

New Business and Commission Requests - R9 E

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Steven Meiner
DATE: May 13, 2020

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND, IF NECESSARY, TAKE ACTION ON WAIVING SIDEWALK CAFE PERMIT FEES CITYWIDE.

ANALYSIS

The current permitting structure on outdoor seating limits businesses from successfully contributing to the walkability, safety, and attraction of 41st Street businesses. Waiving the fee will incentivize businesses to expand their services. Business owners and residents alike have requested the fee to be waived.

SEE UPDATED MEMORANDUM - ATTACHED.

Please feel free to contact Amadeus Huff for additional information.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION**Applicable Area**

Middle Beach

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

Yes

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Steven Meiner

ATTACHMENTS:**Description**

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Steven Meiner

DATE: May 8, 2020

SUBJECT: R9 E - WAIVING SIDEWALK CAFE PERMIT FEES CITYWIDE

Given the economic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on Miami Beach businesses, Item R9 E is being amended to waive all outdoor sidewalk cafe permit fees Citywide. This is an extension from the initial sponsored item to waive these fees for 41st Street businesses. This Citywide initiative will incentivize cafes, restaurants, and bars to expand their services to outdoor seating. Outdoor seating capacity will also better allow for social distancing per CDC safety guidelines. These permit fees would be waived for six months with a possible extension of another six months to be considered during the fiscal year 2021 budget process.

Signed,

Commissioner Steven Meiner

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