Outdoor Seating and Operations

Including Parklets, Street Eateries and Parking Lots January 2021







These outdoor areas help increase seating capacity and provide flexible operating space for businesses as they remain open under the current set of statewide restrictions imposed in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus.



The City wants to assist businesses with setting up outdoor seating and operations or weatherizing an existing outdoor area, including determining which permit(s) may be necessary.

City staff is happy to talk with any business owner to discuss potential issues or answer questions about your planned set up and before any required application is submitted. Staff will also assist with completing applications when necessary.

Contact the City of Vancouver for assistance!

If your outdoor set up will be:

- Within the public right-of-way (such as on-street parking spaces): Sidewalk Management Team Call: (360) 487-8196 or Email: sidewalks@cityofvancouver.us
- On private property (parking lots, patio areas, landscaped areas): Land Use Planning Team Call: (360) 487-7803 or Email: cddplanning@cityofvancouver.us

Please provide a description of your desired improvements.

If you are uncertain as to which City Team to contact, feel free to contact either one.





Please review additional guidelines and rules for erecting tents and structures and heating them at: www.cityofvancouver.us/outdoorseating