



Date: April 13, 2021
To: Mark LeCouris, City Manager
From: Karen Lemmons, Economic Development Manager

Agenda Item: **Special Consent: Extension of Business Recovery Program**

The Business Recovery Program, which allows businesses to expand dining to outdoor spaces and to display additional signs, banners, balloons, and merchandise, has been in place since May 2020. The BOC in January 2021 extended the program through April 30, 2021.

While vaccinations are underway and cases overall are decreasing, the TSFD reports Florida as a top location for a new variant, and local cases are rising. The mask mandate continues in Pinellas County, and large special events remain under Emergency Order 21-3 requirements. Given these circumstances and to continue assisting local businesses, staff recommends extending the Business Recovery Program for a minimum of three months.