



## Department of Permitting and Inspections

# OUTDOOR DINING Permit Application & Checklist

Permits are required for expanding food service to the outside on *all properties*. For public properties, the annual fee for Outdoor Dining is \$80.00, with an additional fee of \$2.00 per square foot of dining area on *streets, sidewalks or other public ways* and \$6.00 per square foot of dining area in *city parks*. The total fee for private property placement is \$125.00 (\$25 application fee and \$100 for the Certificate of Occupancy). The fee is due when you drop off your permit application. The square footage fee may be paid when you pick up your permit. *For purposes of fee calculation, the area abutting the buildings which border Monument Square and extending ten (10) feet from the facade of said buildings shall be considered a sidewalk. The ten (10) foot area shall be measured from that portion of the facade that protrudes furthest into the sidewalk. The area beyond the ten (10) foot sidewalk shall be considered park space.*

Outdoor dining is permitted for the period April 1 - November 15. Barriers must be removed no later than November 15; however, furniture must be removed in inclement weather to allow for sidewalk snow removal. Requests to extend beyond the standard permit period require approval by the City Manager and should include explanation of installation and snow removal plan.

*Outdoor dining permits located on public property are only valid for a year.*

*Outdoor dining permits located on private property are valid permanently with the establishment.*

**Application Checklist: All of the following information is required and must be submitted.**

**Outdoor Dining Permit Application Form**

**A plot plan that shows:**

- The lot lines, where the building sits on the lot, and the lot and building dimensions
- The street location, and if it's a corner lot, the intersecting streets
- The sidewalk location, width, and curbing location
- The setback dimension from the sidewalk to the building
- The location of proposed outdoor dining area and its components (tables, chairs, barriers, planters, etc.) placement, including dimensions and total outdoor dining area (in square feet)

(NOTE: Under no circumstances shall an outdoor dining installation prevent a clear passageway for pedestrians. See Outdoor Dining Conditions below for dimensional requirements.)

**A drawing and/or specification of any proposed barrier solution** 3 photos

**Proof of public liability insurance coverage (Not Required for Private Property):** The permit holder is required to produce at the time of submission and maintain public liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) combined single limit for bodily injury, death and property damage, naming the City as an additional insured thereon.

**All documents provided in electronic form according to established Electric Documents Submittal Process.**



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### Electronic Signature and Fee Payment Confirmation

*Notice: Your electronic signature is considered a legal signature per state law.*

By digitally signing the attached document(s), you are signifying your understanding that this is a legal document and your electronic signature is considered a **legal signature** per Maine state law. You are also signifying your intent on paying your fees by the selections below.

1. Once the complete application package has been received by us, and entered into the system
2. You will receive an e-mailed invoice from our office which signifies that your electronic permit application and corresponding paperwork have been entered, ready for payment, to begin the process.
3. You then have the following four (4) payment options:

- provide an on-line electronic check or credit/debit card (we accept American Express, Discover, VISA, and MasterCard) payment
- call the Inspections Office at (207) 874-8703 and speak to an administrative representative to provide a credit/debit card payment over the phone
- hand-deliver a payment method to the Inspections Office, Room 315, Portland City Hall
- deliver a payment method through the U.S. Postal Service, at the following address:

**City of Portland  
Department of Permitting and Inspections  
389 Congress Street, Room 315  
Portland, Maine 04101**

By signing below, I understand the review process starts only once my payment has been received. After all approvals have been met and completed, I will then be issued my permit and it will be sent via e-mail. ***No work shall be started until I have received my permit.***

Applicant Signature: *Catherine* Date: 5/4/16

I have provided digital copies and sent them on: Date: 5/4/16

NOTE: All electronic paperwork must be delivered to [buildinginspections@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:buildinginspections@portlandmaine.gov) or by physical means ie; a thumb drive or CD to the office.