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OUTDOOR DINING ADVISORY The City is Currently Working on an Outdoor Dining Plan

Dear Merchants,

Please note that while portions of Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza are starting to open for pedestrian activity and valet parking, they are still considered an active construction site until they are completely turned over to, and accepted by, the City.

The City is also developing an Outdoor Dining Plan that will govern outdoor dining locations, furniture options, fees, and other related items on the new streets; we hope to be able to share this with you soon. Any rumors you may hear about these items, should be taken as just that, rumors, as none of the Dining Plan's provisions have been finalized or released.

In the meantime, outdoor dining on the newly opened streets is prohibited. The outdoor dining that is taking place on Saturdays on Giralda Plaza is being done as a special event called *Giralda Alfresco*, and is restricted to only that location and on those dates.

While we know that you are anxious to start activating the outdoor dining areas, you are strongly encouraged to wait until the Outdoor Dining Plan is released, your permit is in hand, and the City has taken control of the streets from the Contractor. Any furniture that you purchase without the City's review and approval is at your own risk, and may not be allowed. Any merchant placing outdoor furniture on the street without a permit will be cited. Other outdoor activities, such as amplified music, tents, retail sales, signage, etc., are also prohibited at this time, unless otherwise approved by the City as a special event.

Thank you.

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