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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### City of Saratoga Springs Announces Extension of Outdoor Dining

*Support to Open Up Outdoor Seating for Restaurants*

*Saratoga Springs, New York, March 22, 2022* — The City of Saratoga Springs announced that the City will be extending seasonal outdoor dining for the next three years.

As mentioned by Commissioner Dillon Moran during the March 15th City Council meeting, the change to the City’s “Chapter 136” ordinance specifically allows establishments to apply to expand the licensed premises to use public space such as sidewalks, subject to reasonable limitations and procedures set by the State Liquor Authority, and the safety and supervision plans of the City.

Ensuring that restaurants have an opportunity to seek a temporary use permit in order to use public space in a safe, orderly manner is paramount to the economic success of Saratoga Springs.

“Our economy is built on the backbone of small owner-operated restaurants and retail establishments and we took a tremendous hit as a result of the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic,” said Commissioner Moran. “Saratoga Springs would not have been able to thrive if our food and beverage community did not have the ability to extend operations outdoors. Though we often focus on the economic outcomes, it was also very clear to us that outdoor dining locations provide the opportunity for our citizens and visitors to our community to enjoy life again even with on-going concerns due to the pandemic.”

Outdoor dining is anticipated to be April 1 through November 1. The City is working with local restaurants and businesses to facilitate a collaborative seasonal transition.

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