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## **Town of Eagle Announces “Be Our Guest” – A Town-wide Event to Bring Dining Options to Public Spaces**

*Collaboration between the Town and local restaurants and food service industry businesses  
creates a new solution for economic recovery and the use of public space.*

**EAGLE, Colorado** -- May 22, 2020 -- The Town of Eagle unveils the “Be Our Guest” event for all restaurants and bars in town. This event allows the Town and participating restaurants to cooperate on the use of public sidewalks, parks, parking spaces, and streets to expand the service area for outdoor dining and enjoyment.

Earlier this week, Governor Jared Polis suggested outdoor dining as one measure of assistance for bars and restaurants affected by recent public health orders.

*“It’s really important that they [municipalities] open their sidewalks, parking lots and/or streets because restaurants can’t stay in business at a quarter- or half-capacity.”*

The Town of Eagle is meeting the Governor’s suggestion with this new event effective immediately.

Responding to the urgency expressed in the community for an innovative solution, the Town of Eagle will waive any Town fees normally associated with special event permits traditionally used for similar events, and will provide approvals within 48-72 hours of a complete application submission.

Local restaurants and bars help create the incredible quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Eagle. Restaurant owners have asked for a responsible amendment to the public health restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Town Council approved an ordinance to allow for the consumption of alcohol in designated parks and public spaces within the Town. In rapid order, the Town administration operationalized this event to facilitate consumption and address the concerns brought forward from the local business community.

Utilizing a modified special event application available on the Town of Eagle’s COVID-19 Resources page at [www.townofeagle.org/beourguest](http://www.townofeagle.org/beourguest), restaurants, bars, and breweries can apply to participate in the “Be Our Guest” event. Applicants are required to submit an operational

statement for intended service as well as a site map to demonstrate the use of public space. This plan allows the Town and the applicant to coordinate accommodations to public health, regulations, and safety required for service as well as uphold Eagle County’s “Five Commitments to Containment”.

The Town of Eagle is committed to the residents of Eagle, the business community, and to finding solutions to the unique situation COVID-19 presents. For more information on Town efforts, operations changes, and resources for navigating the impacts of COVID-19, go online to [www.townofeagle.org/covid-19](http://www.townofeagle.org/covid-19)

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