



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 22, 2022

DATE: March 22, 2022

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**Temporary Pilot Parklet Program for Lucy's Snackbar, Adjacent to 312 N
Chaparral St #A**

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing a temporary pilot program for Lucy's Snackbar adjacent to 312 N Chaparral St #A to seek a revocable license to operate a parklet in the City's right-of-way in accordance with the regulations and guidelines established by the City's Public Works Department

SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department is requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing a temporary pilot program for Lucy's Snackbar, adjacent to 312 N Chaparral St #A, to allow for the installation of a parklet in City right-of-way.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

A parklet is an urban space for sitting, dining or enjoying nature, typically established where the sidewalk meets the street, often repurposing on-street parking spaces to provide a place for restaurant or bar owners to add additional seating and tables for their guests in an outdoor setting. The establishment of non-permanent or semi-permanent dining/seating areas in public spaces requires the evaluation of existing City policy and best practices to create a program, ordinance, application process, and design standards which will provide a uniform policy for the City of Corpus Christi. Public Works and coordinating departments continue to finalize the ordinance, guidelines and application process for parklets. The final city parklet policy will be presented for City Council review on April 12, 2022.

Lucy's Snackbar has requested the installation of a parklet in the City right-of-way adjacent to their business located at 312 N Chaparral St #A. In the interim, Public Works is proposing establishing a temporary pilot program for Lucy's Snackbar in conformance with the guidelines set forth in the pilot program parklet policy. The term of this pilot program is from the date of City Council approval until City Council approves new guidelines. At this time, the applicant will be required to conform to the

construction and installation recommendations for safety, drainage, and building requirements as set forth by City staff and reviewed by the City Manager until the new rules and regulations set forth by City Council are adopted in April of 2022.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve this temporary pilot program and request the applicant apply in April when the final ordinance is presented to Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In 2021, City Council allocated \$100,000 of grant funding received for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) towards the Downtown Outdoor Dining Development. It is anticipated the owners of Lucy's will be requesting up to \$20,000 in reimbursement for the construction of the parklet.

Fees will be assessed for the application and review (\$150), inspections (\$ 75/each) and annual license (\$ 800 /each parking space). Fees were determined based on existing right of way occupancy fees approved by City Council. These fees shall be remitted upon application.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the temporary pilot program for Lucy's Snackbar adjacent to 312 N Chaparral St #A and require the applicant to conform to adopted standards approved by City Council.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Letter of Acknowledgment from adjacent property owners
Pilot Program Parklet Policy
Application