

Item 11: Public Hearing

**Consider Adoption of
Urgency Ordinance No. 186 -
Temporarily Suspending a Portion of Rule 24-
B-1-i Pertaining to Exterior Restaurant Seating
in Response to COVID-19 Re-Opening
Procedures**

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When re-opening occurs...

- ▶ The Governor has prioritized moving business outdoors to the extent possible
- ▶ District Rule 24 regulates outdoor restaurant seats
 - ▶ OK to have 1/2 the number of indoor seats outside w/o permit requirement
- ▶ Jurisdictions have begun discussing ways to facilitate outdoor dining
 - ▶ Indoor space restrictions limit ability to social distance
 - ▶ Public space, driveways, parking lots, alleyways, etc.

Summary of Ordinance No. 186

- ▶ District's rule does not address the potential need to temporarily relocate seating from inside to outside as will occur with re-opening Restaurants during the pandemic
- ▶ Urgency Ordinance No. 186 facilitates outdoor seating
- ▶ Restaurants will need to confirm that the District has a seat count, but no Water Permit will be required
- ▶ All action subject to approval by the jurisdiction

Recommendation

- ▶ The Board should adopt Ordinance No. 186 with urgency to address an immediate need for outdoor seating when re-opening is allowed
- ▶ Urgency Ordinance expires after one year
- ▶ Staff will share process with restaurants & Jurisdictions

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