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RE: Emergency Zoning Parameters

May 21, 2020

History

The City of Cannon Beach recognizes this unique and unprecedented environment which the COVID pandemic and the economic crisis brings to our coastal community. The City would like to work with our local businesses to Re-Open our community as safely and as wisely as possible, while aware that the new social distancing provisions and what is being recommended by our health professionals may require provisional measures to allow for a smoother transition into a more normal operational environment.

Please keep in mind these measures are temporary and yet, if we respect the Cannon Beach aesthetic, some of these measures could be incorporated into future provisions.

Outdoor Service & Parking

Chapter 17.78 CBMC regulates off-street parking in Cannon Beach. The City recognizes that the social distancing requirements may force some businesses to provide seating and waiting areas outside to accommodate foot-traffic and diners. In hopes to alleviate these new burdens the City will allow of adjacent off-street parking areas, ADA accessible pedestrian courtyard areas, provided by a business, and any other area site approved by the Community Development Director, to be converted to service or seating areas in proportion to that business' approved seating capacity. Off-street parking restrictions, lot coverage and landscaping restrictions will be waived for the length of the Emergency Declaration, and the Emergency Outdoor Service & Parking plan shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for administrative approval, to last until the Emergency Declaration is lifted.

[Example: if the restaurant during normal operations has 20 indoor tables, and the COVID pandemic social distancing requirements force the restaurant to eliminate 8 of those indoor tables, they will be permitted to have up to 8 socially-distanced tables in their exterior courtyard, parking area, or other approved space, as long as they abide by ADA, fire-safety requirements and allow for 42" passage for all pedestrian throughfares.]

Temporary Signage

Section 17.56 CBMC regulates signage in Cannon Beach and currently allows temporary signs, including banners to be included in the Total Square Footage Permitted for each business. Under the Emergency declaration the City will allow up to 25 Square Feet (SF) of additional temporary signage, such as COVID related banners, changed operations information or window signage, with one additional sandwich board sign (no larger than (3' x 4' =12SF) x 2-sides =25 SF, which is not included in the Total SF) under an Emergency Temporary Signage permit, which shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for administrative approval, at no cost, to last until the Emergency Declaration is lifted. Please note that incidental directional signs or social-distancing placement markers, such as floor or sidewalk decals are also not included in Total SF)