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**CITY OFFERS NO-CHARGE PERMITS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES
TO EXPAND SERVICES OUTSIDE TO ENCOURAGE PATRONAGE
Added Precautions to Meet COVID-19 Social Distancing Rules**

Monterey, CA – In another effort to help local businesses severely impacted by the economic damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Monterey is proactively offering retail and restaurant businesses an opportunity to expand outdoors. Businesses can apply for a temporary encroachment permit that would allow them to move their products and services onto the sidewalk in front of their business location, without impacting streets or parking stalls. The application along with a "to scale" drawing of the table/chairs layout is required to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

"We are all in this together, and together we will make it through this double disaster of the pandemic and devastating economic consequences," said City Manager Hans Uslar.

"On behalf of the entire business community in Monterey, I want to thank the City for the option for restaurants and retail shops to expand their businesses to city sidewalks," said Old Monterey Business Association Executive Director Rick Johnson. "I urge businesses to apply for the temporary encroachment permit in order to welcome residents and visitors to our many outstanding restaurants and local, unique shops."

The application is available at monterey.org/building on the "How to Apply for a Building Permit page, and directly here:

<https://monterey.org/Portals/0/Forms/CommDev/Permits/Inspec/Encroachment-Permit-Form-OLFO.pdf> . Fees may not be waived for businesses interested in constructing a wall or fencing.

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