



**CITY OF RACINE MAYORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH DECLARATION**

**SIDEWALK CAFÉS – SUMMER 2020**

June 12, 2020

Whereas, a public health emergency has existing in the City of Racine as a result of the threat of COVID-19 since March 18, 2020; and

Whereas, local, state, and national restrictions have been in place limiting a wide variety of activities; and

Whereas, the extant public health emergency has created financial and operational difficulties for many City of Racine residents and businesses; and

Whereas, a need to deliberately, but safely, operate businesses within the City of Racine exists; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that the process for permitting sidewalk cafés be expedited by eliminating the need for applications to be considered by the Public Safety and Licensing Committee and the Common Council.

Now therefore, in accordance with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Racine by Wisconsin Statutes sections 62.09(8)(a), 323.11, and 323.14(4), and by Racine Ordinance section 34-1, and as concurred in by the City of Racine Public Health Administrator pursuant to her authority in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes section 252.03, it is hereby declared and ordered as follows:

- 1) Businesses within the City of Racine that are otherwise eligible to operate a sidewalk café adjacent to such businesses, as defined in Racine Ordinance section 82-150, may apply for a permit with the City Clerk, in accordance with Racine Ordinance section 82-153.
- 2) The procedures for application and approval of sidewalk café permits, and the standards for operation of sidewalk cafés within the City of Racine, as set forth in Racine Ordinances sections 82-150 through 82-160, continue to apply, except as follows:
  - a. The \$100 fee is waived for sidewalk café permits issued in calendar year 2020.
  - b. The Director of City Development and the Chief Building Inspector shall conduct their review of each sidewalk café application and shall present their

recommendations to the City Clerk, rather than the Public Safety and Licensing Committee.

- c. The City Clerk shall consider the recommendations of the Director of City Development and the Chief Building Inspector. The City Clerk may thereafter grant or deny the sidewalk café permit based on the design and area proposed.
  - d. If the City Clerk grants the sidewalk café permit, such permit shall expire on June 30, 2021, in accordance with Racine Ordinance section 82-154.
  - e. If the City Clerk denies the permit, the applicant may appeal. In such case, the applicant shall, within five days of the date of denial, notify the City Clerk in writing that it appeals such denial. Upon such appeal, the permit application shall be placed in the communication queue for the Public Safety and Licensing Committee for consideration by the Committee and the Common Council pursuant to Racine Ordinance section 82-153(d).
- 3) The procedures set forth herein apply to the period of June 12, 2020, through September 30, 2020, only.
  - 4) Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, all business activities shall be conducted in compliance with The Forward Racine Standard for Reopening the City of Racine Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic plan, dated May 22, 2020.

All City of Racine Administrative Managers are authorized and directed to undertake any necessary actions to carry this order into effect.

Dated at Racine, Wisconsin, this 12th day of June, 2020.

  
Cory Mason  
Mayor

  
Dottie-Kay Bowersox  
Public Health Administrator