

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Paul Briseno, City Manager

**Council Meeting:** August 25, 2020 / September 8, 2020

**Subject:** Ordinance Waiving Sidewalk Café Alcohol Sales Fee

**Person(s) Responsible:** Paul Briseno, City Manager

## **Summary:**

The City of Brookings allows sidewalk cafes to serve alcohol and charges \$100 per application. Staff recommends waiving the fee for any applicants through September 2021 to increase business under the current COVID 19 regulations.

## **Background:**

The City of Brookings engaged the Downtown area businesses to determine interest in Sidewalk Cafés. Based on an informal survey, businesses are interested in utilization of adjacent right-of-way space. Current ordinances and regulations allow the utilization of the sidewalk are directly in front of a business, while assuring the ADA regulation of six (6) feet of unobstructed passage, structures for separation, and assurances that proper measures will be taken to protect the public.

The City Clerk's office has an application available for anyone interested in utilizing the sidewalk space directly in front of their place of business.

## **Item Details:**

Current COVID-19 regulations limit restaurants to 50% occupancy. Staff recommends suspending the administrative fee of \$100 per application through September 2021 for Sidewalk Café Alcohol Sales Applications. Utilization of the space would need to meet current COVID-19 regulations.

## **Legal Consideration:**

None.

## **Financial Consideration:**

Anticipated revenue loss would \$100 per permit. The City typically issues zero (0) such permits annually.

## **Options:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend

3. Deny
4. Move the item to a Study Session
5. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance waiving fees through September 2021.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Ordinance

Application