



## City of Clermont

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## NEWS RELEASE



### City of Clermont Waives Permit Fees for Restaurants Adding Outdoor Seating in May

**CLERMONT** (May 6, 2020) – The City of Clermont is waiving permit fees for restaurants adding temporary outdoor seating during the COVID-19 pandemic in May.

“As a business-friendly city, our restaurants may add temporary outdoor seating options without having to worry about a permit fee during this challenging time,” City Manager Darren Gray said. “We encourage restaurants to follow guidelines from the governor and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to keep employees and patrons safe as they reopen for dining with limited capacity.”

Businesses interested in adding outdoor seating of any kind should submit the following information to the City of Clermont’s Building Services Department at [inspection@clermontfl.org](mailto:inspection@clermontfl.org):

- Site plan showing location of outdoor seating
- Size of tent (if applicable)
- Number of parking spaces to be used for outdoor seating
- Number of tables and number of chairs

Questions may be directed to permitting staff at 352-241-7315.

Governor DeSantis’s executive order detailing Phase 1 of reopening Florida went into effect May 4. It states that restaurants may offer outdoor seating with 6 feet of space between tables and indoor seating at 25% capacity. Retail can operate at 25% of indoor capacity. Bars, gyms and personal services such as hairdressers continue to remain closed to services and may continue to sell retail products.

Vulnerable individuals (those over 65 and those with serious underlying medical conditions) should avoid close contact with people outside the home. Face masks are recommended for everyone in face-to-face interactions and where you cannot social distance.

A Phase 1 FAQs list contains helpful information (<https://bit.ly/3c3C0WN>). In addition, the governor's slideshow presentation on Phase 1 provides further insight (<https://bit.ly/2ydBSoN>).

For more information, visit the City of Clermont's COVID-19 webpage, [www.ClermontFL.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ClermontFL.gov/coronavirus), the city's main Facebook page, [www.Facebook.com/CityOfClermont](http://www.Facebook.com/CityOfClermont), and its new Nextdoor app page.

This news release can be found online at <https://www.clermontfl.gov/news/city-of-clermont-waives-permit-fees-for-restaurants-adding-outdoor-seating-in-may.stml>.

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**About the City of Clermont.** Clermont, Fla., is known as the Choice of Champions® due to its international reputation as a training ground for elite athletes and the community's celebration of the championship spirit. Founded in 1884 as a model town, the city of 40,000 is about 20 miles west of Orlando and is set among picturesque hills and pristine lakes. Clermont is the largest city in Lake County. More at [www.ClermontFL.gov](http://www.ClermontFL.gov).