

Outdoor Dining Criteria

A City of North Vancouver Business Licence is required before the application will be considered.

The City will review any application for use of City-owned land (generally City sidewalk or street curb lane) and approve at its sole discretion, giving consideration to pedestrian traffic widths, gradient, usable area and the general suitability of on-street proposals. All applications must include one site plan drawing, 8.5 X 11 or 11 X 17, scaled (in metric units) which clearly show the following:

- a. Property line and lot dimensions;
- b. Building dimensions and setbacks;
- c. Proposed Outdoor Dining dimensions;
- d. Patio floor plan including: location and number of proposed tables and chairs and location of two wheelchair accessible seating spots and aisle width;
- e. Maximum number of staff at any given time;
- f. Location and height of any proposed railing, screen or landscaping features;
- g. Location of accessible access and egress from Outdoor Dining , if applicable;
- h. Location of any existing structures on side walk in front of the business (i.e. bike racks, fire hydrants, garbage cans, bus stops, etc.);
- i. Interior floorplan with washrooms labelled male, female, unisex and accessible;
- j. All utility access points;
- k. Plans to show occupant load as per BC Building Code.

An owner or tenant of a restaurant, take-out service prepared food, delicatessen or bakery fronting a sidewalk and City street has two options for the placement of an outdoor patio:

Curbside patios – utilizing the parking space in front of the business. Requirements include:

- Must not exceed a width of 2.4metres from the face of the curb and can extend the length of the business frontage;
- Structures placed in the curbside lane must maintain 40cm of clearance from the face of the curb to the structure to allow for drainage; and
- A continuous barrier at the edge of the patio adjacent to the road and/or parking area is required

Sidewalk patios – utilizes the frontage space immediately adjacent to the business occupying a maximum distance of 2.5 metres from the face of the building provided that:

- There remains a minimum of 3.0 metres unencumbered sidewalk; this width may be reduced to 2.0 metres with the written approval of the City;

- Tables and chairs permitted on the sidewalk shall be placed and maintained by the owner in a manner so as not to constitute a hazard to the general public.
- Items which are placed on the sidewalk should be of such a nature that they may be removed on 24 hours' notice; and
- Seating on a public sidewalk must meet the limitations with respect to the Street and Traffic Bylaw, Section 816 (Commercial Use of Sidewalks).

General conditions for either curbside or sidewalk patio are as follows:

- All utility access points which must be kept clear or designed to be readily accessible by City staff. If damage to a patio is incurred as a result of City forces accessing utilities the City will not be liable for repairs. Reasonable warning of utility access will be provided when possible;
- There must be a continuous barrier at the edge of the patio adjacent to the road or parking area;
- The maximum allowed area of street occupancy will be reduced by the City, if in their opinion, it is required for public purposes;
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- All structures must be free standing, anchoring is **not** the preference of the City. If the structure requires anchoring, a deposit will be determined on a site by site basis based on the square footage of the space.

Example – 6ft X 6ft sidewalk panel replacement cost approximately \$350 - \$500/panel

Provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB)

The LCRB must approve any Outdoor Dining that serves alcoholic beverages. On-line applications can be made via the following link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/cannabislicensing>.