

**RESOLUTION NO. PC-2023-**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL  
GIVE FIRST READING TO AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE  
13 (PLANNING, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE  
COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE CITY'S  
OUTDOOR DINING PROVISIONS**

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA FINDS  
AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 2020-15 and further extended the provisions by Ordinance No. 2022-08, temporarily suspending the permit requirements and development standards for outdoor activities and parking contained in the zoning code applicable to dining patios, places of religious assembly, and waiver of valet parking.

WHEREAS, Urgency Ordinance No. 2022-08 will expire on December 31, 2023.

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, significant social shifts have occurred, creating a greater interest in outdoor dining.

WHEREAS, outdoor dining has been found to promote private and public economic interests, protect the public safety and general welfare, and create a community-oriented and pedestrian friendly dining environment.

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed its desire to promote small businesses, placemaking and pedestrian friendly design.

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on November 13, 2023 with all persons having the opportunity to speak for and against the proposal; and,

NOW THEREFORE, THE COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLVES  
AS FOLLOWS:

1. Adoption of this resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule) in that there is no possibility that the minor updates to the City's outdoor dining provisions will have a significant impact on the environment.
2. The Planning Commission recommends the City Council approve the ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CEQA exemption for this project reflects the independent judgement of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, division, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this resolution, or the document in the record in support of this resolution, are for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2023.**

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Adam Ereth, Chair  
Costa Mesa Planning Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE )ss  
CITY OF COSTA MESA )

I, Scott Drapkin, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. PC-2023- \_\_ was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Costa Mesa Planning Commission held on November 13, 2023 by the following votes:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

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Scott Drapkin, Secretary  
Costa Mesa Planning Commission

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