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RE: Outdoor Dining on High Street

Patrick;

I met with Chris Agharabi, the owner of Ava's and Theo's restaurants this afternoon to discuss his plans for outdoor dining. His plan for western side of High Street, would have outside dining starting at Theos to 317 High Street. It would be tables located under a 10-foot wide tent. Chris either owns the properties or he has secure permission from the property owners to use their sidewalk. This request is for Friday, June 5th through Sunday June 7th.



High St.

The restaurants will be closed Monday and Tuesday, then reopening on Wednesday. I explained to Chris that this would be a temporary approval granted by the City Manager for the weekend and if he would like to continue this outdoor dining in this manner, he should write a letter addressing it to you or the mayor and have this topic discussed at Council's Monday June 8th meeting.

Chris will be doing a series of picnic tables along the Ava's property, if available, or just have his regular tables spaced appropriately. He may want to have the tent feature here as well, but not for this weekend. I mentioned if he would like to use any additional properties along High Street, he would have to secure permission from the property owners.

I believe there is ample room to accommodate this use on an interim basis. My recommendations are as follows.

1. This is a temporary approval for outdoor dining along the western portion of High Street that will have tables appropriately distanced pursuant to the Governor's and Health Department requirements.
2. There will be adequate separation from any business's entrances.
3. There will be a minimum of 4 foot clearance for ADA accessibility.
4. This approval is for food only service and the County's liquor Board will review these expansion request at their June 15th meeting to review requests for the sale of alcohol.

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