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Town of Johnstown Supports Local Restaurant Establishments with Sidewalk/Street Access

In a special Town Council Meeting on May 26, Town Council passed Resolution 2020-15 in support of local restaurants being able to use public spaces such as sidewalks, streets, and parking spaces to conduct business during COVID-19 occupancy restrictions.

Johnstown, CO - May 26, 2020 -- As part of Town Council's vision to help our local businesses to be more successful as they begin to open, local restaurants will soon be able to complete some basic documentation to utilize the public space outside of/adjacent to their establishments for seating and service. Resolution 2020-15 was passed by Town Council on Tuesday night as a new policy to be implemented during the COVID-19 Safer-at-Home period. The resolution authorizes the use of public property, including sidewalks, streets, and parking spaces, etc for seating and food service of those establishments which are affected by occupancy limits as a result of COVID-19. This policy was approved to parallel new guidance from the State that allows restaurants to open in a limited capacity.

Those establishments that are interested in utilizing the public space will need to complete two documents prior to moving their business into the public space: a Temporary License Agreement for Encroachment in the Town's Rights of Way and a Temporary Street/Sidewalk Use Application. For those businesses who desire to utilize Town streets or parking spaces for the expansion, a street closure may be necessary. If necessary, applicants will be required to check with, and obtain a signature from neighboring businesses that will be impacted.

Applicants will not need to pay a Town fee for this permit and more information and the application can be found on the Town's COVID-19 Business Resources webpage: <https://townofjohnstown.com/375/Business-Resources-COVID-19> or by calling the Town Hall at 970-587-4664.

The Town is currently accepting applications for Restaurant Use of Public Space: <https://townofjohnstown.com/375/Business-Resources-COVID-19>

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