

## **City of Seminole - Business Assistance Initiatives Fee and Regulatory Relief during the State of Emergency May 2020**

The City Council has authorized the following initiatives to support business activities that have been affected by the State of Emergency related to COVID-19. City staff has prepared the following information and guidance for City businesses as it relates to special events, use of tents and portable storage units, and use and placement of temporary signage.

Permit fees have been waived for special events and tents for activities directly related to businesses that are in the City of Seminole City limits. While fees are waived, an application is still required for a special event or a tent, and any requirements and inspections that are required by the Fire Marshal are still in effect.

The use of portable storage units in support of a special event, or equipment proposed to be used in conjunction with the tent (e.g., table, chairs, etc.), are allowed for the duration of the special event or for the duration of the use of the tent. Portable storage permits are currently issued as non-fee permits, so a fee waiver is inapplicable. Special events are allowed for a 30-day period and may be extended for 30 day increments during the declared State of Emergency.

Tents and portable storage units must be placed on hard surfaces (e.g. parking lots and other hard scape areas) and cannot be placed on handicapped parking spaces, on landscaped areas, on stormwater retention areas, or placed in such a manner as to block drive aisles, entrance/exits drives, or in areas designated as Fire Lanes.

Temporary signage (e.g., feather banners, banners, and other types fixed, non-inflatable, non-moving signage) can only be used in support of business activities for the business whose property the temporary signage is located. Temporary signage cannot be located within public rights-of-way and cannot be attached to landscaping or traffic control signage. Temporary signage cannot be placed in such a manner as to create visibility issues for motor vehicles, bicycles, or pedestrians. There is no permit of fee required for the use of temporary signage and temporary signage can be used during the current declared State of Emergency.

If you have any questions, please call Community Development Director Mark Ely at (727) 398-3108 ext 106, or e-mail him at [Mely@myseminole.com](mailto:Mely@myseminole.com)

Sincerely,

Ann Toney-Deal, City Manager