

Date: June 8, 2021
To: SAC Customers
From: Ned Smith, MCES Director of Pretreatment & Finance
Subject: Update to Covid19 SAC Temporary Outdoor Seating Policy

In May 2020, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services approved a policy that would temporarily defer the SAC fees associated with new or expanded outdoor seating facilities due to the MN Governor’s restriction to indoor seating capacity for food and drink establishments due to the Covid19 pandemic.

With the current restrictions lifted by the Governor in May 2021, based on feedback from multiple customers, MCES will continue to allow the deferment of the SAC collection for these outdoor seating facilities through December 31, 2021. With the indoor seating restrictions lifted, no new or expanded outdoor seating facilities will be allowed to defer their SAC after that date, and SAC will be charged at the time of the new or expanded use as per current procedures.

If the temporary outdoor seating facilities become permanent on or after January 1, 2022, the normal SAC determination process will be followed, and SAC would be due.

Seating Type	Seating Timing	SAC Treatment
Temporary outdoor seating added to compensate for indoor restrictions	May 2020 – January 1, 2022	No SAC due. (Must be reported to and tracked by the cities)
Temporary outdoor seating added to compensate for indoor restrictions that are removed	Removed prior to January 1, 2022	No SAC due
Temporary outdoor seating added to compensate for indoor restrictions that are made permanent	On or after January 1, 2022	SAC due – via normal SAC procedures (i.e., determination etc.)
Outdoor (permanent) seating added as part of new construction or expansion	Any time	SAC due – via normal SAC procedures (i.e., determination etc.)

Please feel free to call Jessie Nye at 651-602-1378 if you have reporting questions or would like SAC training. Please feel free to call me at 651-602-1162 if you have further questions on this decision.