

Sidewalk Vendor Guidelines

Storefront Use, Sidewalk Patio & Parklet Specifications

- Storefront Use, Sidewalk Patio, and Parklet Permits are valid from **May 1 to October 31** of the year it is issued or renewed.
 - Subject to the provisions of this Bylaw, a property owner or business owner shall be eligible to use the sidewalk or specified parking areas adjacent to their property for a storefront use, sidewalk patio or parklet.
 - Such uses shall not exceed the business storefront width unless the permit holder enters into a written agreement with adjacent property owner(s) to expand the use or consolidate the use with adjacent property owner(s). Such spaces may include private parking lots or City owned property with the permission of the owner(s) or City.
 - Spaces that include private parking lots must not use more than 25% of the required parking as per the City's Zoning Bylaw for the purposes of improvements.
 - Storefront uses, sidewalk patios and parklets shall be constructed in a manner to enable unfettered access to City infrastructure.
 - Removal of improvements for the purposes of emergency repairs to City infrastructure, are permitted at any time, with no cause of claim to the City.
 - Storefront uses, sidewalk patios and parklets shall not impact any existing City infrastructure such as street trees, light standards, or waste refuse bins, or be located in any of the following areas:
 - In an area necessary for parking fire equipment, including parking areas adjacent to fire hydrants;
 - In an area necessary to provide access to public transportation; or
 - In an area designated for accessible parking.
- Pedestrian access shall remain unobstructed at a minimum width of 1.5 metres.
 - Overhead projections, such as awnings, roof structures, or umbrellas, shall be at a minimum of 2.5 metres above ground level.
 - Storefront uses, sidewalk patios and parklets shall be designed to allow reasonable access for persons with disabilities and constructed in a manner consistent with accessible street design standards.
 - The installation of electrical or gas units, such as temporary or permanent heaters, shall be in conformance with BC Safety Authority regulations.
 - Patios and parklets must be constructed to be free-standing and not anchored to the roadway or sidewalk and must be constructed of stable materials.
 - Outdoor seating areas should not be sited within 6 metres of an intersection.
 - All curbside and licenced patios must be fenced.
 - Railings shall be constructed of durable materials and affixed in a secure manner. Railings should be at a minimum height of 1.0 metres.

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