

## **Fell's Point Al Fresco Dining Frequently Asked Questions Updated July 30, 2020**

During the past decade, we have all witnessed the great eagerness to get outside with the reemergence of rooftop decks, cafes with propane heaters & blankets, and garage doors open in good weather.

In the post-covid environment, customers need to feel safe. Physically distanced tables and chairs with shaded areas are an attractive option for diners in good weather. With potted flowers and landscaping, a safe and desirable environment is possible for Fells Point visitors. The Fell's Point community is excited about plans to make the area more pedestrian friendly and allow restaurants/bars to expand their footprint with outdoor service during this difficult economic time. Please note that this is an ever-evolving temporary plan and is subject to change.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is Al Fresco dining?** Simply put, it is outside or fresh-air dining. When a restaurant or bar offers an al fresco dining option that means that it has a patio or other designated outdoor area with tables and chairs that is serviced by waitstaff. Fell's Point Main Street hosted a one-night alfresco event in 2019 and it was well received. This program is a continuation of that event.

**What are the days and hours for outdoor service?** Restaurants and bars will be allowed to provide outdoor service 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week.

**Will bars and restaurants be required to monitor their outside service area?** Yes, each restaurant/bar is required to delineate their service area with fencing/border. This area will be serviced by waitstaff for customers who are seated at tables. No outdoor bars are permitted and there is no service to patrons who are standing.

**When will outdoor dining begin?** The city began to approve applications on Friday, June 19, 2020.

**How many restaurants/bars are participating?** Currently, 24 restaurants/bars have set up outside dining areas and have been approved by city agencies.

**How are deliveries and garbage collection being handled?** All businesses will be asked to schedule deliveries before 4 p.m. Fell's Point Main Street and the Waterfront Partnership are working with businesses to resolve delivery and pick up issues.

**Will there be tables on the Broadway Square?** – No, the Broadway Square will not have tables and chairs for dining and will remain a public area for all to enjoy.

**Will tables and chair be secured after closing time so that customers don't linger after hours?** Yes, each restaurant is responsible for securing their tables and chairs. Many restaurants and bars are bringing their tables and chairs inside.

**Will bathroom facilities be provided?** Each restaurant/bar is responsible for providing restroom facilities for their customers. There are currently no plans for portable restrooms.

Questions regarding outdoor dining can be directed to [info@fellspointmainstreet.org](mailto:info@fellspointmainstreet.org) or call 410-675-8900.