



REIGNITE RENO

Termination of the Declaration of Emergency
July 27, 2022

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- COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency
- Review of Relief Measures and Exemptions
- Discussion on Possibilities Going Forward

Timeline



March 12, 2020

Declaration of Emergency

April 8, 2020

Council Approves Relief Program

January 27, 2021

Council Approves Second Program

May 22, 2022

Termination of Emergency



PROCLAMATION TERMINATING DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, then-President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(6) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 virus is highly contagious, and spreads through respiratory transmission, and direct and indirect contact with infected persons and surfaces; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that transmission occurs through both droplet and airborne transmission, where droplet transmission occurs when a person is in close proximity to someone who is infected with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in late December 2020, Nevada began distributing COVID-19 vaccines, and there is now an abundant supply of vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is receiving regular supplies of monoclonal antibodies and other therapeutics to treat those who contract COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has identified the "Omicron" variant of COVID-19 and has deemed it a "variant of concern" due to its higher transmissibility; and

WHEREAS, beginning in November 2021, Nevada experienced a surge of COVID-19 cases, and nearly all of those cases are suspected to be the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases have fallen dramatically since February 2022; and

WHEREAS, the number of hospitalizations related to COVID-19 has substantially declined; and

Relief Programs



Fee Assistance

- Waivers
- Extensions
- Payment Plans

Reno COVID-19 Business License Relief Request Form

Businesses applying for a payment deferral or fee reduction on their City of Reno business license must fill out this form. Please review the Business License COVID-19 Economic Relief Program (<https://www.reno.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=83985>) for a description of the program options and eligibility requirements. Your request will be reviewed and the City will confirm your eligibility within 28 days of receipt of application.

Additional Relief

- Direct payments from Reno's CARES Act allocation
- State and Federal Relief programs
- Biggest Little Business Partnership (new)

COVID-19 Exemptions



Outdoor Operations

- Temporary drive through and curbside pickup
- Outdoor operations on private property
- Outdoor operations in the right-of-way

Alcohol Sales

- Package alcohol allowances
- To-go alcoholic beverage sales



Updates to Outdoor Dining



RTC Midtown Project Completed

- Outdoor dining within Midtown significantly increased during COVID and with the new Midtown design.



- Outdoor Dining Permits and Encroachment permits are required in the public right-of-way.

Current Outdoor Dining/Encroachment Permits



State of Outdoor Dining

- 6 businesses utilized the relief fee waiver opportunity
- Anticipate an additional 10-12 businesses that will trigger the need for permitting

Current Fees

- Encroachment permit
Per sqft annually + \$158 (one time fee)
- Outdoor dining permit
\$576 (one time fee)



Considerations



Fee Reduction/Waiver

- Outdoor dining permits
- Encroachment permits

Benefits

- Fosters outdoor business
- Allows for more business opportunities
- Cost to the City would be minimal



Request for Direction



Staff asks that Council provide direction

- Waive/Reduce Fees?
- Other?

Possible Recommendation

Staff recommends Council continue with the temporary waiver of fees through the Fiscal Year 2023 associated with Outdoor Dining and Encroachment Permits, as was made during the statewide COVID-19 State of Emergency, and direct staff to prepare a Resolution.