

Memo

To: Plan Commission, Village Board

Fr: Trevor Fuller, Director of Planning and Community Development

Re: ACTION RE: TEMPORARY OUTDOOR PATIO PERMIT (T. Fuller)

Date: 02 June 2022

The village received a request from a bar and restaurant owner for the village to allow for a temporary outdoor patio area, similar to what was allowed immediately following the COVID-19 pandemic. Other bar and restaurant owners have indicated that they no longer have the need for outdoor seating.

The village allowed for a temporary patio permit in 2020 and again in 2021 in order for the bar and restaurant businesses to remain open and practice social distancing. The village staff has permitted this temporary use, as a temporary reprieve for business owners. However, there are regulations that need to be considered for a more regular patio area. Some of these regulations are local ordinances (i.e. zoning), but most regulations are required by the Federal or state government (e.g. ADA, building, and fire).

Staff does not recommend extending another year of temporary patios, given that there are regulations outside of village jurisdiction to consider. If businesses would like to construct a patio for annual or regular seasonal use, the village could review that request through a building permit or zoning review process. Businesses may be eligible for façade improvement funds, depending on the scope of work and business location for the construction of a permanent patio.

The Village Board is asked whether or not to approve the continuance of temporary outdoor patios.