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**BUSINESS RELIEF STRATEGY TO PROMOTE OUTDOOR DINING;
APPLICATION INFORMATION**

PURCELLVILLE, Va. June 1, 2020 — In response to the economic hardship that many in our business community are facing due to the mandatory closures of our indoor dining establishments, the town is implementing a business relief strategy to promote outdoor dining and, in some cases, outdoor libations. Per emergency rules and regulations established by the State, County, Town, health community and the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Authority, these rules and regulations amend, append and/or supersede normal business regulations and zoning ordinance requirements, and are being issued under the legal authority provided to the Town Manager by the Town Council as the Director of Emergency Management.

The Town of Purcellville is encouraging all local restaurants to take advantage of the new emergency guidelines to permit safe outdoor dining during the transition to normal operations. To take advantage of this new opportunity, restaurant owners are encouraged to complete the [application](#) and return it to the Department of Engineering, Planning & Development for review and approval (outdoor_dining@purcellvilleva.gov).

Our Engineering, Planning and Development team have established an interim application process, which includes comprehensive guidelines to ensure that you are meeting the Governor's orders issued under Executive Orders 61 and 63, the CDC's social distance guidelines, County health recommendations to mitigate and/or reduce COVID-19 community spread. Lastly, the administration has coordinated with the Loudoun County Building Dept. to ensure that any temporary tents that are utilized for this opportunity are installed under proper safety protocol.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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