



# Temporary Outdoor Operations Guidelines

This guidance document has been prepared for business owners/operators seeking to apply for the Temporary Outdoor Operations Permit.

## NEW OUTDOOR OPERATIONS

In an effort to ensure the safety of Johns Creek residents and business operators while encouraging restaurant and retail establishments to operate safely, the city is providing the following outdoor operations allowances where they may not be otherwise permitted by city code:

- **Permit.** A Temporary Outdoor Restaurant Operations Permit application shall be sent via e-mail to [PandZ@Johnscreekga.gov](mailto:PandZ@Johnscreekga.gov). If approved, the permit will be valid for the duration of time deemed appropriate and approved by City Council.
- **Occupancy.** New outdoor operations cannot result in a total occupancy greater than the originally approved occupancy limit.
- **ADA Requirements:** No temporary outdoor operations shall be placed on an interior sidewalk or parking space unless an accessible path is available.
- **Tents:** The maximum tent size shall be 10' by 10'. No more than four (4) tents shall be permitted per restaurant. Tents shall be safely secured and shall not be connected to each other. No cooking of food or open flames are permitted outdoors or under tents.
- **Life Safety Requirements:**
  - At least one 2A10BC rated fire extinguisher shall be provided for outdoor operations using any number of tents. Points of ingress and egress shall not be blocked for any reason.
  - No portable heating element/equipment is permitted underneath a tent or awning without prior approval from the city's Fire Marshal.
- **Traffic & Parking:** New outdoor operations cannot interfere with normal vehicle traffic movement, to include fire department access to the building and access to fire hydrants and other firefighting equipment.
- **Health Department Requirements:** Food preparation must be completed inside the restaurant kitchen facilities.
- **Alcoholic Beverages:** All proposals for consumption of alcohol on premise shall be in compliance with Section 6-53 of the City Code, with the exception of subsection (B)(5) and (7). Consumption of alcohol shall only occur within the area of the tent.

In addition to the rules listed above, the city is instituting the following additional requirements:

- All restrooms shall be cleaned and sanitized on a more frequent schedule.
- Points of ingress and egress shall not be blocked for any reason and all ADA requirements must be maintained.