



# City of Placentia Press Release

***For Immediate Release***  
March 22, 2022

**Contact: Damien R. Arrula**  
**City Administrator**  
**(714) 993-8171**  
**administration@placentia.org**

## **PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL PLANS TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM**

**PLACENTIA, CA** – The Placentia City Council recently voted to extend the temporary outdoor dining program through June 30, 2022 and directed City staff to develop a new administrative process to assist businesses in applying for a permanent outdoor dining/business area. The new process will help to address the ongoing and potential future effects of COVID-19.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council first adopted the Outdoor Dining Program in May 2020 to temporarily relax outdoor dining regulations, relax on-site parking requirements, and waive related fees. In addition, the Program permitted approved businesses to increase the allowable space available for business activities such as outdoor dining. The City Council extended the Program in November 2020, June 2021, and November 2021.

“I am pleased that we are continuing the current Outdoor Dining Program with a plan to develop a new and more permanent process for our businesses to keep their outdoor space. I want our businesses to know that it’s their City Council’s priority to continue to support them and invest in our City by making the process as easy as we can for them going forward,” said Mayor Rhonda Shader. “I know the last couple of years have been extremely difficult for our businesses, especially our restaurants, so we hope that the new over the counter process will be able to help ease some of that burden.”

This new process currently under development would be an Administrative Use Permit process that would streamline the current Use Permit process for businesses transitioning from a temporary outdoor patio to that of permanent status. The new Administrative Use Permit process, which will take into consideration safety, design standards, and parking, will be presented to the City Council in late June 2022.

“There is a new paradigm when it comes to outdoor dining and through this new process, the City will focus on making it easier and more affordable for businesses to provide outdoor dining while at the same time establishing standards and quality that our residents have come to expect. We will evaluate permit applications on a case-by-case basis to ensure that safety, architectural style, and potential impacts to the surrounding areas are taken into consideration,” said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula.

For more information on the current Outdoor Dining Program, please contact the City of Placentia Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

--END--