A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE BEACH, FLORIDA ALLOWING A SPECIAL EXPEDITED COVID-19 PERMIT FOR THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SEATING FOR RESTAURANTS

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, effective on May 4, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-112 (Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery) which allows on-premises consumption of food and beverage, so long as they adopt appropriate social distancing measures and limit their indoor occupancy to no more than 25 percent of their building occupancy. In addition, outdoor seating is permissible with appropriate social distancing. Appropriate social distancing requires maintaining a minimum of 6 feet between parties, only seating parties of 10 or fewer people and keeping bar counters closed to seating; and

WHEREAS, the Governor convened the Task Force to Re-Open Florida to evaluate how to safely and strategically re-open the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of the state of Florida and the Task Force to Re-Open Florida implemented a data-driven strategy which found that outdoor seating was acceptable and incorporated that information into Executive Order 20-112; and

WHEREAS, the path to re-opening Florida and the City of Saint Augustine Beach must promote business operation and economic recovery while maintaining focus on core safety principles.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the CITY COMMISSION of the CITY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE BEACH by virtue of its authority vested in it and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Resolution:

Section 1. Authorization of a special expedited COVID-19 permit for creation of temporary outdoor seating for Restaurants

The City of Saint Augustine Beach authorizes the Director of Building and Zoning to implement a special expedited COVID-19 permit for the creation of additional temporary outdoor seating for restaurants. All normal permitting processes are waived for these special expedited permits. These special expedited permits shall remain in effect for thirty days and would be renewable. Restaurants would be required to acknowledge that they have read and will comply with Executive Order 20-122 and that requirements for the permit could change between each renewal.

Section 2. Fees

The City of Saint Augustine Beach shall waive all fees for the special expedited COVID-19 permit for the creation of temporary additional outdoor seating.
Section 3. Duration

This order shall remain in effect until whichever of these events happens first; the City of Saint Augustine Beach revokes this resolution by resolution, the Governor allows 50% indoor occupancy in restaurants, or December 31, 2020.

Section 4. Effective Date

This order is effective at 11:01 p.m. on May 4, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Saint Augustine Beach, Florida on May 4, 2020.

CITY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE BEACH

By: ________________________________

    Mayor Margaret England