



# TOWN OF RIVERHEAD NEWS

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Town of Riverhead Now Accepting Applications for Temporary Outdoor Dining Permits**

In recognition of the contributions that restaurants provide to the health of the local economy, Riverhead Supervisor Aguiar and the Town Board have launched an initiative to allow patrons to dine outdoors through the issuance of a Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit. The State Liquor Authority has agreed to fast track liquor licenses and the Department of Health has authorized temporary outdoor seating, not to exceed overall maximum seating capacity.

The permit is available to establishments holding a valid use permit and will expire on December 31, 2020. The Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit is intended to allow restaurants to safely increase operations while maintaining appropriate social distancing protocols as mandated by the Center for Disease Control and the Department of Health. A fire inspection will be made prior to granting the permit. We anticipate restaurant reopening to be moved to Phase Two, and ask all restaurants to commence on following all the reopening protocols. Councilwomen Jodi Giglio and Catherine Kent have been tasked to coordinate this effort.

Applications for Temporary Outdoor Dining Permits may be accessed through the Town website at [townofriverheadny.gov](http://townofriverheadny.gov), the BIDMA and the Chamber of Commerce websites. In addition, applications may be submitted to the Riverhead Building



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Department's drop box located at 201 Howell Avenue, Riverhead. Applications will also be accepted virtually. All applications will be fast tracked.

Prior to the issuance of a Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit, all applicants **must** complete and submit an online Business Affirmation to New York State. A COVID-19 Reopening Safety Plan **must** be completed and retained on premises. The forms must be made available upon request by the Department of Health and/or local health or safety authorities in the event of an additional inspection. Both documents may be located at <https://forward.ny.gov/phase-one-industries> .