



AUGUST 2020 UPDATES

What is the City adding to the Business Recovery Strategy toolkit starting in August?

In addition to all of the [strategies adopted in May](#), we've also added the following to support your organization's success!

Outdoor Operations on City Sidewalks, Parking Lots, and Street Parking Spaces

We created a Business Recovery Strategy Special Permit [website](#) with information and a streamlined approval process for outdoor business activities on sidewalks, parking lots, street parking spaces, and City parking lots. We've revised the City's formal approval process to get your applications in and approved in record time. Our goal is to process your request within one business day!

We have a really easy [Special Temporary Use Permit form](#). If you would like to expand your business activities outdoors on sidewalks, in parking lots, and street parking spaces, or in a City parking lot, submit the completed form and a diagram of your proposed plans to Planning@escondido.org.

Best of all, it's FREE!

Extended Outdoor Operations

- Free Business Recovery Special Permits and free related Tent/Canopy permits.
- Work with your business neighbors to get approval to use their nearby sidewalk areas, parking lot, and/or street parking spaces for your outdoor operations. Increased pedestrian activity will benefit ALL businesses in the area! If you plan to do this, just remember to please include an email approval from your neighbor with your completed Special Permit application.
- Gyms and fitness instructors can now do outdoor activities on site in a parking lot or other open area with an approved Special Temporary Use Permit.
- Now you can drive through, drop off, and pick up with even greater flexibility in carry out zones that can be reserved with signage in front of your business.
- You can now setup more temporary signs in front of your business so your customers know important information about your business such as COVID-19 safety precautions or how to place orders.
- Existing schools and churches can continue to provide much needed community services while accommodating social distancing.
- Outdoor learning and assembly is allowed between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. with a Special Temporary Use Permit.
- Schools can temporarily expand their space into other buildings like a satellite campus for remote learning with a Special Temporary Use Permit – no need to go through the formal planning process.



Outdoor Operations in City Parks and City Park Parking Lots

City Parks

Would you like to use one of our beautiful City Parks or City Park parking lots for outdoor services or business operations? Best of all - it's FREE!

Now you can with an approved Facility Use Permit.

Here is the link to the [Parks and Facilities Reservation Form](#) and [website](#) with more information. Submit your completed Facility Use Permit to recreation@escondido.org or in person at the City Hall Community Services front counter. Contact the City at recreation@escondido.org or call 760-839-4692 with questions.

- Please note: Fees will be charged for the use of the Kit Carson Park Amphitheater and for one-time activities in City Parks or City Park parking lots.

Tents and Canopies

- Tents and canopies are permitted to be set up for as many days as you want for your business. The permit is free and the City will provide free consultation when needed to ensure the safety of employees and customers.

Business Licensing

- Given the trend of remote work, a Business License may be granted without a Building Certificate of Occupancy on a case-by-case basis.



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