

JULY 24, 2020

On July 24, 2020 the City Manager issued Executive Order 2020-03 which will assist local retail and service establishments that have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis by allowing those businesses the option to temporarily operate in public and private common areas (Expansion Area) under certain circumstances.

Recently Governor Newsom required the closure of indoor operations for certain business establishments including retail, fitness centers, hair salons, personal care services and other types of businesses. These business sectors are anchors in our community and play a vital role in the livelihood of citizens and business owners in the City of Los Banos.

All business establishments referenced above are eligible to apply for a temporary Waiver issued by the City of Los Banos Community & Economic Development Director which will allow for the temporary outdoor operations. Certain minimum requirements shall be met and waivers may be revoked at any time if these requirements are not upheld. A brief outline of the requirements are as follows:

- *Complete an application – No fee required
 - *Letter of consent from shopping center owner (for private shopping centers)
 - *Copy of a valid City of Los Banos Business License
 - *Summary of business operations
 - *A diagram of proposed Expansion Area – location of tables, furniture etc.
 - *Liability waivers and certificates of insurance (for use of public areas)
 - *Proposed parking lots to be utilized and a parking plan for employees/customers
 - *Safety and traffic control plan (when utilizing parking lots or public streets)
- *Structures, paths of travel and safety features to be approved by City's Building and Fire Departments.
- *Business owners/managers shall keep Expansion Area free of litter and debris

The full text of Executive Order 2020-03, including minimum requirements for the Waiver can be found here: <http://www.losbanos.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-2020-03.pdf>

Outdoor Business Service Waiver Guidelines & Procedures, Submittal Requirements, and the Waiver application can be found on our City's website here:
<http://www.losbanos.org/temporary-outdoor-business-service-waiver/>

All questions and inquiries for further information can be directed to Stacy Souza Elms, Community & Economic Development Director, by phone at (209) 827-7000 ext. 2433 or by email at stacy.souza@losbanos.org.

Businesses and community members are reminded that masks will still be required for these outdoor business operations and all other public facilities. #MaskUp #SaveLives

