

OUTSIDE DINING AND PARKING

ORDINANCE 2020-03

PROPOSED CHANGES

Changes are based on comments made in the City Council work meeting held on 3-3-2020

- Parking for inside dining has been reduced from 1 stall for every 150 sq. ft. to 1 stall every 200 sq. ft.
- Outside dining requires parking if it is greater than 50% of the square footage of inside dining
- Outside dining parking is calculated at 1 stall for every 250 sq. ft.
- All required outside dining stalls may be located off site

PROPOSED CODE

- 10. Restaurants and cafes shall have one parking space per **two hundred (200)** square feet of dining room floor space. **No additional parking is required for any outdoor dining area (open-air dining) less than 50% of the indoor dining area. In cases where the outdoor dining area is more than 50% of the indoor dining area, the portion of outdoor dining area exceeding 50% of the indoor dining area shall be calculated at one parking space per 250 square feet of the outdoor dining area.**

- 75% of the required parking may be located off-site at a city approved and designated area. **If outdoor dining requires parking stalls, 100% of the required parking for the outside dining area may be located off-site at a city approved and designated area.** A parking stall fee will be assessed with the approval of the initial issuance of the business license and an annual fee per required stall will be assessed at the time of business license renewal each year. The required fee will be adopted by the City Council as part of the City's fee schedule.

POSSIBLE FINDINGS

- Increasing parking for outside dining at restaurants and cafes may help alleviate potential parking problems for future restaurants and cafes
- Increasing parking for outside dining at restaurants and cafes will make it more expensive for eating establishments to locate in Midway
- Increased parking requirements will require more area in the commercial zones to be paved which may detract from the vision of Main Street as described in the General Plan
- The General Plan promotes a pedestrian experience along Main Street and increased parking requirements might detract from that experience
- Decreasing inside dining parking requirements will help offset the impact of adopting outside dining parking requirements