Permitting and Inspections Department
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All outdoor dining permits are subject to the following:

Design and Construction

Existing Sidewalk Width (property line to curb) N/A	Sidewalk Dining Allowed?	
< 8'0" N/A	No	
≥ 8'0"	Yes – up to 60% of sidewalk width.	
Sidewalk Type	**Sidewalk Passage Required**	
	Width (minimum)	Height (minimum)
Standard sidewalk	4'0"	6'8"
Street corner	5'0"	6'8"

- Outdoor dining area shall not exceed 60% of the sidewalk width.
- A continuous, unobstructed sidewalk passage of 4 feet from the outer boundary of the seating area to the curb must be maintained. If the passage is not straight due to existing obstacles, then additional width may be required. Any changes to existing straight passage is at the discretion of the City.
- Egress must be maintained free of obstruction.
- Permanent fixtures, such as awnings, require a building permit separate from the Outdoor Dining permit and subject to approval by the Building Authority.
- Umbrellas do not require a permit.
- Umbrellas must be secured and maintain the height clearance for sidewalk passage.

Barriers

- Free-standing barriers are preferred. Physical attachments to a building are subject to administrative review, especially in historic districts.
- Stanchions and ropes are encouraged. Sectional fencing is allowed with a high degree of visual transparency (at least 50% open). Solid or opaque barriers are not allowed.
- Shall not exceed 42" in height and may not include commercial signage.

Maintenance and Operations

- Outdoor dining components must be within the permitted area and allow safe passage of pedestrian traffic. Failure to comply may result in a revocation of the permit.
- The permit holder is responsible for keeping the outdoor seating area clean.
- No food shall be prepared in the designated outdoor dining area.
- If alcohol is to be served, then the permit holder must be approved for outdoor dining by the City Council. To initiate the process, notify the Business Licensing Office at 874-8557.