

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2015

Approving the Downtown Worthington Outdoor Dining Facilities Policy & Procedures and Authorizing the Municipal Planning Commission and the Architectural Review Board to Regulate and Implement Certain Provisions of the Policy.

WHEREAS, the City places an importance on the energy and vitality of the Worthington central business district and the positive experiences of the patrons of the businesses, including the dining establishments; and,

WHEREAS, provisions to permit outdoor dining on the City's sidewalks within the street right-of-way can, in certain circumstances, enhance and promote the public's desire to patronize the restaurants; and,

WHEREAS, a policy to allow the placement of dining facilities on the City's sidewalks for food and beverage service provides guidance to the owners of those businesses wishing to offer outdoor dining, and establishes a framework for the City's applicable boards and commissions to consider applications that may be submitted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Worthington does hereby approve the Downtown Worthington Outdoor Dining Facilities Policy & Procedures, as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. To the extent not already within the power of the Municipal Planning Commission and the Architectural Review Board, Council delegates the authority to those bodies, as applicable, to implement the Policy by considering applications consistent with the guidelines contained therein, including without limitation, the aesthetic character of the outdoor dining facilities and hours of service outdoors on the public right-of-way.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted June 15, 2015

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael  
President of Council

Attest:

/s/ D. Kay Thress  
Clerk of Council