



CITY OF
GRAND
RAPIDS

Continuing the City's Commitment to Economic Recovery

Outdoor activation through May 31, 2021*

Four Items (#2-5 on agenda):

- Resolution extending COVID-19 Recovery as a special event (Social Zones)
- Resolution approving a new City Commission policy to allow certain outdoor temporary uses and structures on private property
- Resolution allowing outdoor wood fires on college/university properties meeting certain zoning and related requirements
- Resolution recommending approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of multiple Social District Permit applications

Item 2

Resolution extending COVID-19 Recovery as special event (Social Zones)

- Builds on and replaces previous COVID-19 Recovery special event resolution (89878) approved May 21, 2020
- Extends timeframe through May 31, 2021 (full 12 months)
- Includes these key additions:
 - Adjustments for snow removal, stormwater drainage, and other seasonal service requirements required by November 15
 - Installation of heating devices approvable by the Fire Department
 - Wood fires approvable by the Fire Department on a pilot basis at least 120 feet from occupied residences
 - Installation of tents, canopies, and temporary structures approvable by Building Inspections
 - No bicycling, skateboarding, etc. within dining areas
 - No solicitation in a threatening or disorderly manner or within 12 feet of a dining area
 - Non-compliance is a civil infraction punishable by a \$50 fine

Item 3

Resolution approving a new City Commission policy to allow certain outdoor temporary uses and structures on private property

- This resolution proposes a new City Commission policy regarding the area, structures, and placement of certain outdoor business activities. These uses shall be treated with expedited administrative approvals for outdoor accessory services.
- Administrative approvals shall expire by May 31, 2021 or upon the expiration of the State of Emergency, whichever occurs first, and includes a ten-day transition period following the expiration.
- Any approvals granted under this Policy shall not be considered as equivalent to otherwise required approvals as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance and shall not be construed to create any approval or nonconforming rights or status and is expressly of a temporary nature as set forth by this Policy. Nothing in this Policy shall be interpreted or construed to permanently modify in any manner the City's zoning and land use regulations and requirements.

Item 4

Resolution allowing outdoor wood fires on college/university properties meeting certain zoning and related requirements

- Outdoor recreational wood fires would be allowed on properties zoned Special District-Institutional Campus (SD-IC) or Special District-Planned Redevelopment District (SD-PRD) that contain a residential dormitory associated with an educational use
- In effect for the remainder of the declared public health emergency and state of disaster (plus 30 days), or until May 31, 2021, whichever occurs first
- Aquinas College, Calvin University, and Cornerstone University campuses would be eligible
- Supported by the Kent County Health Department as tending to reduce indoor close contact and increase compliance with physical distancing guidelines that are helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Item 5

Resolution recommending approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of multiple Social District Permit applications

- Similar to 4 prior resolutions approved by the City Commission since July 21
- Recommends approval by MLCC of Social District Permit applications from the following MLCC qualified licensees:
 - City Flats Hotel Grand Rapids, LLC; 83 Monroe Center St. NW
 - Grand Rapids Beverage, LLC; 640 Bridge St. NW
 - RCB Main Floor, LLC; 201 Monroe Ave. NW
- Inclusive of this resolution, the City will have recommended approval of 41 Social District Permit applications



Questions?