

EMERGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 1662

BEING AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TIMEFRAME ALLOWED FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING AT RESTAURANT ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Section 1:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-39, the Mayor of the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota (the "City") has declared that a local emergency is in effect in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota (the "Council") finds that a local emergency continues in the City and is in effect in the City until further action of the City Council, and that immediate action to respond to the local emergency is needed in order to protect the welfare and economic wellbeing of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that this emergency, which involves an outbreak of an infectious disease (COVID-19), is a highly fluid and evolving situation, and in the interest of the welfare and economic wellbeing of the City, a response or action may be needed that requires deviation from standard procedures; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-63 declaring that Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, bars, taverns, brewer taprooms, micro distiller cocktail rooms, farm wineries, craft wineries, cideries, golf courses, and other Places of Public Accommodation offering food or beverages (including alcoholic beverages) for on premises consumption, may provide outdoor service in accordance with specific requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to approve temporary outdoor dining areas through its temporary event permitting process; and

THEREFORE, the City Council gives temporary authorization to extend the timeframe allowed in City Code Section 9.106 (G), for temporary outdoor uses and structures at restaurant establishments within the City of Columbia Heights.

Section 2:


The City of Columbia Heights does ordain:

The City will allow temporary outdoor dining and temporary expanded outdoor dining at restaurant establishments within the City of Columbia Heights. All temporary outdoor dining and temporary expanded outdoor dining must be administratively approved by obtaining a temporary event permit. All dining spaces added by means of this process are considered temporary and must be removed by Nov. 15, 2020. All temporary dining spaces are subject to inspection by the Columbia Heights Fire Department and Building Inspections Department.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

Offered by: Novitsky
Seconded by: Williams
Roll Call: All Ayes

Date of Passage: June 22, 2020



Donna Schmitt, Mayor

Attest:



Nicole Tingley, City Clerk/Council Secretary

SUMMARY OF EMERGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 1662

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The City Council of the City of Columbia Heights has adopted Ordinance No. 1662. The purpose and intent of the ordinance is to temporarily extend the timeframe allowed for temporary outdoor dining at restaurant establishments within the City of Columbia Heights due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The City will allow temporary outdoor dining and temporary expanded outdoor dining at restaurant establishments within the City of Columbia Heights. All temporary outdoor dining and temporary expanded outdoor dining must be administratively approved by obtaining a temporary event permit. All dining spaces added by means of this process are considered temporary and must be removed by Nov. 15, 2020. All temporary dining spaces are subject to inspection by the Columbia Heights Fire Department and Building Inspections Department.

This is a summary of Ordinance No. 1662. The full text of Ordinance No 1662 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in City Hall during regular business hours, or by standard or electronic mail. Ordinance No. 1662 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights on **June 22, 2020**.

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