

## COVID-19: HELPING BUSINESSES ADAPT

# EXPANDED DINING & MERCHANDISING OPTIONS

## Overview

The City of Meridian is supporting local businesses by waiving fees for permits that provide for the temporary expansion of dining and merchandising areas, allowing businesses to operate safely while adhering to social distancing requirements.

Below are some of the permit options, depending on the business location and proposed area(s) to be utilized:

- » **Promotional Sales Unit Permit** – This permit may be used when adjacent private parking or other outdoor areas can be utilized for expanded dining or merchandising space. As part of this permit approval, a business is eligible to display two (2) limited duration signs, not to exceed 32 square feet. Click [here](#) to access the fillable PDF application.
- » **Alcohol Catering Permit** – This permit is required for any alcohol service conducted outside of the licensed premises. One application is valid for five (5) days; however, multiple applications may be submitted to the Clerk's Office at one time. Click [here](#) to access the fillable PDF application.

*For assistance with these applications, contact Nancy Radford in the Meridian City Clerk's Office at 208-489-0391 or [nradford@meridiancity.org](mailto:nradford@meridiancity.org).*

- » **Use Zone Encroachment Permit** – This permit is required for businesses within the downtown core (see map) seeking nonpermanent encroachment within the streetscape (e.g., dining tables and chairs, umbrellas, display tables, planters). Click [here](#) to access Title 8, Chapter 1 (City Core Streetscape) of the UDC for further information and/or the City Core Streetscape Handout [here](#). To apply for a Use Zone Encroachment Permit, go to the Citizen Access Portal [here](#).
- » **Limited Duration and Portable Sign Permits** – These permits are required to allow additional advertising in conjunction with other business identification signs. Each sign type has specific regulations that apply. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to review the portable and limited duration sign standards. To apply for either one of these sign permits, go to the Citizen Access Portal [here](#).

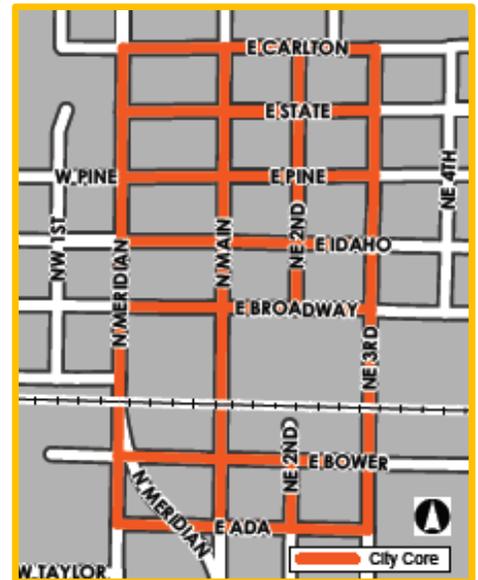
*For assistance with these applications, contact the Planning Division at 208-884-5533 or [planning@meridiancity.org](mailto:planning@meridiancity.org).*

### What is the City Core?

- » The center of Meridian's downtown area, bordered on the north by E. Carlton Avenue, on the south by E. Ada Street, and on the west by N. Meridian Road, and on the east by N. East Third Street.

### What is Streetscape?

- » In the City Core, typically that portion of sidewalk adjacent to the roadway, between the back of curb and building face.



### Contact Information

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### QUESTIONS?

Contact us at the numbers and email addresses listed above.  
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