

Restaurant Expansion into Public Right of Way Permitting

Frequently Asked Questions – 5/21/20

Q. Does the special event permit provide my business an exception the current guidelines given by the NC DHHS or the CDC?

- No. All applicants must adhere to NC DHHS Interim Guidance for Restaurants in Phase 2; The guidance can be found here: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NCDHHS-Interim-Guidance-for-Restaurants-Phase-2.pdf>

Q. What is involved in the Special Events Permitting Process?

- Applicants should complete the fillable Special Events Permit Application, save it, and email it to cogpermits@greensboro-nc.gov.
- Upon receipt, a confirmation email will be sent to applicant with further questions/instructions.

Q. What is the expected timeline of the permitting process?

- City staff will make every effort possible to review, communicate, and complete final site inspection at the earliest possible timeline, respective of the necessary actions required to fulfill the proposed request.

Q. Can I use this application to extend my restaurant seating onto private property?

- No. The special event permitting process does not apply to private property. Alterations to your restaurant service area onto private property should still adhere to ADA, Emergency Egress, and other applicable guidelines.

Q. Can I obtain an ABC Extension of Premise permit if I don't need a Special Events Permit?

- Yes. You can apply directly with Greensboro Police, Vice Narcotics by emailing vice-narcotics@greensboro-nc.gov and requesting a NC ABC Temporary Extension of Premises Application.

Q. Can I exceed my interior capacity by extending my dining area onto public right of way?

- No. Your overall restaurant capacity cannot exceed posted/approved capacity, regardless of size of outdoor space extension.

Q. Can I cook or prepare food outdoors?

- No. All food preparation guidelines, as permitted and governed by Guilford County Public Health, remain in place and must be adhered to.