



The
TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES
MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable Councilmembers

From: Honorable Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez

Subject: Amendment – Reopening Restaurants in the COVID 19 Environment

Date: May 19, 2020

Recommendation

On May 8, 2020, I submitted a New Business Item regarding an amendment to our Town Code in order to allow an expansion of outdoor seating during the Phase one opening of Town restaurants. Since then, I have discussed this matter with the Deputy Town Attorney, Manager and Staff.

Based on the existing language in Town Code Section 13-771, which permits outdoor seating in Town Hall, and Governor Ron DeSantis Executive Order 20-122, which increased restaurant usage from twenty five (25) percent to fifty (50) percent, I propose the following amendment to my item : **During the existence of COVID-19 emergency orders, which impose strict social distancing requirements that restrict restaurant's usage of dine-in seating, that an ordinance be passed relaxing the parking requirements for restaurants in order to allow encroachment of table seating onto adjoining parking spaces, and for the landowners to work with their restaurant tenants to allow for outdoor seating where none exists.**