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Town adopts emergency ordinance to help businesses take advantage of outdoor commercial activities permitted in initial reopening phase

Vienna Town Council adopted a temporary emergency ordinance tonight that allows Town of Vienna businesses to take advantage of outdoor commercial activities that currently are permitted under Phase One of the Forward Virginia business reopening plan.

Under the 60-day ordinance approved by Council, restaurants may open outdoor spaces for customers at a capacity up to 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy. The ordinance may be amended, rescinded, or readopted by Council for a period up to six months. Town Council plans to consider extension of the ordinance through the end of September at its June 15 meeting.

Restaurants and other businesses interested in conducting outdoor commercial activity must submit a permit application through <https://vienna.idtplans.com/secure/> along with a diagram of the proposed outdoor dining area or other commercial activity. There are no fees associated with the permit.

“We are anxious to assist our businesses in mitigating the negative economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic,” says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. “Our hope is that this emergency ordinance will help Vienna businesses maximize the commercial opportunities provided as Virginia and Vienna gradually resume commercial activities as safely as possible.”

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