



**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-60
BY EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE AND
STAFF TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS
TO CITY ORDINANCES EXPANDING OUTDOOR DINING AREAS
AND SIDEWALK DINING ON PERMANENT BASIS**

Section 1. Findings. City Council does hereby make the following findings:

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, in an effort to stimulate the recovery of the restaurant business in the City of Charleston and to support local restaurants, City Council ratified Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-60 which provided for temporarily superseding and replacing conflicting provisions of the City's zoning ordinances or regulations governing outdoor dining areas and sidewalk dining; and,

WHEREAS, since its ratification, City Council has extended Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-60 due to the continuing nature of the pandemic and the need for City Council to respond to the public health emergency of COVID-19 as it evolves as well as the continuing need to support the recovery of the restaurant business in the City; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-60 will expire on October 18, 2020, and City Council has determined it is necessary to extend the emergency ordinance for an additional 60 days; and,

WHEREAS, City Council further believes that to continue to stimulate the recovery of the restaurant business in the City, City Council should consider adopting certain regulations that expand outdoor dining areas and sidewalk dining on a permanent basis.

Section 2. Prior to the expiration of this Ordinance, City staff is directed to review the emergency procedures and standards set forth in Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-60, determine conflicting provisions of the City's zoning ordinances or other regulations governing outdoor dining services, and provide recommendations to City Council for amendments to the City's ordinances and regulations expanding outdoor dining services in the City.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect on its adoption and shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on the 61st day after its enactment, whichever date is earlier.

Ratified in City Council this 13th day of October in the Year of Our Lord, 2020, and in the 245th Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By: John J. Tecklenburg
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