



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF COVINGTON**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-24

COVINGTON STREET CLOSURE PLAN FOR DINING

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, state directives issued during the COVID-19 health crises resulted in the discontinuance of onsite restaurant and bar service, while to-go and delivery services remained available; and

WHEREAS, as Kentucky and the City of Covington slowly begin the reopening process, the state has issued updated guidance regarding responsible and safe operation of restaurants; and

WHEREAS, state social distancing requirements aimed at reducing the continued spread of COVID-19 allow restaurants to operate at only 50% capacity of indoor seating; and

WHEREAS, many establishments could only serve enough patrons to warrant re-opening if they are allowed to use elements of the public realm to provide additional outdoor seating; and

WHEREAS, the City currently allows businesses to place tables and chairs in City right of way in accordance with a permitting program set forth in Chapter 96 of the Covington Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed a number of alternatives and believes the policy set forth below represents an approach that balances the economic needs of restaurateurs, the health and safety of the community, and responsible temporary use of public assets to benefit the city; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020 Mayor Meyer issued 2020-EO-17, which set forth a policy and processes for businesses to expand their operations into outdoor and publicly-owned spaces; and

WHEREAS, after working with local businesses during the reopening process, City staff believes it is appropriate to temporarily close certain portions of City streets to further assist with restaurant reopenings.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

The City will restrict certain vehicle access in the following districts and streets therein subject to the following regulations and conditions:

Roebing Point District

Court Street:

- City to close the northbound lane on Court Street between Third Street and Park Place. This area is to be used for additional outdoor seating for Smoke Justis.
- City to remove fifteen-minute parking signs on the west side of Court Street adjacent to former Kenton County building. The City will replace the fifteen-minute parking signs with public parking signs.
- The crosswalks are to remain open for the pedestrian right of way.
- City to close a southbound lane on Court Street between Fourth Street and Park Place. This area is to be used for additional outdoor seating for Molly Malone's.
- City to remove fifteen-minute parking signs on the west side of Court Street.

Park Place:

- City to close metered parking spaces parallel to Keystone Bar and Grill current patio off of Park Place for additional outdoor seating.
- City to add two fifteen-minute parking spaces in front of 130 Park Place.
- City to ensure access to driveway space between 130 Park Place and Keystone Bar and Grill.
- Park Place will remain a two-way street from Greenup Street to Scott Street. The crosswalks will remain open for the pedestrian right of way.

West Seventh Street District

Seventh Street between Washington Street and Madison Avenue:

- City to close parking area south of separation strip nightly from 6 pm – 11 pm for additional outdoor

seating for Parlor on Seventh, Braxton Brewing, McK's Chicks, and Rich's Proper. Restaurants are responsible for closing and opening the Southside of the separation daily between the hours of 6 pm – 11 pm.

- City to add public parking on the Northside of Seventh Street between 6 pm – 11 pm. Lane will continue to serve as a delivery lane for the neighborhood outside of the specified hours.
- City to open new public parking on the Northside of separation strip on Seventh Street between the hours of 6 pm – 11 pm. City to ensure temporary parking will stop a safe distance from Madison Avenue to account for the right turn lane at the intersection.
- City to continue support of other businesses in the affected area by requiring the occupying restaurants of the Southside of the separation strip to close and open the parking lane between the hours of 6 pm – 11 pm. Restaurants will do so with City provided barrels and street closure saw horses. Parking will remain open during the hours of 11 pm – 6 pm for Metzger Eye Care, AGI, and the Community Action Center.
- The restaurants to ensure temporary outdoor dining areas will be marked per occupant following state liquor laws.

Participant Responsibilities

- All guidelines of social distancing put forth by the Commonwealth are to be strictly followed in City-owned space. It is the responsibility of each restaurant or bar to enforce compliance.
- No Seat, No Service. Under no circumstances are streets and closed parking spaces to be used for groups to stand or congregate.
- All participants are responsible for providing their own tables and chairs for designated dining areas.
- All participants are required to provide material change information and documents to Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control authorities and the Covington ABC Administrator if serving alcohol in the street.
- All participants are to provide proof of additional insurance coverage to serve guests on City streets.
- All participants are required to sanitize, clean, sweep, and dispose of trash in the establishment's trash receptacles. Please no trash in City public trash receptacles.
- All participants to provide seating and table diagram to City Manager's Office for approval. ADA and Social distancing guidelines must be met for approval.
- All participants are required to have City approval on barricades and construction barrels in the event the City is unable to provide.
- Participants are not permitted to have live entertainment in closed City outdoor spaces due to residential properties located near each zone.
- All other items in executive order 2020-EO-17 to remain in place. These conditions will remain in place

until the Executive Order is rescinded or amended by the Mayor. Temporary dining spaces will continue to close at 10 pm.

- All participants are encouraged to incorporate the ReCov branding and signage provided by the City to encourage Social Distancing, Hand Washing, and Wearing of Mask.

[ReCov Toolkit \(Google Drive Link\)](#)

- For more information regarding this policy, please contact Josh Rhodes, Project Manager. Email: Josh.Rhodes@covingtonky.gov Phone: 859.292-2321

Responsibility begins with the patrons and restaurant owners for observing the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s guidelines. Restaurants should follow all Commonwealth of Kentucky reopening directives and guidelines. Failure to follow lawful state reopening directives and guidelines, public health directives, or any local regulations may result in the suspension or revocation of any temporary outdoor seating permits issued in accordance with this policy. Any suspension or revocation proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the processes outlined in Chapter 96 of the Covington Code of Ordinances.

This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the 10th day of July, 2020,

Joseph U Meyer
Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:

Carolann Baughman

Carolann Baughman,
Notary Public-Kentucky
State-At-Large

7/10/20

Date

