



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-078

Date: June 28, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Zoning Administrator's updated Outdoor Kitchens/BBQ – Expand Outdoor Kitchen to all sides of the structure interpretation

At the March 1, 2022, Commission Conference meeting, the City Commission received communication from the Board of Adjustment (BOA) members making a motion to have staff consider how the City treats enclosed/partially enclosed shade structures for outdoor kitchens.

The Zoning Administrator has considered and rescinded the previous interpretation regarding outdoor kitchens within shade structures, which limited to location of the outdoor kitchen subject to the minimum distance requirements to the rear property line (15-feet to rear property line or 20-feet to the waterway) for accessory structures. The revised interpretation now permits outdoor kitchens within shade structures that are permitted to encroach into the rear setback subject to the limitations of the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR). Specifically, Section 47-19.2.P permits a shade structure to encroach into the rear setback a distance of 5-feet from the property line or 10-feet if abutting a waterway. The previous interpretation did not permit the outdoor kitchen to encroach those same distances, however, the revised interpretation permits outdoor kitchens (including outdoor sinks, refrigeration, cooktops and associated electrical, plumbing, and gas lines) to be included in the shade structure encroachment on all sides up to 42-inches tall (typical bar height) if clear ingress or egress is maintained at 36-inches wide.

Staff believes this fully addresses the communication by the BOA to the City Commission and will update the BOA accordingly.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Anthony Fajardo at 954-828-5984 or via email at afajardo@fortlauderdale.gov.

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