

BLOOMINGDALE IS READY!

"I am confident that our local businesses can open and operate safely and must be given the freedom to choose whether they wish to open or remain closed"

-Mayor Franco Coladipietro

As part of an ongoing effort to support our local restaurants, coffee shops and other establishments offering food and beverage, the Village of Bloomingdale is pleased to introduce temporary, **expanded** outdoor seating options, for those that can provide it using current social distancing requirements.

Pursuant to the Governor's amendments to his "Restore Illinois" Plan, he has now indicated that we will allow for outdoor dining options, in Phase 3 of the plan, which is anticipated to begin on May 29th. While the Village already allows outdoor dining in many locations, the Mayor and Village Board have decided to expand current allowances and temporarily suspend certain requirements, to help offset capacity limitations due to the restrictions currently required for social distancing measures.

THE PLAN

Many businesses within Bloomingdale already provide outdoor seating to their patrons and in some cases, have obtained the appropriate approvals to exceed the 24 seats allowed for outdoor dining. If you choose to operate within the scope of your existing allowances and are still able to maintain social distancing requirements, you will not require anything additional from the Village.

In existing shopping centers and where adjacent parking spaces or open space is available, an establishment may be permitted to expand already permitted outdoor seating into existing parking lots and yards, assuming that appropriate safety protocols can be implemented, to expand what is currently permitted. While a special use process is generally required for a capacity over 24 seats, the Village Board has decided to temporarily suspend this requirement, allowing businesses to take advantage of underutilized parking and open space, to provide additional seating. If you are a business that fits into this category and would like to apply for expanded seating, we have created a simple, streamlined process, to help you get going and open back up!!

As our highest priority is the health and safety of our business operators and residents, we must be certain that above all else, it is done safely and responsibly. The following information outlines the Village's minimum requirements to proceed with the expanded outdoor seating option.



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A Temporary Land Use permit must be obtained from the Village to expand outdoor seating beyond what is currently permitted. Requirements for this permit are identified later in this manual.
- All outdoor seating must be adjacent to the restaurant or establishment and is not permitted to be located “off-site” or in a remote location.
- No “co-mingling” or combining of tables to accommodate more than 4 persons, is permitted.
- All establishments shall be required to provide refuse containers, placing them in locations as to not violate health code requirements, but still providing adequate containers to serve the outdoor seating area.
- All establishments are entirely responsible for the maintenance and regular clean up of the outdoor dining areas associated with their establishment.
- Hours of outdoor dining shall be consistent with those of existing outdoor patios, or 9 p.m. where existing patios do not currently exist.
- All servers and food service employees are required to comply with all protocol set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health, as well as those set forth for social distancing.

VILLAGE APPLICATION PROCESS

How to Apply

Application

You must apply for a temporary land use permit through the Village. You can obtain a permit application by visiting www.villageofbloomington.org or by contacting the Building Department at 630-671-5660. **While a permit is required, the associated fees will be waived.**

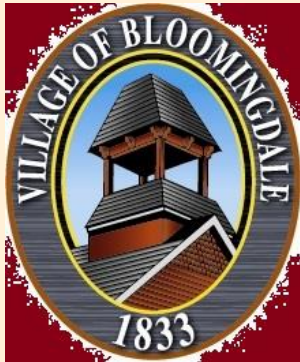
Submittal Requirements

Every permit must be accompanied by the following:

1. A completed Temporary Land Use Permit application, including landlord approval.
2. A basic site plan as to where and how you will set up your outdoor seating, location of waste containers, as well as dimensions showing compliance with social distancing regulations (this can be hand drawn, provided it is clear).
3. A summary identifying the steps you will take to provide maintenance and clean up of your area, as well as how you will comply with social distancing regulations and safety protocols, if you intend to provide outdoor seating in any portion of a parking lot.
4. Details on any barriers or protection to be used to protect patrons, for outdoor seating proposed for parking lots.
5. A completed hold harmless (available on the Village's website), if you will be extending onto public property.

Approval

Once approvals are received, you may set up your outdoor dining area and contact the Village for an inspection of the area. The dining area may be "broken down" from day to day, but must always be placed back in the approved setup, to ensure compliance.



FINAL THOUGHTS

- These provisions are intended to remain in place until such time that the establishment can resume normal business operation (Phase 5 of the Governor's "Restore Illinois" plan), or such time that an establishment can no longer safely offer the expanded outdoor seating due to increased activity within a shopping center, parking lot or open space.
- These provisions may be revised or cancelled at any time, based on any new conditions or constraints established by the Governor, or as a result of failure to comply with required social distancing and/or safety protocols.
- We understand that this will be a process for many of you, to decide how you will safely provide seating for your patrons. To that extent, we strongly encourage you to begin the process now, even if you are still contemplating how you will layout any expanded seating. The Village of Bloomingdale is committed to our businesses, so please use us as a resource!!
- If you have additional questions regarding anything in this manual, or need any assistance with the application process, please contact Sean Gascoigne, Director of Community and Economic Development at 630-671-5694 or gascoignes@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us