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# Making the Holidays Bright!

Join us as we Light the Night on December 6th at 6PM! The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce will light up the tree in Plaza Park at 6PM. We invite you to turn on your holiday lights at the same time and join us in a special moment of solidarity as Lafayette lights the night. For the past seven years Dana and Todd have proudly co-sponsored the twinkle lights up and down Mt. Diablo Blvd with Branagh Development.

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Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM  
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## City imposes temporary cap on third-party food delivery services during pandemic

By Pippa Fisher

Lafayette has become one of a handful of cities around the Bay Area to adopt an urgency ordinance establishing a 15% cap on service fees imposed by third-party food delivery vendors such as DoorDash, Uber Eats and GrubHub.

The city council voted unanimously Nov. 9 to pass the urgency ordinance,

which took effect Nov. 16 and will last until the city's local COVID-19 emergency ends. Other cities that have taken the same steps include Walnut Creek, Berkeley, San Francisco, South San Francisco, San Leandro and Fremont. The ordinance also imposes a 10% vendor fee cap on pickup orders.

City Manager Niroop Srivatsa explained in the staff report that while restaurants have been severely limited

from providing in-person dining, many have come to rely heavily on pickup and delivery orders to remain in business. As restaurants focus on these pickup and delivery orders, there is a greater reliance on third-party delivery services, which charge the restaurants between 10-30%.

Council Member Cam Burks initiated a discussion about the government's intervention in the market and

questioned its role in this issue, saying he felt conflicted about where government jumps in and where it shouldn't.

A letter to the council from Matt Pease warned that the city is opening the door for any business that is struggling to ask the city to help manage the costs of its suppliers.

Council members Teresa Gerringer and Steven Bliss shared Burks' concerns but

said that since this was a temporary ordinance, they found it reasonable as a way to help restaurants attempt to survive the winter.

Mayor Mike Anderson agreed and noted that the outside dining had made a difference, "but it's getting cold," he said, adding that although he is reluctant to meddle in the free market, their role may be appropriate at this time.

## What's brewing in Lafayette?



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Headlands Brewery plans to open its doors in Lafayette in spring 2021.

By Pippa Fisher

Amid the selection of many eateries that line the streets of downtown Lafayette, there is one type of establishment

that has been notably absent – a brewery. That is set to change this coming spring.

The Headlands Brewing Company has announced it has signed a lease and begun the design and build phase for its new brewery, taproom and beer garden, which will be located at 3420 Mt. Diablo Blvd. next to Bonehead's Texas BBQ and Locanda Positano.

"Our first Bay Area home has been a long time coming, but patience has paid off and we are thrilled to have finally found the perfect spot to continue building our vision for Headlands and the adventurous lifestyle that we embrace in everything we do," said Alex Bru, General Manager of Headlands Brewing in a statement.

At the Lafayette location the award-winning brewery company will feature small batch ales along with guest beers, local wines and ciders, and a light "creative" food program. Headlands is currently recruiting applicants for its new brewing team in

advance of its spring 2021 goal for opening.

Headlands is partnering with seasoned bar and restaurant designers, Ben Frombgen of BCooperative and Joel DiGiorgio of Farm League Restaurant Group, tapping these two companies as they have worked together on other beer-related venues including Drake's Dealership and Arthur Mac's Tap & Snack in Oakland.

"Our indoor and outdoor design plan for the new brewery will feature a taproom with a 20-tap floating draught tower, two outdoor patios with fire pits and family-friendly open landscaping," says DiGiorgio.

Bru is looking forward to the opening. "The people of Lafayette and Contra Costa County have been incredibly kind to us and we're eager to celebrate and toast our passion for quality craft beer and outdoor adventure with them all."



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