



City Council
May 26, 2020

Addendum #1
Items Received at the Meeting

**RESOLUTION NO. 36
SERIES 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF
MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE FOR OUTDOOR DINING AREAS**

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to the City of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued a Declaration of Statewide Emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Mayor of the City, pursuant to Chapter 2.32 of the Louisville Municipal Code and C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, executed a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency in and for the City (the “Mayor’s Declaration”) in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 27, Series 2020, adopted on March 16, 2020, the City Council continued in effect the Mayor’s Declaration until terminated by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issued Public Health Order 20-22 closing bars, restaurants and similar establishments to the public except for delivery and take-out; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division (LED) issued Bulletin 20-07 and adopted Emergency Regulation 47-302(F) to allow liquor licensed businesses to apply for temporary modifications with State and local licensing authorities and to pre-plan for temporary outdoor seating areas and additional indoor seating areas that support social distancing requirements; and

WHEREAS, one of the stated purposes of Emergency Regulation 47-302 is to permit liquor licensed businesses to “temporarily expand their licensed premises into sidewalks, streets, and parking lots to increase social distancing measures while being able to operate a productive and economically sustainable business;” and

WHEREAS, CDPHE has issued draft guidelines for the gradual re-opening of restaurants, which include minimum spacing and maximum capacity requirements for indoor and outdoor seating areas; and

WHEREAS, the City’s bars, restaurants and other food and beverage establishments significantly contribute to the overall fabric of the City’s economy and the health, welfare, and enjoyment of its residents; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had significant financial impacts on the City’s bars, restaurants, and their many employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is important to take actions intended to help its residents and businesses with the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that allowing food and beverage establishments to offer expanded outdoor dining areas in the City right-of-way will assist with the re-opening of those businesses in a manner that complies with social distancing, capacity and spacing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City has broad authority to regulate the use of its streets and rights-of-way pursuant to its home rule authority and state law, including C.R.S. § 31-15-702; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it should authorize the closure of certain portions of Main Street to vehicular traffic in order to encourage and allow restaurants and bars to utilize portions of the City right-of-way for outdoor dining areas.

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the closure of the following portions of Main Street to vehicular traffic: Walnut Street to Spruce Street, Spruce Street to Pine Street, and Pine Street to Elm Street (the “Designated Blocks”), with the east/west streets remaining open to traffic. The Designated Blocks shall remain open for emergency vehicular access.

Section 2. The City’s Planning Department is hereby authorized and directed to implement procedures allowing food and beverage establishments to utilize the City right-of-way within the Designated Blocks for outdoor seating and dining areas. Any such use of the City right-of-way shall be subject to approval by the City’s Planning Department and shall be in compliance with applicable State and County public health orders, laws, and regulations. An establishment serving alcohol within such areas shall also obtain approval for a temporary modification of its liquor licensed premises.

Section 3. The Designated Blocks shall be closed commencing on a date to be determined by the City Manager or her designee based on approval of street layouts and shall remain closed until the closures are lifted by resolution of the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2020.

Ashley Stolzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 37
SERIES 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY
MODIFICATIONS OF LIQUOR LICENSED PREMISES TO BE ADMINISTRATIVELY
APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the City Council has established a Local Licensing Authority to act on liquor license applications, including applications for temporary modifications of premises submitted by liquor licensed business; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic, the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division has adopted an emergency rule to allow liquor licensed businesses to apply for temporary modifications of their premises to allow outdoor seating areas and additional indoor seating areas that support social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently and expeditiously process applications for temporary modifications of premises, the City Council desires to authorize the Secretary of the Local Licensing Authority to administratively approve said applications, as set forth herein.

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

Section 1. The Secretary of the Local Licensing Authority, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized to administratively approve applications for temporary modifications of liquor licensed premises. If an application is denied by the Secretary, the licensee may request a hearing before the Local Licensing Authority pursuant to 1 CCR 203-2, Regulation 47-302. Applications for permanent modifications of liquor licensed premises shall continue to be referred to and acted on by the Local Licensing Authority.

Section 2. If any portion of this resolution is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2020.

Ashley Stolzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 38
SERIES 2020

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING PROCEDURES TO BE UTILIZED FOR QUASI-
JUDICIAL HEARINGS AT MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY ELECTRONIC
PARTICIPATION**

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Louisville, pursuant to Chapter 2.32 of the Louisville Municipal Code and C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, executed a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency in and for the City of Louisville (the “Mayor’s Declaration”) in response to the widespread pandemic Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 27, Series 2020, adopted on March 16, 2020, the City Council continued in effect the Mayor’s Declaration until terminated by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 26, Series 2020, also adopted on March 16, 2020, the City Council amended its Rules of Procedure to provide for electronic meeting participation in certain situations, including when meeting in person is not practical or prudent due to a health epidemic or pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued Executive Order D2020-17, ordering the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (“CDPHE”) to issue a state-wide “Stay at Home” public health order; and

WHEREAS, also on March 25, 2020, the CDPHE issued an Amended Public Health Order 20-24 Implementing Stay at Home Requirements, which Order has since been updated twice, and which Order requires all individuals currently living within the State of Colorado to stay at home whenever possible, and only to leave to perform or utilize “Necessary Activities,” as defined in the Order; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 29, series 2020, adopted on March 31, 2020, the City Council authorized boards, commissions, and committees established by the City Council (“Appointed Bodies”) to also hold meetings by electronic participation when meeting in person is not practical or prudent due to a health epidemic or pandemic; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 30, Series 2020, adopted on April 7, 2020, the City Council amended its Rules of Procedure to allow quasi-judicial hearings to be conducted during a health epidemic or pandemic or other state of emergency affecting the City that is or will be extraordinary, according to procedures set forth in Resolution No. 30; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 30 likewise authorized Appointed Bodies of the City to hold quasi-judicial hearings in accordance with the procedures set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2020, Colorado Governor Polis issued Executive Order D2020-44, adopting a “Safer at Home” approach to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which loosened certain restrictions that were in effect under the Stay at Home order, in order to allow many people within Colorado to return to work while maintaining sustainable levels of social distancing, while still recommending most people residing in the state to remain in their residences except when engaging in Necessary Activities; and

WHEREAS, also on April 26, 2020, the CDPHE issued Public Health Order 20-28 to implement the Governor’s Safer at Home order, which will be in effect until May 26, 2020 unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the CDPHE; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and Appointed Bodies have not been able to meet in person for an extended period of time and it is unclear when in-person meetings may safely be resumed, thus the nature and extent of the COVID-19 Pandemic is extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that holding quasi-judicial hearings constitutes an important function of City government; that not holding such hearings for an extended period of time may present a burden to City residents, property owners, and businesses; and that the public health, safety, and welfare of the City will best be secured and protected during this COVID-19 Pandemic by permitting quasi-judicial hearings to proceed at electronic meetings in accordance with the procedures set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires by this Resolution to clarify its policy regarding quasi-judicial hearings, particularly as it relates to the matters that may be heard by Electronic Participation.

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

Section 1. The City Council and Appointed Bodies are hereby authorized to hold quasi-judicial hearings at a meeting by Electronic Participation, subject to the procedures set forth in this Resolution.

A. Matters for which Electronic Quasi-Judicial Hearings may be Held. Only the following types quasi-judicial hearings may be held at a meeting by Electronic Participation:

1. Land use applications the final decision regarding which is not subject to referendum: Public hearings before City Council and all Appointed Bodies may be held by Electronic Participation. Public Meetings before City Council held by Electronic participation under this Section 1. A. 1. must also include an in-person participation option. These types of applications include, but are not limited to, Planned Unit Development, subdivision plats, and special review uses.

2. Land use applications the final decision regarding which is subject to referendum: Public hearings before all Appointed Bodies may be held by Electronic Participation, but City Council hearings must be held at an in-person meeting. These types of applications include, but are not limited to, zoning and rezoning applications, including applications for General Development Plans and amendments thereto.

3. Historic Preservation applications. These types of applications include, but are not limited to, landmark designations, landmark alteration certificates, and demolition reviews.

4. New license applications and applications for renewals of existing licenses where a public hearing is required or ordered by the applicable licensing authority. These types of applications include, but are not limited to, liquor license applications, medical marijuana license applications, and retail marijuana license applications.

B. Applicant's Written Request. For any application set forth in Section A, above, a written request for a hearing by Electronic Participation shall be made by the applicant on a form provided by the City. The applicant shall acknowledge that holding a quasi-judicial hearing by Electronic Participation presents certain legal risks and involves an area of legal uncertainty, and the applicant shall agree that moving forward with a quasi-judicial hearing by Electronic Participation shall be at their own risk. Applicants requesting a hearing by Electronic Participation pursuant to Section A.1 or A.2 above shall additionally agree to defend and indemnify the City in any action that may arise out of, or in connection with, conducting the hearing by Electronic Participation; if such is not provided, no public hearing will be held until in-person meetings have resumed and the applicant will be deemed to have consented to a delay in the holding of a public hearing.

C. Notice Requirements.

1. The required notice for the hearing and the agenda for the meeting at which the hearing will be held shall each include information about how the hearing will be conducted and how the public can access, observe, and participate in the hearing. If such notice as required by the Louisville Municipal Code or otherwise by law has already been provided for a hearing to be held in person, such additional notice shall be given as to reasonably inform interested persons that such hearing will instead be held by Electronic Participation; provided, however, this additional notice shall not be deemed jurisdictional.

2. The notice shall advise that relevant documents will be made available online and that any interested party may contact the City Clerk to receive a paper copy if unable to access the online documents. Interested parties

will be encouraged to submit written comments in advance of the hearing, which comments will be made a part of the record of the hearing.

D. Documents. The City Clerk or Secretary of the applicable board or commission shall set deadlines for submission of documents depending on the nature of the hearing. Materials relevant to the hearing, including but not limited to materials related to specific applications and other documents to be shown electronically during the hearing, will be made available online at least 72 hours in advance for public inspection prior to, during, and after the hearing.

E. Hearing Procedures. At the outset of the hearing, the presiding officer of the Public Body shall describe the hearing procedure, including how testimony and public comment will be received. The applicant shall be given an opportunity to object to the hearing procedure. The presiding officer shall rule on any such objection, and the decision of the presiding officer shall be final.

F. Record. The City Clerk or Secretary of the applicable board or commission shall ensure that all equipment used for the hearing is adequate and functional for allowing clear communication among the participants and for creating a record of the hearing as required by law. Provided, however, the City Clerk or Secretary shall not be responsible for resolving any technical difficulties incurred by any person participating in the hearing.

G. Accessibility. All hearings conducted pursuant to this Resolution shall be held on an electronic platform generally meeting Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (“WCAG”) 2.1 and the agenda for such meeting shall contain the following notice:

Persons with disabilities planning to participate in the meeting who need sign language interpretation, assisted listening systems, Braille, taped material, or closed captioning should contact the City Manager’s Office at (303) 335-4533. A forty-eight hour notice is requested.

H. Hearing May be Vacated or Continued. The procedures adopted by this Resolution create no right in any party to a quasi-judicial matter to have a hearing conducted by Electronic Participation. If at any point the City Manager, the Mayor, or the Chair of the Appointed Body, as the case may be under the particular circumstances, determines that technological, accessibility, or other issues prevent a hearing from being held by Electronic Participation while meeting due process requirements, the hearing may be vacated or continued until such time as it may be held at an in-person meeting.

Section 2. Resolution No. 30 is hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency with this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2020.

Ashley Stolzmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk



Approving the Temporary Closure of Portions of Main Street in Downtown (Summer Outdoor Dining)

Megan E. Pierce
Economic Vitality Director
May 26, 2020

Background



- Louisville food and beverage establishments have been significantly impacted by the closure requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic
- An expanded outdoor dining program creates opportunities for the Louisville business community to begin to recover and to stabilize operations

State Guidance



- As of May 25, Safer-at-Home extended from May 26 to June 1. Restaurants allowed to open for indoor seating beginning May 27
 - Bars remain closed. Establishments not serving food will be re-evaluated in June
- In-person dining indoors
 - 50% of posted occupancy code
 - Not to exceed 50 people, whichever is less

State Guidance (cont.)



- Restaurants can only open for in-person dining if the following requirements can be met:
 - Patrons in different parties must be a minimum of 6 feet apart. The spacing of tables should be 6 feet OR MORE apart to ensure proper physical distancing between diners from different parties
 - All employees must wear face coverings
 - Ensure maximum ventilation by opening windows and minimizing air conditioning to extent possible
 - Deep clean and disinfect all shared surfaces between parties/at each turnover
 - Parties must stay seated together and will not be allowed to mingle with other parties

Program Components



Program Components (cont.)



- Closure of Main Street to vehicular traffic for an extended period;
- Designation of curbside take-out areas for Downtown businesses;
- Potential “food hall areas” in City-owned parking lots; and
- Streamlined process for food & beverage businesses outside of Main street to designate additional outdoor seating capacity.

Main Street Closure



- Walnut Street to Elm Street, block-by-block
 - Intersections and east/west streets remain open to vehicles
 - RTD bus would be re-routed
- Start date to be determined by Staff, allowing time to establish layouts and agreements with participants
 - End date would be determined by Council action
- Seeking 24/7 closure, though participant hours of operation would be determined
- 17 food & beverage establishments within the proposed area

Main Street Closure (cont.)



- Staff requests administrative approval of the layouts to provide flexibility on process and timing
 - Requires extensive coordination and input from the Downtown Business Association
- Each participating business would need to provide their own seating and would be required to maintain it to the State's standards (cleaned between each seating)
- Much more work to do on street layout, pedestrian walkways, barricades, and signage

Designated Curbside



- Food & beverage establishments will likely remain heavily reliant on take-out and curbside services for the near-future
- Much of Main Street would normally be inaccessible for curbside during the summer based on the number (27) of patio parklets
- Consider east/west streets that will be open to traffic for potential designated areas, where multiple restaurants can do hand-off to curbside customers

Food Hall Areas



- Potential use of City-owned parking lots- open for use to consume take-away eats
- Analyze need/desire in addition to Main Street closure
- Could be more temporary or intermittent, such as Friday – Sunday
- Requires more maintenance and oversight
 - DBA tables and chairs
 - Needs cleaning of tables and trash collection

Streamlined Process



- Summer Outdoor Dining is NOT just for Downtown, though that area is probably the most complex given the clustering of establishments
- Working with existing liquor license holders on LED requirements to temporarily modify premises
- Assist with site plans, determination on number of tables and required spacing, and guidance for emergency access
- Key: permission to use adjacent space for expansion

Communication Strategy



- Robust and engaging strategy needed, both for restaurants and residents
- Continued emphasis on public health requirements, with clear approach to assisting in re-opening our economy
- Opportunity to proactively encourage walking and biking downtown, as this will be a highly pedestrian environment

Next Steps



- Monitor and refine program based on CDPHE and BCPH guidance
- Coordination with DBA on participating businesses and table layout for ROW
 - DBA is currently surveying restaurants
- More detail on set-up, traffic circulation, and signage
- Resolution could be refined timeline from open-ended to something such as through September

Recommendation



Adopt Resolution for temporary closure of Main Street for Summer Outdoor Dining program.

Provide input on other Summer Outdoor Dining program components.

Meredyth Muth

From: William Kucharski <kucharsk@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 11:21 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to RESOLUTION NO. 36, SERIES 2020

I am writing to express my strong opposition to RESOLUTION NO. 36, SERIES 2020.

While I understand the rationale for this measure, rather than help the businesses in question, I suggest that closing Main Street in the manner you suggest will actually hurt them as well as other downtown businesses.

1) Because of the major construction work occurring on Highway 42 between Short and E. South Streets, southbound traffic on 42 backs up regularly, making it a poor choice for anyone wanting to visit downtown from areas north of E. South Street along 42 or for people who otherwise would have turned down Main Street from South Boulder Road.

2) There are no easy alternatives to bypass the suggested closure of Main Street. Traffic from the north wishing to visit say, Lucky Pie or Sweet Cow will be forced to redirect to either Front Street or west through the residential neighborhoods along Lafarge Avenue. Have residents living west of downtown been consulted about having roughly half of all southbound Main Street traffic decide to travel through their neighborhood instead?

3) The closure is for the benefit of dine-in patrons only. It will make it much more difficult for patrons to access Main Street businesses to pick up curbside pickup orders, which is likely to remain a majority of restaurant business for the foreseeable future as patrons are likely to remain uncomfortable about dining in even after restaurants reopen.

Further, restaurant industry trends show that restaurants of all types are losing their dine-in patrons in favor of patrons choosing to obtain their food via pickup or delivery services. This shift was occurring even before the pandemic, and due to customer reticence to return to dine-in as the pandemic continues indefinitely, this trend will likely accelerate. Even if pickup areas are relocated to city parking lots, getting to those lots will be made more difficult as people need to compete with redirected traffic that otherwise would have continued down Main Street.

4) Closure of Main Street and relocation of restaurant pickup areas to city parking lots will directly impact ease of access to and parking for non-restaurant businesses downtown. Retail businesses located within the Main Street closure area such as Little Horse, The Singing Cook and various professional offices will find their customers significantly impacted by the proposed changes.

As this closure is projected to be "indefinite," this inconvenience may directly result in the loss of non-restaurant and professional services businesses in the downtown area, especially as news spreads that accessing downtown Louisville businesses is difficult, akin to visiting businesses located along Boulder's Pearl Street mall.

I urge you to delay action on this proposal until wide commentary can be heard and all stakeholders downtown and nearby, not just restaurants, can be consulted as to the impact on their businesses and residences.

William Kucharski
Louisville, CO

From: traffdr@aol.com
To: [Ashley Stolzmann](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: Thank you from Tom RaffertyRe: Barb Hesson Comments on 5-26-2020 CC Meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:59:48 AM

Thanks Ashley, and Dennis said you received mine as well.

This Main Street is such a big and vital element of our Town and Heritage, it is impossible to express all my concerns in one page. And thus, a good Urban Planner could better delineate all the benefits of a completely viable two way vehicular traffic Main Street welcoming to Strollers, Window Shoppers, Vehicles, and Alfresco Dining where each activity does not overwhelm any of the others. I wonder if the City Staff has considered any attributes of the "Complete Streets" concepts out there so long as such does not cost us taxpayers costly street modifications for a temporary need? I do believe that skinnier streets does slow traffic down, meaning can the patios be moved a bit further into the TWO-WAY Main Street and get more outside dining, while saving our street?

Please if you can add this as a separate comment for consideration, it is much appreciated.

Thank you for the work you, Council, Staff and the DBA does to consider everyone, knowing you cannot please everyone.

Regards,

Tom Rafferty

In a message dated 5/26/2020 8:29:58 AM Mountain Standard Time, ashleys@louisvilleco.gov writes:

Thank you Tom- we will include this letter from Mrs. Hesson in the record

Ashley Stolzmann
Louisville Mayor
303-570-9614
AshleyS@LouisvilleCO.gov

From: traffdr@aol.com <traffdr@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:53 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Barb Hesson Comments on 5-26-2020 CC Meeting

Dear Mayor Stolzmann and City Council:

Please can you accept these comments from Barb Hesson, of which I typed for her so that it could be electronically delivered to you?

Please can you reply that you received this?

Thank you,

Tom Rafferty for Barb Hesson, my neighbor.

From: [Nan Boulton](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Restaurant outdoor dining
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:56:35 AM

We are glad that you are working on helping the downtown Louisville restaurants to have more outdoor space for dining.

We also hope that you will consider whatever options you can to help the restaurants along McCaslin to be able to increase their space. Perhaps some of the old Sam's parking lot can be used for parking or something else that will help our great restaurants on the west side of the city, too.

Thanks, Nan Boulton 1162 W Enclave Circle

From: [Sara Midwood](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Closing Main
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:36:38 AM

Good morning! I just wanted to chime in and voice my opinion on the closing of Main Street and the reopening of our restaurants. Having an expanded outdoor eating area would allow the restaurants to generate more revenue while at the same time providing a bit of novelty for Louisville residents in this monotonous time. My family would be thrilled to be able to begin to enjoy both indoor and outdoor dining in our community and feel that the turning a portion of Main Street into a dining “patio” would be a great addition to Louisville for the summer and fall!

Thanks for your time,

Sara Midwood

Sent from my iPad

From: traffdr@aol.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Barb Hesson Comments on 5-26-2020 CC Meeting
Date: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:53:23 PM
Attachments: [Barb hesson 5-25-2020 input to CC on Dining in Main Street.pdf](#)

Dear Mayor Stolzmann and City Council:

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Thank you,

Tom Rafferty for Barb Hesson, my neighbor.

5-25-2020 Dining In The Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

Dear Mayor Stolzmann and City Council:

Every other week we have to fight a different problem.

I am against closing Main Street.

I do my banking downtown and so it makes it more difficult to do this if you close Main Street.

Are we trying again to be like Boulder?

Why don't you ask some people that have lived here for a number of years? I was raised here in Louisville.

A lot of these people that would like to close down Main Street, are they from Boulder or California?

Listen to the people that have lived here like me.

Barb Hesson

From: traffdr@aol.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Tom Rafferty Comments on 5-26-2020 Dining In Main Street CC Meeting
Date: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:32:29 PM
Attachments: [5-25-2020 tr ltr to CC on Dining in Main Street.pdf](#)

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I hope this is not too late. It is very difficult to write these. Can you please accept these attached comments on the meeting tomorrow evening?

Thank you,

Tom Rafferty
945 Rex Street
Louisville, Colorado

5-25-2020 Dining In The Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Thank you for listening to our Citizen input on TEMPORARY CLOSING OF MAIN STREET FOR DINING.

I apologize if you have heard this small town sentiment before, but it is a major context for writing to you. I moved to Louisville in about 1977, partly because of the small town with a thriving American Style Main Street. Our family does empathize with ALL the businesses on Main Street as well as all over town and in the UNITED STATES of AMERICA. We also believe that ALL Louisville citizens are adversely affected by this pandemic; both the virus on our health, and just as much or more so, the lockdown on our vital livelihood. Many of us think the lockdown should be lifting soon and that we should not make permanent changes for one entity at the expense of other entities and neighborhoods.

QUESTION: HOW LONG IS THIS REQUESTED? I do not know what to believe. Is this honestly meant to be temporary? Or, is it an agenda driven first phase with the second phase meant to be PERMANENT? Then, if you and others think this is so successful, will you make it PERMANENT? Then, will you determine that now for sure you need a big ugly PARKING STRUCTURE? And then, will you be able to call it The LITTLE BOULDER PEDESTRIAN MALL? With an unscheduled end to a temporary closure, it means we have to come back yet again and battle the DBA and CITY who some of us believe they sometimes do not care about their impact on others in town.

QUESTION: I roughly counted 16 Restaurant/Bars and 14 Retail/Office/Bank etc. venues between Walnut and Elm(3Blocks). Are 100% of ALL venues wanting to shut down Main Street for these three blocks?

How will elimination of vehicular access affect them and us?

When Moxie has outdoor spaces on their property, and Verde has an outdoor patio and a large parking lot, and the Brewery has outdoor space, is there not enough room to utilize those spaces in lieu of shutting down the Main Street to Vehicular Access? Have you actually tested the utilization of the subject diners in the whole 3 Block Main Street against a reasonably efficient 24/7 multi-use Main Street with the picnic decks and the addition of food halls in public spaces like the Steinbaugh Pavilion?

QUESTION: Like the disparity of a Cul-de-sac that has its own "Private" enclave not affected by neighborhood traffic, yet they get to spill their own traffic onto our neighboring streets, what residential streets and historically small town neighborhoods will be adversely impacted by this alternative routing of traffic? Lafarge? Front Street?

QUESTION: NOISE POLLUTION: Will you allow Music in the Street? Please remember that before COVID, we have filed numerous complaints with the Police Department about LOUD Noise coming from these venues, as they disturb our peace and quiet all the way down to Rex Street residential neighborhood, not to mention Lafarge and other closer neighborhoods. It is hard to believe that at least some of the businesses care about their impact.

"a thriving American Style Main Street": Back in 1977, I can remember many, many entities other than Restaurants and Bars that co-existed with the restaurants and bars to create a vibrant, unique and historically attractive Old Town Louisville Main Street. One you could stroll on. We had a City Hall(I think the Library was inside), Police Department, family owned Hardware Store, a Post Office, Gas Station, Doughnut Shop, Drug Store, Newspaper Office, a Bank, Book Store, Laundromat, Cleaners, Gun Shop, Liquor Store, etc...and a Grocery one block away. It was often that you met other citizens and could shoot the breeze while you both went about your business. It was a wider mix than the current mix. Currently there are successful venues on Main Street other than restaurants and bars, and some of us would prefer more of a balanced mix.

In closing, Some of us do not subscribe to a "New Normal", which we feel is a defeatist attitude. While we protect the vulnerable, we can carefully get back to our lives and do our part at driving the economy, again, carefully. Being open minded and considerate of others, it seems reasonable that if there is unanimous agreement between all of the Main Street businesses including non-restaurants and bars, and the Lafarge and Front Street residents, then we would be in favor of a **onetime temporary closure ending when the weather gets cold.** If it is not unanimous, it seems it will be divisive.

Lastly, we wonder how well your Public Outreach is? How many Citizens do not know this is on City Council Agenda?

We hope our input is helpful, and thank you for your consideration. We do appreciate your difficult job.

Respectfully, Tom Rafferty 945 Rex Street

Meredyth Muth

From: traffdr@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Ashley Stolzmann; City Council
Subject: Clarification from Tom rafferty on his comments to City about Dining in Main Street

Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilors:

I apologize, but I am not sure my comment about the temporary closure of Main Street was 100% understood. So please I hope you see this follow up:

I certainly want to be clear, and maybe I wasn't clear in my comments.

I believe it would be a monumental tragedy if the City closed down Main street PERMANENTLY. I also would not want to be blamed for it.

Thank you sincerely for considering.

Respectfully,

Tom Rafferty