



Restaurant Re-Opening Procedures

In accordance with [Governor Kemp's Executive Order issued Monday, April 20, 2020](#), restaurants are permitted to re-open dining room service beginning Monday, April 27, 2020 so long as there are at least six feet maintained between persons. Understanding that the business community has questions regarding the impact to operations, the City has prepared this flier to provide additional guidance.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER GUIDELINES FOR INDOOR AND EXISTING OUTDOOR OPERATIONS

Per the governor's executive order, the six-foot separation requirement does not apply to cohabitating persons, family units, or roommates; however, the city is instituting the following additional requirements:

- The maximum size of any party shall be limited to five persons per table.
- Seats shall be at least 24 inches apart in addition to the six-foot table separation.
- All restaurant staff are required to wear masks.
- Restaurants are encouraged to use disposable menus or clean menus after each use.
- All restrooms shall be cleaned and sanitized on a more frequent schedule.
- Points of ingress and egress shall not be blocked for any reason and all ADA requirements must be maintained.
- Additional guidance from the Georgia Restaurant Association can be found here: <https://www.garestaurants.org/news/covid-19-employer-guidance>.

NEW OUTDOOR OPERATIONS

Due to social distancing requirements of the governor's executive order, the city understands that some restaurant establishments will seek alternatives to their existing indoor and outdoor configurations by extending operations to new outdoor areas including sidewalks, parking lots, etc.

In an effort to ensure that that above social distancing requirements are met while encouraging restaurant establishments to resume operations, the city is providing the following flexible outdoor operations allowances where they may not be permitted by city code otherwise:

- **Permit.** A Temporary Outdoor Restaurant Operations Permit application shall be sent via e-mail to planning@brookhavenga.gov. The permit will be effective for 90 days.
- **Occupancy.** New outdoor operations cannot result in a total occupancy greater than the originally approved occupancy limit for the restaurant.
- **ADA Requirements.** No temporary outdoor operations shall be placed on a sidewalk unless an accessible path is available.
- **Life Safety Requirements.** At least one 2A10BC rated fire extinguisher shall be provided for the outdoor operations using any number of tents. Points of ingress and egress shall not be blocked for any reason.
- **Tents.** The maximum tent size shall be 10' X 10'. Seven is the maximum number of tents permitted per restaurant.
- **Traffic & Parking.** New outdoor operations cannot interfere with normal vehicle traffic movement to include fire department access to the building and access to fire hydrants and other firefighting equipment.
- **Health Department Requirements.** Food preparation must be done inside the restaurant kitchen facilities. Dining must occur on the property/lease area of the restaurant. Open/uncovered food items cannot be served in temporary outdoor seating areas. All of Health Department requirements must be met as well.