Madison’s Streatery Recovery Program

The purpose of this document is to briefly summarize the processes and rules applicable to the City’s Streatery program, as provided the Mayor’s Emergency Order establishing the program and the Common Council Resolution confirming and expanding it. This document is for reference only and contains only those rules most relevant to establishments wishing to take advantage of this program. A copy of the Order and Resolution can be found HERE.

Under Streatery Program, Restaurants and Taverns may temporarily establish or expand outdoor seating in the following four ways as they recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Temporarily establish or expand sidewalk cafes.
   
   The Street Vending Coordinator is authorized to approve and modify new or expanded sidewalk café licenses, including café dimensions, locations, equipment, enclosures, furniture type and style, along with other appropriate approvals, on a case-by-case basis. This authority includes setting rules related to hours of operation and other operational components as contemplated by M.G.O. § 9.13 and the Mall Concourse Regulations. Fees for this process have been waived.

2. Temporarily expand permitted sidewalk cafes into city roadway.
   
   Any restaurant or tavern wishing to expand into the roadway must, in addition to obtaining approval under 1. above, must obtain a Street Occupancy Permit from City Traffic Engineering. Any street in the City is eligible for such a permit, subject to review and input by other city agencies and departments. Fees for this process have been waived.

3. Temporarily establish or expand outdoor eating areas in private parking areas accessory to existing restaurants and taverns.
   
   The Zoning Administrator is authorized to approve and modify new or expanded outdoor eating areas in private parking areas accessory to existing restaurants and taverns, including all operational aspects of the outdoor eating areas dimensions, locations, parking lot modifications, operations, and other appropriate approvals, on a case-by-case basis and subject to the inclusion of the following minimum requirements:
i. **Hours of Operation**

   **New Outdoor Eating Areas:**
   Close by 10:00 p.m. Sunday - Thursday
   Close by 11:00 p.m. Friday – Saturday

   **Expanding Existing Outdoor Eating Areas:**
   Close by time set in existing conditional use approval.

ii. **Amplified Sound.**

   No amplified sound in new or expanded existing outdoor eating areas.

iii. **Outdoor Lighting**

   Additional exterior lighting required for any new or expanded outdoor eating area operating past dusk.

   All fees related to this approval have been waived.

4. **Temporarily expand an existing alcohol licensed premises to allow for service in a new or expanded sidewalk café or outdoor eating area.**

   Establishments with existing liquor licenses may apply to the City Clerk for a temporary expansion of those premises if they have first received approval to establish or expand a sidewalk café or outdoor eating area as provided above. The City Clerk is authorized to provisionally approve a temporary expansion, subject to ultimate approval by the Alcohol Licensing Review Committee (ALRC). All fees related to this expansion have been waived.

   Please contact the following City staff if you are interested in obtaining any of the above approvals:

   - **Sidewalk Cafes License:** Meghan Blake-Horst
   - **Zoning- Private Parking Lots:** Matt Tucker
   - **Street Occupancy Permit:** Michael Duhr
   - **Alcohol License Permit Extensions:** Clerks Office
A few final reminders:

**District Alder Notification.** City staff shall provide notice of any application and subsequent approval to the District Alder.

**No Beer Gardens.** This program is intended to create outdoor seating for restaurants and taverns to offset the negative impacts of COVID-19. This program does not allow for the creation of a “beer garden” or other social gathering space for patrons to stand and congregate to drink for any purpose.

**Required signage.** All new or expanded outdoor eating areas and sidewalk café licenses shall post a sign with language provided by the City directed outward from the seating area to inform the public that the new or expanded sidewalk café or outdoor eating area is intended to help offset the impact of COVID-19 and expires on October 25, 2020, and that maintaining the outdoor area beyond that date will require regular city approvals. The sign shall also contain information related to how residents can submit complaints to the city regarding the operation of the outdoor eating area or sidewalk café.

**Public Health Madison Dane County Orders.** Any establishment participating in the Streatery Program is responsible for ensuring compliance at all times with Public Health Madison Dane County Orders, rules, and guidelines, which can be found at [https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus](https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus)

**Expiration.** Any approval granted under this program is temporary and expires on October 25, 2020.

**More information.** Follow the live links below for more information about Streatery Restaurant and Tavern Recovery Program.

- [Guidelines Streatery Restaurant Recovery Program - English](#)
- [Guidelines Streatery Restaurant Recovery Program - Spanish](#)
- [Guidelines Streatery Restaurant Recovery Program - Chinese](#)

Note that these documents were created prior to the program being extended to taverns. They will be updated to reference taverns.