Sidewalk Cafés, Street Cafés & Parklets: How-To Overview

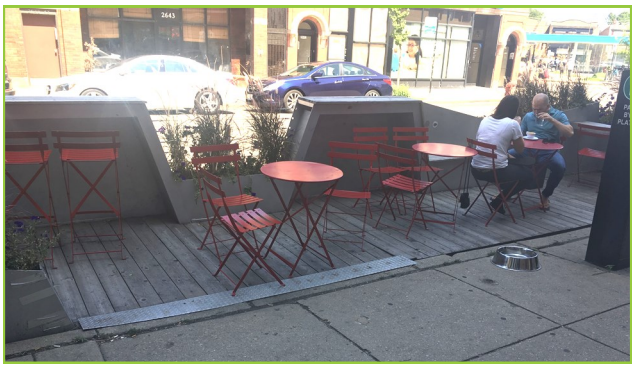
In order to promote social distancing and provide outdoor space for restaurants and businesses while KCMO slowly reopens, we are temporarily easing some requirements for sidewalk cafés, street cafés, parking lot dining and parklets.

Sidewalk Café: an extension of an eating or drinking place located on a public sidewalk that provides restaurant service.

Street Café: an outdoor dining facility located within areas used for on-street parking that serves as an extension of an eating or drinking place.

Parklet: an outdoor facility located in City right-of-way either within the sidewalk, on-street parking areas or other unutilized spaces and designated as public space.

Parking Lot Dining: an extension of an eating or drinking place in a private parking lot that provides restaurant or beverage service.



Street Café example in Chicago, Illinois

Temporary Permitting

Eases requirements for the time period of May 21, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to make it easier for restaurants and businesses to apply:

- *Permit fee waived*
- *Signature requirement waived*
- *Maintenance agreement waived*
- *No bond deposit required*
- *No parking space limit*

Design Guidelines

Must Haves:

- *ADA access down, up, and within the sidewalk cafe, street cafe, or parklet area. For example, a wooden ramp with a no-skid, stable surface*
- *Maintain the pedestrian access route: at least five-foot wide sidewalk clearance at all points*
- *A detectable barrier that meets ADA requirements and provides effective safety measures*
- *Retro-reflective strip placed on all sides abutting traffic*
- *Suggested one-foot buffer around perimeter of install*
- *General liability insurance and indemnification agreement*

Non-Permissible Locations:

- *In ADA/accessible parking spots*
- *On a corridor greater than 30 mph*

How to apply: sidewalk café, street café, or parklet permits

1. Go to CompassKC to get started: https://compasskc.kcmo.org/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService#/home
2. Choose your application type: sidewalk café, street café, or parklet. For a temporary parklet, please use the street café permit.
3. Complete and submit application
4. Wait for staff review and approval
5. Receive approved permit via email
6. Build your sidewalk café, street café, or parklet!
7. Location will be subject to inspection during normal business hours once installed.

How to apply: Parking Lot Dining Space

1. Visit the website link below to download and fill out the Parking Lot Dining Application Form
2. Email completed form to pod@kcmo.org

For more info on sidewalk cafés, street cafés and parklets visit:

https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/public-works/permit-applications/street-cafes-sidewalk-cafes-and-parklets

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