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Subject: Special Event Permit Conor O'Neill's Main Street Dining March 17, 2021
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Attached is a Special Events Permit for Conor O'Neill's Main Street Street Dining for March 17, 2021 due to COVID-19.

With current State of Michigan COVID restrictions still in place and with the anticipation that we will still have some restrictions in place on March 17, 2021 we are requesting this Special Event permit so that we can safely serve customers on St. Patrick's Day, seated outside on Main street, in a safe and socially distanced manner. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 we were completely closed the day before St Patrick's Day in 2020 and to again lose this year, one of our most popular days, would be devastating.

Please keep in mind the following:

- We are requesting this event permit as we believe the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) restrictions will still be in place either continuing to prohibit Indoor Dining or restricting occupancies so we need an alternative plan for outdoor dining on the street so we can safely operate in a socially distanced manner.
- We will follow all MDHHS and County requirements for masking, social distancing and occupancies.
- We will have additional social distancing and mask signage throughout the area and entrances.
- We will have additional staff on hand specifically responsible for ensuring complete compliance with all COVID regulations in place.
- We will be utilizing our online reservation system to safely manage customer flows by reserving blocks of time.
- This past year we operated on the street from June till November with no problems. Customers who visited our enlarged outdoor dining area thought we were one of the safest locations in Ann Arbor. We plan on operating the same way on this day.
- For over the past 22 years as part of St. Patrick's Day we normally request street closures for our Shamrocks & Shenanigans Event and 5K Charity Run for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. We close Downtown streets for the run and we also utilize the Klein Lot with the support of the DDA. The 2020 event was also cancelled at the last moment because of COVID. We ARE NOT requesting a Special Event permit this year for Shamrocks as we are doing this event completely VIRTUALLY.
- We understand that the City may implement the Downtown Street Closure Program

early this year to assist our struggling businesses. If that does coincide with our request we will coordinate with the Main Street Area Association and as an alternative we may request, through the DDA, the usage of the Klein Lot as we have done in the past.

Like many of our Downtown neighbors we are struggling to survive and to keep our doors permanently open, your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Murray
Owner
Conor O'Neill's Pub & Restaurant