



**COVID-19  
REOPENING  
GUIDANCE**  
A Guide for  
**Restaurateurs**  
In Unincorporated  
Orange County  
  
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**TEMPORARY SEATING**



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## 1 Introduction

During the reopening of businesses during Mayor Demings' State of Emergency Executive Order for COVID-19, unincorporated Orange County has developed guidelines for the reopening of some businesses for a temporary period. These guidelines exist and are applicable in unincorporated Orange County only during the Mayor's State of Emergency Executive Order. If located in a municipal jurisdiction, please contact your local jurisdiction for any regulatory requirements.

## 2 Temporary Restaurant Seating

Florida Governor Ron Desantis' [Executive Order 20-112](#) (*Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*) does not address capacity with respect to outdoor dining. Permanent outdoor dining areas are subject to zoning requirements and associated conditions or permits.

### 2.1 Restaurants with Existing Outdoor Seating

1. Distance separation of at least six (6) feet between seating areas at adjacent tables shall apply to your existing outdoor seating area and shall not utilize any public sidewalk or right-of-way.

### 2.2 Restaurants without Existing Outdoor Seating

Temporary outdoor seating is permitted based on the following:

1. All outdoor seating shall be located on private property.
2. Distance separation of at least six (6) feet between seating areas at adjacent tables shall apply to seating arrangement.
3. Use of tables with umbrellas is permitted.
4. Shall not use parking area nor block any drive aisle or travel way.
5. Outdoor seating shall not utilize any public sidewalk or right-of-way.



#### 2.2.1 Multi-Tenant Shopping Center Restaurants - Temporary Outdoor Dining

1. Property owner permission shall be required for outdoor dining within the sidewalk area outside of restaurant building frontage.
2. If a restaurant uses a private sidewalk for outdoor dining, they shall provide minimum of four (4) feet of clearance on the sidewalk in order to provide a path consistent with ADA Guidelines.

#### 2.2.2 Free-Standing Restaurants – Temporary Outdoor Dining

1. Shall not use the parking area, block any drive aisle nor travel way.
2. If a restaurant uses a private sidewalk for outdoor dining, a minimum of four (4) feet of clearance on the sidewalk shall be provided consistent with ADA Guidelines.

### 3 Temporary Tents

A permit is not required for:

- Tents less than 144 square feet
- Shall be removed at the end of each business day.

Permits are required for:

- Tents greater than 144 square feet.
- Enclosed tents.
- Tents provided with plumbing or electricity.



#### 3.1 Multi-Tenant Shopping Center & Freestanding Restaurant Outdoor Dining

1. Any outdoor use of a tent greater than 144 square feet shall require a permit.
2. If a restaurant uses a private sidewalk for outdoor dining, a minimum of four (4) feet of clearance on the sidewalk shall be provided consistent with ADA Guidelines.
3. Shall not use the parking area, block any drive aisle nor travel way.

#### 3.2 Tent Application Process

To begin the process for a tent application visit [Orange County's Tent Permitting Guide](#). Permits for tents may be applied for online, using [Orange County's Fast Track Online Services](#) beginning May 8, 2020. Other options to obtain a tent permit are by email, drop-off box or by mail.

**Email:**

[Zoning@ocfl.net](mailto:Zoning@ocfl.net)

**Drop-Off Location:**

Orange County Administration Building  
201 S. Rosalind Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(Drop-off location is in the vestibule entrance)

**By Mail:**

Orange County Zoning Division  
201 S. Rosalind Ave, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Orlando, FL 32801

## 4 Temporary Signage

The following types of temporary signage will be allowed without a permit for any restaurant for the duration of the Mayor's Executive Order. Only one (1) temporary sign from each category will be allowed per business.

### 4.1 A-Frame Sign Limitations

1. Shall not exceed a maximum of nine (9) square feet, including the copy area.
2. Shall be located on the sidewalk located directly in front of the advertised business.
3. If no sidewalk exists, temporary signage shall be no closer than six (6) feet from the back of any curb.
4. Shall be removed at the end of each business day.
5. A minimum of four (4) feet of clearance on the sidewalk shall be provided consistent with ADA Guidelines.



A-frame



Feather flag

### 4.2 Feather Flag Sign Limitations

1. Shall not exceed a maximum of twelve (12) feet in height.
2. Can be placed no closer than six (6) feet from the back of any curb.
3. Shall be removed by the end of each business day.



Banner

### 4.3 Banner Limitations

1. Shall not exceed a maximum of forty (40) square feet.
2. Shall be affixed to the advertised business' building only.

## 5 General Provisions

- All activities, signs and temporary uses authorized herein shall be removed should a tropical storm warning (or greater) be issued for Orange County.
- All activities are only allowed for legal or legal non-conforming businesses located in the proper zoning district, which have obtained a valid business tax receipt from Orange County.
- Must comply with all applicable Fire Department regulations.
- Must comply with all applicable Florida Department of Health regulations.
- Must not negatively impact ingress and egress to the building or property.

Each business and property owner shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. Violation of any federal, state or local law, or violation of any of the terms or conditions of this program will result in the termination of all activities, signs and temporary uses authorized.

## 6 Graphic

The graphic on the following page may be used as a guide for temporary outdoor dining, tents and signage.

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Umbrella

## TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING

- Distance separation of at least six feet between seating areas at adjacent tables.
- Umbrellas permitted.
- Must not use parking lot or block any drive aisle.
- Only restaurants without existing outdoor dining may use a private sidewalk, but must have property owner's permission and must leave at least four feet of clearance in order to provide a path consistent with ADA Guidelines.

## TEMPORARY TENTS

- Any outdoor tent larger than 144 square feet requires a permit.
- Must not use parking lot or block drive aisle.
- If using a sidewalk, must leave at least four feet of clearance in order to provide a path consistent with ADA Guidelines.
- All temporary tents shall be removed at the end of each business day.



Tent

## TEMPORARY SIGNAGE

*One temporary sign from each category will be allowed per business*

- **A-Frame signage** must not exceed a maximum of nine square feet, including the copy area. Shall be located on the sidewalk directly in front of the advertised business, no closer than six feet from the back of any curb. Must be removed at the end of each business day.
- **Feather flag signage** must not exceed a maximum of twelve feet in height. Shall be located no closer than six feet from the back of any curb. Must be removed at the end of each business day.
- **Banner signage** must not exceed a maximum of forty square feet. Shall be affixed to the advertised business' building only.



Feather flag



Banner



A-frame

Apply for any necessary permits at [www.ocfl.net/fasttrack](http://www.ocfl.net/fasttrack)