The Town of Carbondale Provides Business Adaptations for Social Distancing

CARBONDALE, Colo. (June 2, 2020) – The Town of Carbondale Board of Trustees has approved a resolution which bundles together a number of business adaptations designed to provide businesses with capacity expansion options in order to meet social distancing requirements and occupancy limitations.

As of June 11, 2020, the following adaptations and street reconfigurations will take effect:

- The Town is allowing merchants throughout Town to spread into Right of Ways and private parking lots when helpful.
- Main Street between 3rd and 4th will become a one way street with traffic heading eastbound, businesses along this section may expand up to 15 ft into the street, stores needing adjacent parking may utilize up to 6.5 ft of retail area with parking, and parking at 8.5 ft of the street within this block.
- In other locations, businesses are welcome to utilize up to nine feet of the parking lane adjacent to their storefront throughout Town upon submitting a revocable license agreement.
- Merchants with private parking lots are permitted to expand within their parking lots as per the policy posted at the Town’s webpage, below. The Town will be providing barricades and handicap ramps at no charge to assist in this process (while supplies last).
- There is no charge for a revocable license agreement.
- Main Street, between Third and Fourth, will be closed entirely from 5-9 PM every Friday and Saturday night for the foreseeable future.
- This business adaptation emergency ordinance is in place for the foreseeable future.

Businesses can review the online information packet along with downloadable applications and relevant contact information for any inquiries regarding at the Town of Carbondale website: https://www.carbondalegov.org/government/emergency/business_adaptations_for_social_distancing.php

Restaurant and dining businesses should also consult the Garfield County Variance Request For Restaurants which includes public health guidelines on continued social distancing: https://www.garfield-county.com/board-commissioners/filesgcco/sites/4/5-15-20-garfield-county-variance-request-restaurants.pdf

These business adaptations have been designed to support the re-energizing of Carbondale’s economy with public health and safety protocols as retail and dining businesses start to open for the summer season following the State’s Stay at Home closures during the COVID-19 global
pandemic health crisis. A previous ordinance requiring the wearing of masks or face coverings was also passed in response to public health concerns from local business owners.

The resolution, which was passed by the Town of Carbondale Board of Trustees May 26, 2020, was drafted after consultation with Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Carbondale Creative District, and CoVenture, who had partnered to survey the business community in order to present some economic support proposals for the town’s for the Trustees’ consideration.

“As a community, we want to support our small businesses as they safely reopen under the guidance of Garfield County Public Health. These modifications on Main Street will provide some expansion flexibility while also creating a new sense of place and a spirited experience for locals and visitors to Carbondale as we move into a new phase of opening,” said Dan Richardson, Mayor of Carbondale. “Public health is still our priority, so we urge the community to continue to follow public health guidelines by practicing social distancing, washing hands, and wearing a non-medical mask or face covering to maintain the slowdown of Covid-19.”

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About the Carbondale Emergency Task Force
The Town of Carbondale established the Carbondale Emergency Task Force (CETF), a collective group of volunteer and organizational expertise from across the community to provide support and guidance to the town in key areas of the potential impact from the COVID-19 global pandemic public health crisis. The community is encouraged to visit the CETF webpage and the English and Spanish language CEFT Facebook pages for all public announcements and updates from the Task Force:
https://www.carbondalegov.org/government/emergency/
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