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LACKAWANNA IMPLEMENTS EXPEDITED PERMIT PROCESS TO HELP BUSINESSES REOPEN AFTER COVID-19 PAUSE

LACKAWANNA, N.Y. (Monday, June 8, 2020) – City of Lackawanna Mayor Annette Iafallo today announced that Lackawanna has introduced a temporary process to expedite the issuing of permits for outdoor seating and operations space to retail and restaurant businesses attempting to resume operations after the three month pause related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As New York State has begun to allow restaurants to conduct outdoor service, and retail to open at reduced capacity under guidelines published by the State of New York, and Erie County, this new expedited permit process will allow retail and restaurant businesses in Lackawanna who are approved for a permit to serve more customers through outside seating and operating areas.

“The extended pause related to Covid-19 caused significant hardships for businesses in Lackawanna, especially the small businesses which make up the majority of our City’s economy’ said Mayor Iafallo. We’re excited to get Lackawanna back ‘open for business’ ... and want to do everything we can to help businesses in our community enjoy successful summer and fall business seasons!”

The process for securing an outdoor space permit involves submitting an application and space plan to the Lackawanna Code Enforcement Officer and a review by the Lackawanna Fire, Public Works, Public Safety, and Development departments before approval. The cost for a permit is \$50.

This temporary expedited permit process expires on September 1, 2020 and all outdoor spaces installed by Lackawanna businesses under this temporary process must be closed by November 1 and completely disassembled by November 15 - unless permanent space is approved through the City’s existing site plan application/review process.

Businesses in Lackawanna interested in pursuing an outdoor space permit can contact the City of Lackawanna Code Enforcement Office at 827-6421, or email its Development Department at development@lackny.com.