Temporary Outdoor Dining Application

The Town of Manchester is preparing to allow restaurants to create or expand outdoor dining in areas adjacent to their businesses. This plan will include temporary accommodations for outdoor dining in areas that may not have previously been permitted. The Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a hearing at 7:00 on Monday, May 18, 2020 to discuss allowing the Town to waive or suspend certain zoning regulations related to outdoor dining. This hearing will be held digitally and more information can be found HERE.

In the interim, we have developed an expedited application process, requiring a brief application, site layout plan and some other related documentation. That application is now available and must be submitted online at: https://manchesterct.seamlessdocs.com/f/TempOutdoorDiningApp. The intent of the process is to allow you to show that your outdoor dining plan meets the requirements of all Town Departments including Health, Building, Zoning and Fire through submission of one application. There is no fee and you do not need to wait until May 18 to apply.

Additionally, we recognize there may be opportunities Downtown to expand dining availability into other areas including: Bump out areas close to an establishment, public or private sidewalk areas in front of or next to an establishment, Parking spaces in the right-of-way in front of an establishment (Modeled after the Bistro on Main parking space patio from 2018 & 2019.) Off street parking spaces adjacent to an establishment. We will be in touch this week with Downtown restaurant owners about these opportunities.

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If you have additional questions about the program, please contact Gary Anderson Director of Planning and Economic Development 860-647-3044.