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AGENDA TITLE:

Discussion of Resolution Authorizing Temporary Rescission and Amendments to Certain Zoning Ordinance Provisions During the Effective Dates for Social Distancing in Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Related Town Practices to Stop the Spread of Covid-19

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

During this pandemic, the Town of Paradise Valley has enacted several policies and procedures to keep the Town operations running within the parameters of an evolving number of operational and social distancing recommendations from the CDC, and federal and State officials. As the Town and all its resorts, houses of worship, schools, medical and other facilities prepare to reopen, there have been a few requests from SUP properties as they creatively work to open within these social distancing guidelines.

At the upcoming Town Council meeting on May 14, 2020, the Mayor and Council will consider, on an emergency basis, a resolution authorizing the temporary rescission and amendments to certain zoning ordinance provisions during the effective dates for social distancing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resolution is intended to provide staff flexibility in approving temporary structures and signage that are needed in direct response to this pandemic. There have been two recent requests directly related to the new social distancing recommendations.

1. Jones Gordon, in its preparation for reopening, has requested they be able to use a temporary storage facility to store extra tables and chairs that cannot be used in the school under the new social distancing guidelines. Due to the urgency of this request, staff is seeking temporary authority to work with the school and similar facilities as needed to determine the least impactful to neighbors but practicable location for such a structure.
2. Houses of Worship have also requested the Town Sign Ordinance be rescinded temporarily so they would be able to install temporary banner signs to better communicate new procedures and other changes related to the pandemic.

In addition to these two requests, the staff expects there may be some future requests not currently anticipated from any SUP property for such things as a temporary tent to allow for curbside pickups and/or protection of customers that may have to wait or be served outdoors. The requests would be limited to only those directly related to COVID-19 and would only be allowed while social distancing regulations and other unprecedented requirements directly related to this pandemic remain in effect.

A resolution will be drafted and sent out early next week by the Town Attorney to authorize the temporary rescission of certain zoning and other provisions to respond to these requests.