

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AMENDING THE DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON JUNE 4, 2020, AS AMENDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND OUTDOOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR IMMINENT THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the City Council of the City of San José (“City”) ratified the Director of Emergency Service’s Proclamation of Local Emergency due to the outbreak of a novel coronavirus in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8634 and Section 8.08.250 of Chapter 8.08 of Title 8 of the San José Municipal Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8.08.250 of the San José Municipal Code requires such rules and regulations made and issued by the Director of Emergency Services to be confirmed by the City Council at the earliest practicable time; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara (“County Health Officer”) issued a public health order directing all individuals to continue to shelter in place and requiring essential businesses to implement a Social Distancing Protocol; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Public Health Officer and County Health Officer subsequently have issued a number of revised and additional public health orders and guidance that have expanded the number of businesses that may operate and activities

that may resume, but continue to require social distancing and reduced capacities for indoor operations; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2020, in order to facilitate compliance with the Social Distancing Protocol, the Director of Emergency Services issued a declaration (“Private Property and Sidewalk Declaration”) suspending enforcement of certain provisions in land use permits and approvals and zoning and encroachment requirements in the San José Municipal Code to allow many businesses without existing permits for outdoor operations or seating to expand their operations outside in privately-owned outdoor areas, such as parking lots, and use public sidewalks for temporary seating; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79558, which ratified and confirmed the Private Property and Sidewalk Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79661, which amended the Private Property and Sidewalk Declaration to allow businesses to utilize sidewalk areas located in front of neighboring businesses with the neighboring property’s consent; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79704, which amended the Private Property and Sidewalk Declaration to expand the list of permissible businesses that may operate outdoors in these areas; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79774, which amended the Private Property and Sidewalk Declaration to require additional safety measures for outdoor operations on private property and extend permissible business hours and expand the list of allowable equipment for certain businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Private Property and Sidewalk Declaration suspends enforcement of the Municipal Code only to the extent of a business' compliance with the limitations and conditions therein, thereby allowing the City to pursue the remedies in the Municipal Code for outdoor business operations that are not in strict compliance with the declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, recent events have demonstrated, in addition to the City's existing enforcement authority pursuant to the Municipal Code, the need for the Chief of Police to immediately suspend a business' outdoor operations on private property where there is an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

1. Exhibit A to the Private Property and Sidewalk Declaration, as amended, is hereby replaced in its entirety with the Exhibit A included as Attachment A to this Resolution.
2. Except as amended herein, the remainder of the Private Property and Sidewalk Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

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SAM LICCARDO  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk

**ATTACHMENT A**

**EXHIBIT A**  
**CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR**  
**USE OF ADJACENT PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Businesses may expand their existing permitted operations outdoors onto privately-owned, paved areas contiguous to their existing building, including parking lots or vacant lots, subject to the following conditions and limitations.

**1. LOCATION OF OUTDOOR OPERATIONS**

For purposes of this regulation, an “Outdoor Business Area” is defined as a privately-owned, paved outdoor area that is adjacent to a business’ existing building(s) and that measures up to a maximum of one hundred twenty-five feet (125’) from the face of the building, subject to the following:

- a. An Outdoor Business Area shall not be within fifteen feet (15’) of a fire hydrant in any direction and cannot block any San José Fire Department connections.
- b. An Outdoor Business Area shall not restrict access to or encompass more than fifty percent (50%) of the total available parking spaces of the business’ parking area and shall not restrict existing ADA accessible parking spaces or improvements.
- c. An Outdoor Business Area shall not restrict an emergency vehicle access route.
- d. The boundaries of an Outdoor Business Area shall be a minimum of fifty feet (50’) away from any residential property, except that the residential portion of a mixed use development shall not be considered when determining whether this requirement is satisfied for an Outdoor Business Area that is part of the same mixed use development.

**2. ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES**

The only businesses eligible to use an Outdoor Business Area under this regulation shall be those (1) allowed to operate under the Health Orders of the State of California and Santa Clara County, as amended, and (2) with any of the following zoning designations as identified in Table 20-90 of the City’s Zoning Code:

- a. General Retail
- b. Education and Training
- c. Entertainment and Recreation
- d. Food Services
- e. General Services
- f. Health and Veterinary Services, except Animal Grooming
- g. Offices and Financial Services
- h. Public, Quasi-Public and Assembly Uses

- i. Sale, Vehicle Parts only within the category of Vehicle Related Uses
3. LIMITATIONS ON PERMITTED OPERATIONS

Businesses may conduct their permitted business operations in an Outdoor Business Area, subject to the limitations in this section.

- a. Canopies shall not exceed seven hundred (700) square feet in floor area.
- b. Tents shall not exceed four hundred (400) square feet in floor area.
- c. Canopies or tents exceeding the foregoing size limitations, as well as structures of any type or size, are not allowed to be erected in an Outdoor Business Area pursuant to this regulation. However, businesses may submit a separate application with the City for a permit to erect such canopies, tents or structures in an Outdoor Business Area. Permit applications for structures shall be accompanied by engineered plans. The City may issue subject to conditions or deny a permit in its discretion based on the proposed location and business operations and other factors affecting the public health, safety or welfare. The applicant shall be responsible for the cost to apply for and obtain this separate permit.
- d. Flames of any type shall not be used in the Outdoor Business Area, including, without limitation, stoves, burners and candles, with the sole exception of heat lamps operated and stored in compliance with San Jose Fire Department regulations and guidelines.
- e. Cooking or food preparation shall not be allowed in the Outdoor Business Area.
- f. Generators – gas or diesel – shall not be used in the Outdoor Business Area.
- g. Electrical extension cords may be used in the Outdoor Business Area subject to the following:
  - i. Extension cords shall be listed and labeled as outdoor rated in accordance with UL 817;
  - ii. Extension cords shall be secured in a manner that is compliant with ADA accessibility standards, does not impede any person's path of travel and does not constitute a tripping hazard; and
  - iii. All extension cords shall be disconnected from their electrical sources each day at the conclusion of operations in the Outdoor Business Area.
- h. Amplified sound or entertainment shall not be allowed in the Outdoor Business Area.
- i. Business may be conducted in an Outdoor Business Area located in the Downtown Primary Commercial zone as reflected on the City's Zoning Map daily between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 a.m. Business may be conducted in an Outdoor Business Area located outside the Downtown Primary Commercial zone daily between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.



- j. Notwithstanding anything to contrary in this regulation, the Chief of Police and Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement may adopt additional limitations on uses allowed in an Outdoor Business Area necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

#### 4. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- a. All businesses operating in an Outdoor Business Area shall install and at all times maintain traffic safety barriers to help mitigate the risk of vehicle intrusion into the Outdoor Business Area. A list of acceptable traffic barriers and guidelines for how the barriers may be set up will be posted to the City's website.
- b. Nothing in this regulation authorizes an eligible business to operate in an Outdoor Business Area that it does not have the legal right to use. Eligible businesses shall be responsible for obtaining any consent from property owners or others necessary to use an Outdoor Business Area.
- c. The text of this regulation shall be posted in each Outdoor Business Area and a copy of the site diagram submitted as part of a business' registration shall be kept at each respective business premises.
- d. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this regulation, Title 16 or the regulations adopted pursuant to Title 16, a Relocated Cardroom, as defined in Section 20.200.995 of the San José Municipal Code and identified in Table 20-90 of the City's Zoning Code, may use an Outdoor Business Area for the operation of gaming. Before using an Outdoor Business Area for the operation of gaming, a Relocated Cardroom shall obtain written approval from the Administrator, as defined in Section 16.02.210 of the San José Municipal Code, and the Chief of Police. The Administrator shall not provide his/her written approval unless the Relocated Cardroom has first obtained necessary consents or approvals to allow outdoor gaming operations from all other governing bodies or agencies, including, without limitation, the County of Santa Clara and California Gambling Control Commission. The Chief of Police and Administrator shall have the discretion to implement Cardroom Regulations that govern outdoor gaming operations that are in conformance with or more stringent than State gambling law and regulations. The Cardroom Regulations shall be posted to the City's website. The Administrator's written approval shall require compliance with the Cardroom Regulations and set forth other conditions for operation of gaming in the Outdoor Business Area. Except as expressly exempted by the Administrator's written approval, all provisions of a Relocated Cardroom's existing cardroom permit shall remain in full force and effect and apply to any outdoor gaming operations. Conditions for outdoor operations unrelated to gaming shall be coordinated with and approved by the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement and the director of

any other department normally charged with enforcement of the applicable condition. The Administrator's written approval shall incorporate any conditions for outdoor operations unrelated to gaming and supersede any conflicting provisions in Sections 1, 3 and 5 of this Exhibit A.

#### 5. REGISTRATION PROCESS

Before an eligible business may begin using an Outdoor Business Area, the business shall register online in accordance with the following:

- a. The business shall register their use of an Outdoor Business Area through the City's web site. There shall be no fee for registering.
- b. As part of the online registration process, businesses must provide the following:
  - i. The business' name and address;
  - ii. The business owner's contact information;
  - iii. The contact information for the business' primary on-site contact person;
  - iv. Business Tax Certificate Number;
  - v. A site diagram showing all of the following:
    1. Dimensions of the proposed Outdoor Business Area;
    2. Distance and physical relationship between a business' existing building, the proposed Outdoor Business Area and vehicle parking and circulation areas, if applicable;
    3. The layout of any furnishings, materials or equipment to be used in the Outdoor Business Area; and
    4. An outline of the boundaries of the proposed area where alcohol will be served, if applicable.
  - vi. A copy of the business' approved COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization from ABC for the business to serve alcohol in the Outdoor Business Area.
- c. Following registration, a business may immediately begin using the Outdoor Business Area pending the City's review of the registration submission to determine whether it meets the requirements of this regulation.
- d. If a submittal does not comply with the registration requirements, the City will contact the business, which shall immediately cease use of the Outdoor Business Area and correct any deficiencies prior to continuing to use of the Outdoor Business Area.

#### 6. ENFORCEMENT

- a. Enforcement Pursuant to the San José Municipal Code
  - i. All businesses operating in an Outdoor Business Area shall be in full compliance with the conditions and limitations contained herein at all times in order to be exempt from enforcement of the San José Municipal Code.

- ii. Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit the City from exercising any available remedies it has under state or local laws to protect the public health, safety and welfare, including, without limitation, Title 6 of the San José Municipal Code.
- b. Suspensions to Address Imminent Threats to Public Health, Safety or Welfare
  - i. The Chief of Police may immediately suspend the outdoor operations of any business using an Outdoor Business Area when the Chief determines there is an imminent threat to the public health, safety or welfare.
  - ii. The Chief of Police's determination that there is an imminent threat to the public health, safety or welfare shall be based on one or more of the following:
    - 1. There is an urgent need to take immediate action to protect the public from a substantial threat of serious bodily injury or death existing in or within one hundred fifty feet (150') of the business's Outdoor Business Area; or
    - 2. There has been a violation of any condition or limitation on the use of an Outdoor Business Area that creates an imminent danger to the public health, safety or welfare in or within one hundred fifty feet (150') of the business's Outdoor Business Area; or
    - 3. The business has conducted its outdoor operations in a manner that creates or results in a public nuisance, as defined in Section 1.13.050 of the San José Municipal Code or Sections 3479 and 3480 of the California Civil Code, and that public nuisance creates an imminent danger to the public health, safety or welfare in or within one hundred fifty feet (150') of the business's Outdoor Business Area.
  - iii. When the Chief of Police determines there is an imminent threat to the public health, safety or welfare pursuant to subsection b.ii. above, the Chief will contact the business to notify it that it must immediately cease use of the Outdoor Business Area and implement compliance measures that will, in the Chief's judgment, effectively abate the imminent threat to the public health, safety or welfare. The business shall implement the compliance measures to the Chief's satisfaction prior to resuming use of the Outdoor Business Area.
  - iv. For purposes of this Section 6.b., the "Chief of Police" shall mean the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee.

## 7. ADMINISTRATION

The provisions of this Exhibit A relating to Relocated Cardrooms and imminent threats to the public health, safety or welfare shall be under the administration of the Chief of Police in coordination and with approval from the directors of any other department normally charged with enforcement of specific conditions not currently regulated under Title 16 or Title 6. All other provisions of this Exhibit A shall be under the administration of the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.