



Outdoor Dining in Stamford

Creating a regional center of cuisine



**CITY OF
STAMFORD**

innovating since 1641

COVID-19 changed so many parts of Stamford...

A silver lining was the growth of outdoor dining

... Today, we're here to update the Outdoor Dining Ordinance and Process

- Address challenges of the past
- Continue the success of the last two years into the future
- Upgrade one part of what makes Stamford unique



Why Are We Here?

Cementing COVID-19 Changes in our Ordinance



Our Philosophy

Supporting local business and making Stamford better for all

- Supporting local businesses *throughout* Stamford
- Improving the quality of life for residents
- Creating an attractive urban realm
- Improving and reimagining our streets and public spaces
- Creating a regional center of dining highlighting the unique mix of cuisines in Stamford



Updates

Comprehensive review of ordinance and update of process

Previous Challenges, New Solutions

How this change addresses the challenges of the past

Challenges

- Locations only on Sidewalk →
- Convoluted Fee Structure →
- Bureaucratic Permit Process →
- Noise →
- Only in Downtown →
- Restaurants still recovering from COVID-19 →

Solutions

- Expands dining to parking spaces and the roadway
- Replaces old fee structure with equitable and dynamic system
- Cuts red tape and saves staff time
- Further limits noise hours and raises fines for violations
- Supports businesses outside of downtown with new programs
- \$0 2022 permit fee to support restaurants impacted by COVID-19



Thank You

