



ARPA Restaurant Permit Fee Waiver Program

Purpose

The City of Vista is actively recruiting dine-in and quick service restaurants that provide residents with an opportunity to enjoy a variety of freshly prepared meals. Recent market analyses indicate that there is a shortage of dine-in restaurants in Vista compared to the purchasing power of our residents. By recruiting additional restaurants, the City will capture additional sales tax revenue to fund public services and residents will support our local entrepreneurs by dining out in Vista. Providing fee waivers that reduce start-up costs will induce entrepreneurs and corporations to open new restaurants in Vista.

Fee Waivers

Permit fee waivers are available to reduce the costs of building and planning permit fees associated with the opening of a new dine-in or quick service restaurant. The maximum amount of the fee waiver is \$5,000.00. Waivers will not exceed the cost of permit fees. The waiver is available for permit applications submitted on or after January 1, 2023. Fee waivers apply only to fees charged by the City of Vista that generate revenue for the City of Vista's General Fund. Fees collected by the City of Vista for other jurisdictions or non-General Fund accounts (E.g., sewer fees) are not eligible for fee waivers. The fee waivers are offset by federal funds from the ARPA business recovery program and replenish the permit fee costs to the City's General Fund.

Eligibility

Restaurants that generate the majority of their revenue from the sale of dine-in food (with ancillary to-go orders) and non-alcoholic beverages are eligible to apply. Restaurants with the majority of their sales coming from drive-through orders, to-go orders, and alcoholic beverages are not eligible for fee waivers. Each address is only eligible to receive one fee waiver.

Application and Approval Process

Prior to applying for permits, applicants can verify eligibility by contacting Economic Development using the contact information below. Upon application for building permits associated with a dine-in restaurant, the City will notify the applicant that they are eligible for the fee waiver program. Applicants will be asked to complete and sign the fee waiver application prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Contact

Please contact Larry Vaupel, Director of Economic Development, for more information.

Phone: 760.643.4255 Email: lvaupel@cityofvista.com Website: cityofvista.com/business



Restaurant Fee Waiver Application

Applicant Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Certification: I hereby certify that upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the address associated with this application, the property will be used as a sit-down restaurant that will receive more than 50% of revenue from dine-in customers. I agree to reimburse the City any waived fees should the intended use change from a sit-down restaurant during the first 12 months after a Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

Signature

Date