

OUTDOOR RESTAURANT SEATING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Here are the basics of Executive Order 7MM as they apply to Newington:

1. Applications can be informal. There is no “application form”. Just submit a sketch showing the property boundaries, buildings, the parking lot, and where the tent or tables will be, and a written description of the activity with hours of operation and how you intend to deal with any noise, odor, or light pollution (if there are houses nearby). Email submission is preferred but requests may be submitted by postal mail. The Town Planner’s email address is: cminor@newingtonct.gov.
2. Applications do not need to go before the TPZ Commission – they will be reviewed and approved/denied by TPZ staff. Approvals may contain conditions but they must be reasonable.
3. Tables are permitted on Town sidewalks, but there must be at least 6’ of clearance for pedestrians.
4. While not an official part of the review process, applicants should also contact the Central CT Health District [<https://www.ccthd.org/>] to discuss their outdoor seating. If a tent is involved, contact the Newington Fire Marshal at 860-667-5910.

If you want to read the Executive Order, here is a link:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7MM.pdf>