



## Executive Order

Date: March 18, 2020

To: Community Development Employees

### **Re: Temporary Relief of certain Ordinance- and Zoning Ordinance-related restrictions**

In response to the Local Emergency Declaration relating to the Coronavirus outbreak, I am authorizing the Community Development Department the authority to waive certain regulations established by the Zoning Ordinance and other related Ordinances in an effort to improve the ability for existing businesses to improve their ability to sale products:

**Specifically, but not limited to, the following creative strategies can be employed while under the Local Emergency Declaration and extended as long as the strategies aid businesses the ability to recover from the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic:**

1. Restaurants and retail locations are encouraged to offer curbside service.
2. Restaurants and retail locations may place tents in parking spaces near the front door in order to accomplish the curbside service. No permit required.
3. Restaurants and retail locations may place a banner on the tents advertising the curbside service. No Permit required.
4. Businesses of all types are encouraged to incorporate Delivery Services as appropriate and the use of Video Conferencing as much as possible.
5. Permitting and Architectural Review for Ridgeland-based Food Trucks is currently waived; however, all of regulations of the Food Truck Ordinance remain in effect.
6. All businesses are encourage to use hand sanitizer, gloves, open doors, and demonstrate good hygiene to patrons to improve the comfort level of customers.
7. Residents, Visitors, and Businesses are encouraged to support businesses.
8. Restaurants are encouraged to partner with neighborhoods and businesses to deliver box lunches and dinners.
9. Medical clinics and Pharmacies are encouraged to offer curbside/drive-thru testing and delivery service.
10. Businesses are encouraged to expand their Marketing and Promotional efforts in order to encourage customers to patronize businesses.

Acknowledge:

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