

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 20, SERIES 2025 – A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE TEMPORARY WAIVER OF CERTAIN FEES
FOR THE DOWNTOWN SEASONAL PATIO PROGRAM

DATE: MARCH 18, 2025

PRESENTED BY: SAMMA FOX, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUMMARY:

In April of 2024 City Council passed a one-time waiver of the \$1,000 per patio fee for businesses to rent patios for the season of April-October. Council may wish to consider a one-year extension of this waiver which would support businesses in a time of economic uncertainty and allow the clear communication of future fees well in advance of the program. The proposal is to charge fees in 2026, unless further action is taken by Council.

DISCUSSION:

Patio applications are scheduled to launch late March and installation is scheduled to late April for the 34 patios available. The current fee is \$1,000 per patio which is collected to recoup the original cost of the patios (in 2021, ~16,000 per patio), maintenance, storage, staff support of the program including, but not limited to, administration and delivery/removal each season, and other program costs.

Staff continues to work with businesses, the Downtown Business Association, Chamber of Commerce, and City event staff on programming and opportunities year-round. For 2025, Council approved the budget to continue enhanced flower baskets and the Movie on Main event is planned again.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For 2025, patio revenue from the fee is budgeted at \$25,000, which underwrites, though does not cover, the cost of the program.

PROGRAM/SUB-PROGRAM IMPACT:

Support of Downtown is related to the City's goal to promote a thriving business climate that produces reliable revenue to support City services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Resolution No. 20, Series 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

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STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

☒	 Financial Stewardship & Asset Management	☒	 Reliable Core Services
☒	 Vibrant Economic Climate	☐	 Quality Programs & Amenities
☐	 Engaged Community	☐	 Healthy Workforce
☐	 Supportive Technology	☐	 Collaborative Regional Partner

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WHEREAS, the City's small businesses significantly contribute to the overall fabric of the City's economy and the health, welfare, and enjoyment of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the seasonal patio program is an important way to promote activities and visits to the historic downtown area; and

WHEREAS, City Council found that it should lessen the financial burden of downtown businesses by waiving the City-imposed fees for those downtown businesses participating in the patio program for the 2024 season; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes there are factors, such as the current economic environment, that warrant consideration of extending the waiver for one additional year; and

WHEREAS, City Council found that it should lessen the financial burden of downtown businesses by waiving the City-imposed fees for those downtown businesses participating in the patio program for the 2025 season and intends to charge fees in 2026, unless further action is taken by council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. The City Council hereby waives the City-imposed fees to participate in the downtown seasonal patio program for the 2025 season.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk