governor Ron DeSantis issued several Executive Orders placing numerous restrictions on individuals and businesses, including issuance of Executive Order Number 20-91 (as amended) on April 1, 2020, imposing a state-wide “Safer-At Home” Order, in response to the state-wide threat of the spread of COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-112 (as amended and supplemented), in response to the recommendations set forth in Phase 1 of the plan issued by the Task Force to Re-Open Florida, and adopted a phased approach to remove or decrease certain restrictions imposed pursuant to the Executive Order Number 20-91, Safer-At-Home Order; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order Number 20-112 (as amended and supplemented), Governor Ron DeSantis issued a finding that the path to re-opening Florida must promote business operation and economic recovery while maintaining focus on core safety principles; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-139, moving all Counties in Florida, other than Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach, into Phase 2 of the phased approach to the Governor’s Plan for Florida’s Recovery; which Order supersedes Executive Order Number 20-91, the “Safer at Home” Order; and supersedes in part, and extends and modifies other provisions of Executive Order Number 20-112; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Executive Order Number 20-139 supersedes that portion of Section 4 of Executive Order Number 20-112, as amended and supplemented, relating to retail, and provides that retail establishments may operate at full indoor capacity with appropriate social distancing and sanitation protocols; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.B. of Executive Order Number 20-112 (as amended and supplemented) and Section 4.A of Executive Number Order 20-139, allow restaurants and food establishments licensed under Chapters 500 or 509, Florida Statutes, to resume on-premise consumption of food and beverages, so long as they adopt appropriate social distancing measures and limit their indoor occupancy as specified; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.B. of Executive Order Number 20-112 (as amended and supplemented) and Section 4.A of Executive Order Number 20-139 further provide that outdoor restaurant seating is permissible with appropriate social distancing; and

WHEREAS, outdoor activities, including outdoor restaurant seating, have been determined to be safer and less likely to lead to the spread of COVID-19 than indoor restaurant seating; and

WHEREAS, in Hillsborough County (including the City of Tampa) confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to occur, resulting in many additional deaths and as such, the Governor’s phased or incremental decreases in the restrictions on individuals and businesses in response to the COVID-19 are appropriate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 2-403 of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances, and City of Tampa Executive Order 2020-01, as amended and extended, the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City by law or ordinance pertaining to actions necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community may be waived; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to exercise the emergency powers authorized by City Code during the state of local emergency to facilitate and encourage outdoor seating areas to make restaurants safer to operate and to promote needed economic and business recovery in the City; and

WHEREAS, City of Tampa Executive Order 2020-11, which adopted “Lift Up Local Economic Recovery Plan for Restaurants and Retail Space”, was issued on May 5, 2020 and was amended, restated and extended by City of Tampa Executive Orders 2020-12, 2020-15, 2020-17, 2020-20, 2020-23, 2020-26, and 2020-29, and it is now necessary and appropriate to further amend, extend and restate said Order in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa by Article VII, Civil Emergencies, Sections 2-401, et. seq., of the City of Tampa Code, and the Charter of the City of Tampa, and the Laws of the State of Florida, I hereby issue this Executive Order declaring:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Executive Order is set forth in the recital (“WHEREAS”) clauses above and said recital clauses are hereby adopted, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Order.
2. Governor’s Executive Orders. The Executive Orders issued by Governor Ron DeSantis addressing the state-wide COVID-19 state of emergency, and all other subsequent Executive Orders of state-wide application based thereon, are incorporated herein by reference and made part of this Order.
3. Adoption of the City’s Lift Up Local Economic Recovery Plan. In an effort to support the Governor’s Executive Order Number 20-112 (Phase 1), as amended and supplemented, and Executive Order Number 20-139 (Phase 2), and to promote business operation and economic recovery while maintaining focus on core safety principles, the City of Tampa’s “Lift Up Local Economic Recovery Plan – A Guide for Expanded Restaurant and Retail Space”, attached hereto and made part hereof (“Plan Guide”), and all terms, conditions and requirements set forth therein, are hereby adopted, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Order.
4. Conditions for Temporary Permission to Utilize Sidewalks for Expansion of Restaurant or Retail Space. Subject to the terms hereof and only to the extent described in the Plan Guide, this Executive Order suspends or waives certain City Code requirements as set forth below and grants temporary permission to utilize public and private sidewalks without a permit for restaurant or retail use, which uses are otherwise restricted or prohibited on such sidewalks. Any person who, as described in the Plan Guide, utilizes public or private sidewalks as authorized under this Executive Order shall comply with all terms, conditions and requirements of this Executive Order and the Plan Guide.
5. Plan Guide Requirements. The Plan Guide sets forth the terms, conditions and requirements for utilization of the City rights-of-way and private parking areas for restaurant and retail use, without a permit, as authorized under this Executive Order, which requirements include but are not limited to the following:
 - Indoor seating capacity is limited to 50% of building occupancy, excluding employees;
 - Public and private sidewalks may only be utilized for additional seating (tables and chairs) for restaurants or licensed food establishments. Lounge seating, bars or areas used for other than outdoor seating is prohibited in the sidewalks;
 - All indoor and outdoor seating shall be limited to seating parties of 10 or fewer people and seating of parties shall be spaced at least 6 ft apart, except to the extent that appropriate partitioning is in place;

- Facial coverings are required for employees serving patrons and “front of house” employees. Likewise, all patrons must wear face coverings when indoors at restaurants and retail businesses, except while eating and drinking.
- All restaurants shall use disposable paper menus;
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing stations shall be easily accessible;
- Reservations are required for restaurants to prevent capacity issues;
- Retail establishments may operate at full indoor capacity with appropriate social distancing and sanitation protocols;
- Use of any portion or percentage of adjacent private sidewalk frontage for restaurant and retail use shall require the adjacent property-owner’s written approval.

This Executive Order and the requirements herein apply only to restaurant and retail establishments utilizing sidewalks for restaurant and retail use without a permit as authorized herein.

6. Mayor’s Emergency Powers and Temporary Suspension of Certain City Code and Permit Requirements. The City of Tampa’s Lift Up Local Economic Recovery Plan is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Pursuant thereto, the following City of Tampa Code Sections are hereby suspended and waived, in part, for the duration of this Order, under the terms and conditions set forth in this Executive Order and the Plan Guide, and only to the extent necessary to effectuate this Order:

- Sidewalk Café permit requirements – Sec. 22-223 through 22-229;
- Special Event permit requirements – Sec. 28-21 through 28-32;
- Tent permit requirements – Sec. 27-290.8;
- Alcoholic Beverage permit requirements – Sec. 27-132 and 27-316;
- Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks – Sec. 22-8;
- Alcoholic Beverages in proximity to other zoned premises - Sec. 14-150.1.2, 150.1.3, 150.1.6

7. Certain Code sections not waived. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to authorize the waiver of any other City Code requirements, and all such other Code provisions and laws shall remain in full force and effect. Any use of City rights-of-way and private parking areas for restaurant and retail use pursuant to this Order shall comply with all applicable fire, life safety, and ADA requirements.

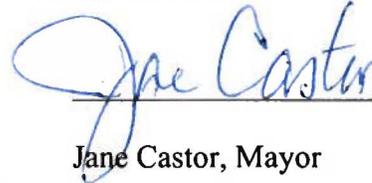
8. Revocation of Permission to Utilize Sidewalks Without a Permit. Permission to utilize public and private sidewalks for restaurant and retail use without a permit and under the terms, conditions and requirements of this Executive Order and the Plan Guide, is at the sole and absolute discretion of the City. Such permission may be withdrawn by the City at any time, including upon a finding by the City of a violation of this Executive Order or the Plan Guide, or if the Governor’s Executive Orders Number 20-112 (as amended and supplemented), or Number 20-139 are further amended or suspended in a manner that requires termination of this grant of permission. Further, notwithstanding any provision in this Order to the contrary, the City reserves the right to restrict or prohibit the use of sidewalks for restaurant and retail use otherwise permitted by this Order if the

City determines such use endangers the public health, safety, or welfare, at the City's sole and absolute discretion.

9. Exemptions from limitations for government, public safety and health personnel. Pursuant to Section 2-404(b) during the duration of this emergency and to the extent necessary, the following individuals are exempt from the restrictions contained in Section 2-404 of the City of Tampa Code: physicians, nurses, ambulance operators performing medical services, on-duty employees in hospitals and other medical facilities, on-duty military personnel, personnel of public utilities maintaining essential public services, city authorized or requested firemen, law enforcement officers and personnel and such other classes of persons as may be essential to the preservation of public order or necessary to serve the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Tampa.
10. Effective Date and Duration. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately on the date set forth below and all provisions herein shall apply for the duration of this Order. This Executive Order shall expire at midnight on July 30, 2020, unless terminated earlier or extended by subsequent Executive Order, or unless the Governor's Executive Orders Number 20-112 (as amended and supplemented), or Number 20-139, are further amended or suspended in a manner that requires termination of this Order.
11. Enforcement. This Executive Order may be enforced by any law enforcement officer, fire marshal, or any code enforcement officer. A finding of violation of this Order or any of the requirements of the Plan Guide may be enforced by immediate revocation of the City's permission to utilize sidewalks for restaurant and retail use.

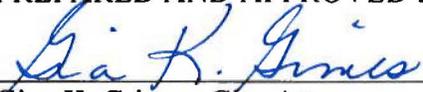
In addition, pursuant to Section 252.50, Fla. Stat., a violation of this Order, and/or any Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Florida, of the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group, or of the Hillsborough County Administrator made pursuant to the emergency powers provided by Chapter 252, Fla. Stat., is a second degree misdemeanor which carries a penalty of up to 60 days imprisonment and/or a \$500 fine.

DONE and ORDERED this 30 day of June 2020.

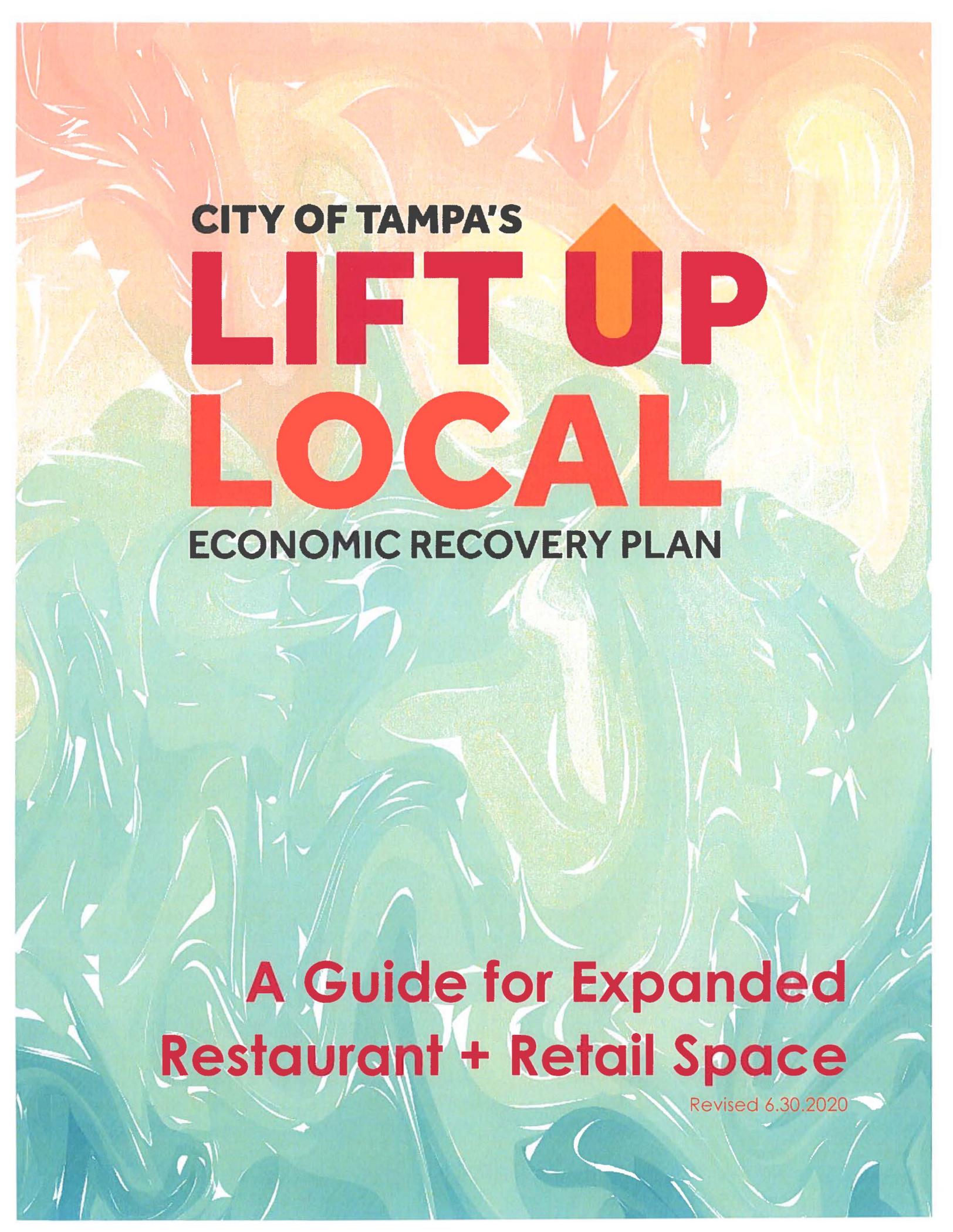


Jane Castor, Mayor

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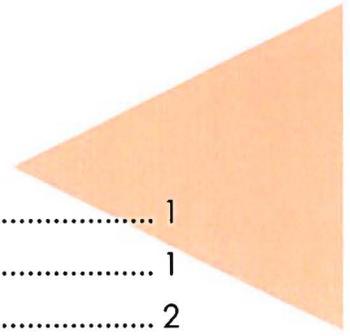
LIFT UP
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ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

**A Guide for Expanded
Restaurant + Retail Space**

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1. PREFACE

Governor DeSantis Executive Orders 20-112 and 20-139

On April 29, Governor Ron DeSantis announced a plan for Florida's reopening post COVID-19. Executive Order 20-112, as amended, also referred to as "Phase 1," took effect at 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2020. On June 3, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-139, which moved all Counties in the state, except Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach, into Phase 2 of the Governor's Plan for Florida's Recovery, effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday June 5, 2020. The Phase 2 Executive Order and associated guidance provide the following:

- ▶ Restaurants and food establishments licensed under Chapters 500 and 509, Florida Statutes, may allow on-premises consumption of food and beverage, so long as they adopt appropriate social distancing measures and limit their **indoor occupancy to no more than 50 percent of their building occupancy, excluding employees.**
- ▶ Appropriate social distancing requires maintaining a **minimum of 6 feet between parties**, except to the extent that appropriate partitioning is in place
- ▶ Parties should not exceed 10 people. Businesses should limit inside waiting areas for patrons waiting to be seated.
- ▶ Businesses should thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces after each use.
- ▶ Businesses should consider a reservations-only business model or call-ahead seating to manage spacing in restaurant.
- ▶ **Outdoor dining areas should be prioritized** with six-foot spacing between tables.
- ▶ Interior Bar areas may be open, but only with seated service. No outdoor Bars.
- ▶ On-site sale and retail businesses will be allowed to operate at full capacity and should abide by the safety guidelines issued by the CDC and OSHA.
- ▶ **Facial coverings** should be worn for all those in face-to-face interaction roles (e.g., servers, retail workers) and where six foot social distancing cannot be maintained. Likewise, all patrons are now required to wear face coverings when indoors at restaurants and retail businesses, except while eating and drinking.

City of Tampa Restaurant + Retail Recovery Program

In concert with the Governor's Executive Order, the City of Tampa has created the following guidelines to temporarily allow restaurants and retail businesses to expand their business footprint onto public and privately owned sidewalks without meeting certain City code and permit requirements.



"We want to lift up our local businesses through this recovery and empower them to re-open responsibly, by giving our local business owners as many tools and as much space as possible to safely serve guests, we can work together to protect our workforce, our customers, and our community. Our small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and we need their help to safely and successfully re-open our city and get back to all the things we love--one step at a time."

Jane Castor, City of Tampa Mayor



"The safety of the public is our top priority as the City moves forward to reopen. Law enforcement has properly planned strategies and logistical needs to aide and educate consumers and business owners with guideline restrictions. Our efforts will ensure all comply with social distancing standards and sanctions."

Brian Dugan, City of Tampa Police Chief



"Tampa Fire Rescue, including the Fire Marshal's Office and the Emergency Management Division, stand ready to implement this measured approach to balance the health and safety of our community with the economic revival we need. Our mission is service to the public and our commitment has not wavered."

Nick LoCicero, City of Tampa Fire Chief

City of Tampa COVID-19 and Restaurant + Retail Recovery Requirements

In the interest of public safety, the following requirements will be applicable to all restaurants and retail businesses* in the City of Tampa that utilize any public or private sidewalks for outdoor seating:

- ▶ Indoor capacity limited to **50% of building occupancy**, excluding staff personnel.
- ▶ All indoor and outdoor seating must be spaced at least **six feet apart**, except to the extent that appropriate partitioning is in place.
- ▶ It is strongly encouraged to **test your workforce for COVID-19**. Call (813) 272-5900 for free testing. No symptoms necessary, and insurance is not required.
- ▶ Use disposable paper **menus**.
- ▶ Provide easily accessible sanitizer for patrons and employees.
- ▶ It is strongly encouraged to implement **contactless ordering and payment processes**.
- ▶ All restaurants are encouraged to use **a reservation process** to prevent capacity issues.
- ▶ **Facial coverings** must be worn by "front of house" staff members who interact with customers. Likewise, all patrons must wear face coverings when indoors at restaurants and retail businesses, except while eating and drinking.
- ▶ **Limit contact with dining guests** by reducing the number of visits wait staff make to each table.
- ▶ Public or private sidewalks which are utilized under this program **may be used for outdoor seating only. No Bars are permitted in the outdoor areas.**

***Bars, pubs and taverns which are not a licensed food establishment shall not be allowed to utilize any public or private sidewalks for outdoor service or seating.**

Restaurant + Retail Recovery Program Overview

The City of Tampa's Restaurant + Retail Recovery Program has been established to ensure businesses have the greatest ability to operate successfully during the COVID-19 economic recovery. The program entails leveraging available public and private sidewalks to be used as expanded areas for restaurant and retail activity while maintaining public safety requirements.



Economic Recovery Call Center

The City of Tampa has established a Call Center to communicate with local businesses during economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call: 1-833-TPA-INFO (1-833-872-4636)

Visit: www.tampagov.net/emergency-management/step-by-step

Temporary Outdoor Dining + Retail Activity on Private and Public Sidewalks

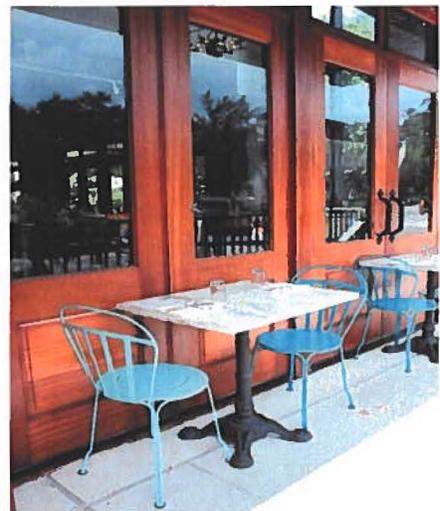
Restaurants and retail establishments with access to private sidewalks may utilize these areas for dining or retail services, in accordance with the safety guidelines outlined in Section 2 of this guidebook, provided the consent of the landlord or property-owner is obtained.

The City of Tampa is also temporarily suspending City Code and permit application and approval requirements for restaurants and retail businesses to expand operating space in designated portions of private and public sidewalks.

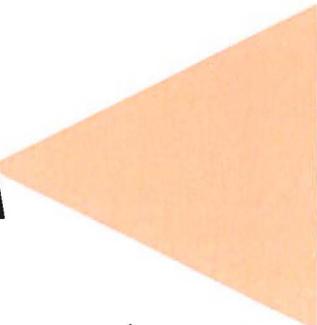
To participate in the program, minimum life safety requirements and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements must still be met as described in Section 2 of this guidebook. It shall be the responsibility of the business to ensure that these requirements are maintained at all times the business is operating within the public sidewalk.

Use of Public Sidewalks

Private use of public sidewalk space has typically required Sidewalk Café Permits (per Chapter 22, Subdivision IX, of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances). The City of Tampa is temporarily suspending City Code and the requirement to apply for a permit and now allowing businesses to temporarily use sidewalks for additional restaurant seating or retail purposes. Requirements are described further in Section 2 of this guidebook.



2. RESTAURANT + RETAIL RECOVERY PROGRAM



The City of Tampa is taking steps to ensure businesses have the ability to operate safely and successfully during the COVID-19 economic recovery using available private and public sidewalks.

Temporary Outdoor Dining + Retail Activity on Private and Public Sidewalks

In accordance with the City of Tampa Executive Order in which this Plan Guide was adopted, businesses may expand dining and retail areas to certain areas of private property not typically permitted for business activity, such as private sidewalks.

In addition, and also in accordance with said City of Tampa Executive Order, the City of Tampa is temporarily authorizing restaurants and retail businesses to expand dining and retail operations onto public sidewalks within the City, provided the applicable requirements described below can be met.

Use of Private and Public Sidewalks

Sidewalk activation for restaurants and retail businesses have typically required Sidewalk Café Permits (per Chapter 22, Subdivision IX, of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances). The City of Tampa is suspending the requirement to apply for a permit and now allowing businesses to temporarily use sidewalks, subject to the conditions in this Guidebook, for additional restaurant seating or retail purposes.

Expanded Sidewalk Requirements for Restaurant & Retail

For the duration of Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-112 and 20-139, as amended, modified and extended, City Code requirements regarding certain permitting of sidewalk cafes shall be temporarily suspended. Businesses utilizing private and public sidewalks shall comply with the following requirements during this time period. Operational Requirements for Sidewalk Cafes per Sec. 22-227 shall remain in effect as described below and shall generally apply to all private business operations including retail establishments.

General Requirements

Outdoor café seating and retail operations within sidewalks shall maintain:

- ▶ Adequate pedestrian flow of at least 6 feet; A graphic depicting outdoor seating parameters is attached to this guidebook.
- ▶ Access to public utilities, building entrances, crosswalks, bus stops and transient entrances;
- ▶ Pedestrian and traffic safety; and
- ▶ Aesthetic compatibility with the surrounding area.

Location Requirements

1. The width of the sidewalk café or retail space is restricted as follows:
 - a. The width shall not exceed the width of the sidewalk frontage of the subject property. However, the area of the sidewalk café/retail space may be extended up to a maximum of fifty (50) feet on one (1) side of the subject location, subject to the provisions of subsection b. of this section.
 - b. The sidewalk café or retail area may extend by a maximum of fifty (50) contiguous feet on the sidewalk on one (1) side and/or the other side of the subject property's sidewalk frontage so long as the owner and/or tenant of the adjacent private property has consented to the placement of additional tables on the sidewalk fronting the adjacent property.
2. A clearly marked, unobstructed, and durable pedestrian sidewalk, also known as the "pedestrian path", that meets required accessibility standards, of no less than **six (6) feet** shall be maintained for each sidewalk café/retail area and shall adhere to the following standards:
 - a. The minimum distance of said path shall be measured from the portion of the sidewalk café/retail space boundary which is nearest either the curb line or the nearest obstruction.
 - b. In no event may recesses in the sidewalk café/retail space boundary be used to satisfy this unobstructed width requirement for said path, except that the corners of the sidewalk café/retail space may be rounded or mitered.
 - c. Sidewalk cafés/retail spaces shall maintain a clearance of **six (6) feet** around the corners of other sidewalk cafés measured in radius.
3. The pedestrian path shall maintain a minimum of six (6) feet from large obstructions. No tables, or chairs, umbrellas or other fixtures shall be permitted within six (6) feet of a pedestrian crosswalk or corner curb cut. For the purposes of this section, large obstructions shall be bus stops

- shelters, newsstands, existing planters or any other object greater than fifteen (15) square feet in area.
4. Access to fire hydrants, fire hose connections for sprinkler systems, and entrances and exits of all buildings shall not be obstructed at any time by barriers or seating. The twenty (20) feet fire lane shall not be obstructed at any time. There shall be a minimum of forty (40) inches in distance separating the edge of a table or chair to a fire department connection.
 5. No object shall be permitted around the perimeter of an area occupied by tables and chairs which would have the effect of forming a physical or visual barrier discouraging the free use of the tables and chairs by the general public or which would have the effect of obstructing the pedestrian path.
 6. The operational hours of the space shall be restricted as set forth below.

Construction; signage; maintenance and Umbrellas

1. Appropriate lighting of the sidewalk café/retail space is required if operating outside of daytime hours.
2. Use of landscaping and planters is permissible, however these materials should not be permanently affixed to any public sidewalk.
3. All signage must be in compliance with this Code. Signs are prohibited on umbrellas, chairs, tables and other permissible fixtures which are located on the public sidewalk, except that the establishment identified on the permit and/or its logo shall be permitted on umbrellas.
4. Use of removable barriers to define the sidewalk café is permissible.
5. No heating, cooking or open flames are permitted in the sidewalk café. However, space heaters are permitted provided that they are an outdoor approved type, are located in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and are located at least two (2) feet from the edge of any umbrella canvas, any foliage, or any other flammable object or material.
6. No food preparation, plastic food displays, food storage, or refrigeration apparatus shall be allowed on the public sidewalk.
7. Umbrellas and other decorative material shall be fire-retardant, pressure-treated or manufactured of fire-resistant material. No portion of an umbrella shall be less than six (6) feet, eight (8) inches (eighty (80) inches) above the sidewalk.

City of Tampa Right to Clear Sidewalk

The City reserves the right to remove a sidewalk café/retail space that (i) creates an obstruction to, or causes congestion of, pedestrian or vehicular traffic due to existing conditions on the surrounding public sidewalk if it finds the installation represents a danger to the health, safety or general welfare

of the public; or (ii) a business violates the requirements of these Guidelines or Executive Order 2020-32.

The City may require the removal, temporary or permanent, of the sidewalk café/retail space when redevelopment of the street or sidewalk, or utility repairs necessitates such action, or the permittee fails to comply with the criteria set forth in Sec. 22-226 of the Code of Ordinances. Any costs incurred by the City for removal or storage of sidewalk café tables, chairs and other equipment shall be the responsibility of the business. The city is not responsible for any damages or loss of equipment removed pursuant to this subsection.

Temporary Removable Barrier Materials

Temporary barrier materials, such as those depicted below, can be utilized to better define boundaries of extended business operations. For questions relating to barrier wall placement, please call the Tampa Fire Marshal's office at (813) 274-7000.

Temporary Surface Materials



Temporary surface materials, such as those depicted below, are permitted for application on sidewalks.

Alcoholic Beverages

Restaurants and food establishments licensed under Florida Statutes Chapters 500 and 509, will be permitted to sell and allow on-premise consumption of alcoholic

beverages to seated patrons within expanded dining areas on immediately adjacent private and public sidewalks.

Restaurants utilizing sidewalks for outdoor dining shall comply with the following closing times:

- ▶ Thursday through Saturday – close at 11:00 PM
- ▶ Sunday through Wednesday – close at 10:00 PM

Restaurants not currently permitted to sell alcohol will not be affected by this program.

Use of Tents or Shade Structures on Sidewalks

- ▶ The following requirements shall apply to use of tents or shade structures within sidewalks:
 - The maximum size tents that may be placed within sidewalks will be 10-foot by 10-foot, if also in compliance with all other provisions hereof.
 - No staking of tents is permitted in public rights-of-way, other than on public sidewalks.
 - All tent legs must be weighted
 - Each leg must have a minimum of 40lbs.
 - Weights must be securely attached to canopy roof and canopy leg separately
 - Ropes and straps should be high quality
 - Bungee or rubber straps are prohibited
 - Weights must be on the ground and not dangling
 - Weights and lines must not pose a hazard and be clearly visible
 - For maximum safety, tents should be secured as soon as they are put up, and brought down as soon as weight is removed. Do not leave unsecured tents at any time.
 - Heaters of any kind shall not be used under tents or umbrellas.
 - Smoking is prohibited under tents and shade structures.
 - Tents must not have closed walls in place while open to the public, and all sides should be open for air flow.
- ▶ Items that make acceptable weights:
 - 5 gallon bucket full of water, sand, or concrete
 - 4" PVC pipe at least 36" long filled with concrete
 - Large commercially available tent weights
 - Sandbags or salt bags 40lbs or heavier

- ▶ Fire Marshal Checklist for Operating Tents within City Limits
- ▶ The Fire Marshal's office will have staff available to assist with ensuring life safety needs and can be reached by calling (813) 274-7000.

3. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need a permit or approval to add restaurant tables to the sidewalk in front of my business?

No, the requirement to obtain a Sidewalk Café Permit has been temporarily suspended for the duration of City of Tampa Executive Order in which this Plan Guide is adopted.

What are the hours of operation allowed on sidewalks?

The permitted business hours of operation for indoor portions of your business should remain consistent with your businesses typical hours of operations. If you are expanding operations outdoors, outdoor seating hours end at 10 pm Sunday through Wednesday and 11 pm Thursday through Saturday. Please be mindful of your neighbors and any additional noise that may be generated.

What if I don't know my businesses' capacity or occupancy load, how do I calculate the allowable 50%? Does the 50% rule apply to both inside and outdoors?

The "50% rule" only applies to indoor capacity requirements, but excluding employees. Outdoor requirements are based on table spacing of 6 feet (measured from the backs of chairs) and provisions for safe pedestrian pathways. If you don't know the allowable capacity of your business to calculate the 50%, please call the Fire Marshal at (813) 274-7000.

How does the "6-foot rule" work for restaurant seating?

If people are at a table together, they don't need to be 6 feet apart. Each table setting needs to be 6' from other tables measured from the back of each chair, chair-to-chair, unless appropriate partitioning is in place.