

ATTENTION OLD MONTREAL RESTAURATEURS

INFORMATION RELAY FROM THE BOROUGH OF VILLE-MARIE

Montreal, June 10th, 2020

Following the announcement of the reopening of restaurants in the Greater Montreal area on June 22nd, [the borough is now accepting new permit and permit renewal requests for café terrace installations via: montreal.ca](#).

Easing Regulation

In this unusual time, the borough of Ville-Marie is constantly working to find creative and effective solutions to support you in resuming your normal activities. In order to lighten your financial burden, the fees for public domain occupation and those for café terrace permit issuance have been suspended for the 2020 summer season. Only account handling fees (at the reduced rate of \$50) will be billed, for both new permit requests and renewals.

Furthermore, the borough will now permit the installation of up to 50% larger café terraces in the sidewalks in front of storefronts, under certain conditions and as long as they do not obstruct any safety corridors. Lateral expansions are also possible, conditional on prior authorisation from neighbouring tenants. Direct street placement of a café terrace without a platform foundation may also be authorised.

The borough of Ville-Marie will also now tolerate moderate furniture (table, chair, umbrella, bench) additions for the accommodation of deliveries and order collections.

Ville-Marie is working in close collaboration with borough business development organisations (SDCs). They will be immediately notified of any measures implemented. We will likewise follow up with all permit holders.

Maintenance of Safety Regulation

In order to ensure safety, safety corridors must be accessible to emergency vehicles (fire dispatch and police services) at all times. Moreover, the loosening of installation standards must respect safety corridors and overall accessibility.

Request Process for Café Terrace Permits

Once your completed request is submitted to us, we will be able to begin assessing your file and proceed in due time with issuing your permit, so that you may start installing your café terrace as early as possible. However, café terraces cannot be opened until Monday, June 22nd, in accordance with the directives published by the Public Health Board. For the time being, your café terrace must remain closed and installation of furniture on the terrace is prohibited.



[Consult the Café Terrace Permit checklist](#)

*****Obtaining a new café terrace permit, or renewing an existing one, is obligatory.***

When submitting your request, make sure that you have all the required documents (see checklist attached), and **access the [montreal.ca website](#)**.

The \$50 account-handling fee must be forwarded to:

TO THE ATTENTION OF: Mobility Division – Café Terrace Permits
Borough of Ville-Marie
800, boulevard De Maisonneuve Est, 17th Floor

Montréal (Québec) H2L 4L8

**Please list the name and address of your establishment on your check*

Public Health Directives Regarding Distancing Norms

According to the [shared directives](#), installation of café terraces must encourage the ability to maintain a physical distance of two metres between customers, even if they are all occupants of the same private residence or if a physical barrier is separating them, in order to limit contagions. Furthermore, shared equipment (tables, chairs, menus, etc.) must be disinfected after each use.

For more information:

[Public Health Directives for restaurants](#)

Tools for workers in the restauration sector are also available in the [Work Standards, Equity, Health, and Safety Commission \(CNESST\) kit](#).

Commercial Restart Measures for Downtown

Several measures have been implemented by the city of Montreal in order to support Montreal businesses, including restaurants. Follow this link to view the measures in support of Montreal businesses: montreal.ca/articles/covid-19-mesures-en-soutien-aux-entreprises-montrealaises , as well as those specific to the borough of Ville-Marie: montreal.ca/articles/des-mesures-pour-la-relevance-commerciale-du-centre-ville



ALCOHOL PERMIT

La Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux (RACJ) would like to inform you of new measures deployed in order to accelerate the process allowing to modify or obtain authorisation to sell alcohol on a terrace in the context of COVID-19.

The lightened process aims to facilitate, where the government authorises, the resumption of restaurant, bar, or club permit holders, or alcoholic beverage producer permit holders' activities which authorise consumption on site (Fr. CSP). They will permit entrepreneurs to install temporary terraces in order to offer their services to citizens in respect to the sanitary norms established by the Board of Public Health, and the applicable municipality regulations.

[Review the complete information from the RACJ](#)

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