Outdoor Dining

Purpose
Regulations and standards are to allow increased business & pedestrian traffic by providing safe & visually appealing opportunities for outdoor dining on city sidewalks.

Permits Required
An administrative permit application is required for all Outdoor Dining operations:
- Sidewalk Café Permit
- Tables & Chairs Permit

Upon approval of an Outdoor Dining Permit, an Encroachment Permit is also required.

Who can apply?
Restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, tasting rooms, or other permitted food and/or beverage establishments.

How to apply?
Applications for Sidewalk Dining can be made at the Community Development Department at 1600 First Street.

Application Requirements
- Design Review Application & Fees
- Detailed Site Plan*
- Detailed description (and photos) of proposed furniture, barriers, umbrellas, etc.
- Proposed hours of operation
- Details of how and where furnishings will be stored during closing hours
- Proof of liability insurance

*Site Plan Requirements
- Dimensions of proposed outdoor dining area
- Proposed number of tables & chairs
- All sidewalk obstructions in the vicinity (trees, bike racks, etc.)
- Dimension required clear path of travel on sidewalk
**Sidewalk Café Permit**

Includes the placement of tables, chairs, miscellaneous furnishings, and umbrellas for complete food and/or beverage service, including alcohol.

**Operational Standards:**

Hours of operation shall not begin prior to 7:00AM or extend later than 10:00PM.

A 5’ minimum path of travel shall be maintained free and clear of any existing obstacles (street furniture, utilities, street trees, etc.)

Where umbrellas are proposed, a vertical clearance of at least 7’ must be maintained. Umbrellas may not contain signage or advertisements. Umbrellas must be maintained in good condition and replaced or removed upon disrepair or unsightly wear. Umbrellas shall not come into contact with street trees.

Items used within the outdoor dining area may not be left outdoors overnight or when not in use, unless specifically allowed by the Encroachment Permit. Indoor storage shall not interfere with emergency access to the building.

Outdoor dining facilities shall be confined to the area shown on the approved site plan and shall not interfere with building ingress/egress.

All outdoor dining areas shall be used for sit-down food and beverage service only. No stand-up service is permitted.

Outdoor dining permits are not transferable.

Smoking shall be prohibited in outdoor dining areas.

The use of heating devices is subject to review and approval by the Chief Building Official and the Fire Marshal.

Furniture and accessories used in outdoor dining areas are subject to Design Review as part of the outdoor dining permit application.

**Removable Barrier Guidelines:**

Removable barriers affixed to the sidewalk shall be installed in accordance with and approved by the Public Works Director or designee.

Moveable barriers (stanchions) shall be of solid, durable materials and installed to avoid “creeping” into the path of travel.

Barriers may be subject to additional criteria as prescribed by the Police Department and/or the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

See Preferred/Not Preferred Options on back of this pamphlet.
Tables & Chairs Permit

Includes the temporary placement of tables, chairs, and umbrellas on the sidewalk in conjunction with a food and/or beverage establishment, excluding alcohol. Barriers and other fixed items are not permitted.

Operational Standards:

No alcoholic beverages may be served.

Limited to a small installation of seating for typically no more than 8 people.

No barriers may be installed on the sidewalk.

Hours of operation shall not begin prior to 7:00AM or extend later than 10:00PM.

A 5’ minimum path of travel shall be maintained free and clear of any existing obstacles (street furniture, utilities, street trees, etc.)

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Tables & chairs may not be left outdoors overnight. Indoor storage shall not interfere with emergency access to the building.

Tables & chairs are permitted only within the frontage of the applying establishment.

Smoking shall be prohibited.

Napa Municipal Code

• Section 12.64

Submittal Forms & Fees:

• Design Review Application
• Outdoor Dining in Public Right-of-way Checklist
• Design Review Application Fee - $620

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