



**FEE REDUCTIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND  
WAIVERS FOR OUTDOOR BUSINESS USES  
RELATED TO COVID-19 HEALTH ORDER RESTRICTIONS  
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# BACKGROUND

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## EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

**March 4, 2020 – California State of Emergency Declared**

**March-September 2020 – Sonoma County Health Orders C19-01 to C19-14**

- Extend the shelter-in-place order
- Clarifies, strengthens, and extends certain terms of prior Orders to increase social distancing and further reduce person-to-person contact
- Require mitigation measures for businesses allowed to operate
- Allow additional businesses to reopen; allow limited socially distanced access to parks for outdoor recreational activities



# BUILDING & ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FEES

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## Temporary waiver of fees

Specific to temp relocation of indoor operations to exterior of the building

- Current Encroachment Fee: \$128
  - Reimbursements (20 permits): \$2,560
- Current Building Permit Fee: \$650 (avg)
  - 35% of fee collected assigned to Fire Dept.

## Fiscal Impact - total estimated revenue loss

(% of 5-year average)

Building: 1% | Fire: 2% | Engineering: <1%



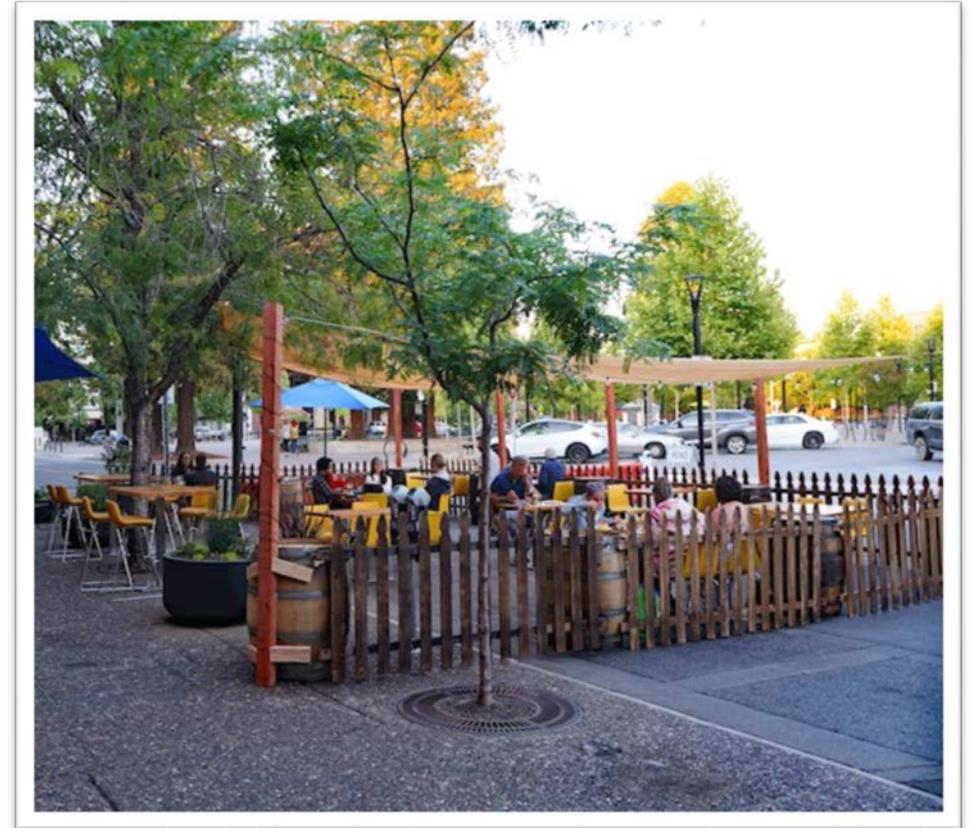
# PARKING FEES

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## Extend parking fee reductions:

- First hour free in all five garages
- Free parking at all five garages, Monday – Friday from 5 PM to 6 AM
- Free parking at all five garages on Saturday and Sunday
- One free metered parking session using the Passport mobile payment application
- Waiver of meter reservation fees for temporary parklets, outdoor seating and retail

**Fiscal Impact: unknown**



# PARK PERMIT FEES

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## Temporary reduction of fees

Temp 80% reduction of daily rates for Santa Rosa based businesses

- 0-25 attendees: \$25/day current
  - NEW PERMIT FEE: \$5
- 26-100 attendees: \$50
  - NEW PERMIT FEE: \$10



# Recommendation

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It is recommended by the Economic Recovery Task Force that the Council, by resolution, authorize the temporary waiver of building permit and encroachment permit fees, the temporary waiver of certain parking fees, and the reduction of park event fees specific to business required by COVID-19 health orders that dramatically reduce or eliminate indoor business operations.

