



Important Notice!

PINELLAS COUNTY: Temporary Outdoor Dining Operations

The following *Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines* have been crafted to support the recovery of businesses impacted by COVID-19 by helping businesses operate in outdoor settings adjacent to their establishment such as extending operations on to patios, parking lots, open space areas, etc. The goal is to help restaurants and bars expand operations outdoors so they can cost-effectively implement safety, health, and distancing protocols. These guidelines will be in effect until County's state of emergency has been lifted, after which all temporary improvements must be removed within 30 calendar days.



(photos for illustrative purposes)



PRIVATE PROPERTY

The following guidelines are to be implemented on **private property**, without the need for a formal permit. Utilization of a public street, on-street parking spaces, and/or the sidewalk, for outdoor dining purposes is subject to additional review and permit approvals prior to implementation of such outdoor seating (*see more information in the Public Right of Way section below*). Understanding that the business community may have additional questions regarding their seating options, please call the County at (727) 464-3888.



(Outdoor seating on a private patio)



(Outdoor seating in a parking lot)



(Outdoor seating in open space area)



- **Occupancy:** Outdoor operations cannot result in a total occupancy (i.e. seating capacity) greater than the originally approved occupancy limit for the restaurant, without further plan review and approval by Pinellas County.
- **ADA Requirements:** All temporary outdoor operations shall ensure an accessible path is available.
- **Life Safety Requirements:** At least one 2A10BC rated fire extinguisher shall be provided for the outdoor operations using any number of tents. Points of ingress and egress shall not be blocked for any reason.
- **Tents:** Without a permit, the maximum tent size shall be 10' x 10'. Seven (7) is the maximum number of tents permitted per restaurant. Any tents over 100 square feet must meet Pinellas County's permitting requirements. Tent rental companies are responsible for securing tents so they do not pose danger to people or property due to inclement weather.
- **Temporary Shade Structures:** Such as umbrellas, awnings, sun shades, tarps, etc. may be used as long as they are properly secured during operational hours and fully removed during non-operational hours.



(Umbrellas and Awnings)



- **Parking Lots and Drive Aisles:** ADA parking spaces must remain available and accessible for vehicular parking. New outdoor operations, such as seating, may be placed in parking spaces, but cannot interfere with normal vehicle traffic movement including fire department access to the building, fire hydrants, and/or other firefighting equipment.



(Use of private parking lot with sun shades and temporary furniture)

- **Private Property:** Outdoor operations must be entirely on private property (not on a public sidewalk, alley, or street) unless prior approval is obtained from Pinellas County.
- **Health Department Requirements:** Food preparation must be done inside the restaurant kitchen facilities and all Health Department requirements must be met.
- **Alcohol Service:** All service areas must be defined and in accordance with state licensing requirements.



PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Temporary outdoor dining on a public right of way such as a sidewalk, on-street parking spaces, or other parts of a roadway excluding vehicular travel lanes, is subject to review and approval of a Right of Way Utilizations Permit (RUP) prior to implementation of such outdoor seating. When submitting an application for a Temporary RUP, the business owner shall include the following information (Please be as detailed as possible with the submittal information):



(minimum 4-foot walkway)

- Delineate a minimum four (4) foot **walkway** to meet ADA requirements.
- Illustrate the type of **barrier** to be used to separate seating areas from vehicular traffic, such as concrete jersey/water filled barriers.
- Illustrate the type of **perimeter** used to define the seating areas (on the non-vehicular sides), such as railings, windscreens, partition walls, stanchion ropes, raised planters, etc.



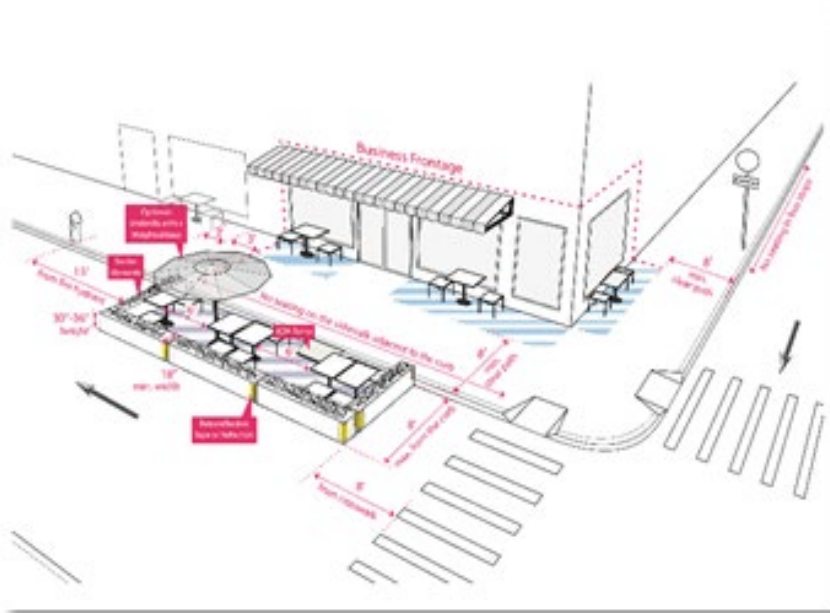
(vehicular barrier separating seating from traffic)

- Indicate how many parking spaces will be occupied with temporary seating.
- Temporary outdoor seating is limited to the area **directly in front of the restaurant/bar**, unless written authorization is obtained from the adjacent business owner.
- Submit verification of **insurance** for liability for the use of the Right of Way.
- Illustrate and/or list all type of **furniture and equipment** to be used within the temporary seating area, such as, but not limited to, chairs, tables, busing stations, umbrellas, heat lamps, menu stands, trash and recycle containers, smoking butlers, etc.
- No extension cords, cables, or other potential tripping hazards are to be stretched across the sidewalk.
- **No outdoor storage** within the public right of way. Tables, chairs, and other furniture must either remain out in a standard arrangement or stored within the adjacent business during non-operational hours.



(temporary furniture, temporary platform [Parklet])

- If temporary **platforms, decking, or parklets** are to be incorporated to ensure stable seating and/or address the crown of a street or slope of a sidewalk, then additional consideration must be given to accommodate proper drainage. The improvements shall not block the County's access to storm drains and/or must be removed in a timely manner upon request by the County.
- Vehicular and Pedestrian **sight lines** must be verified before the request for temporary outdoor seating can be approved.
- The outdoor seating plan must meet **Fire Department standards**, including points of egress, access to fire extinguishers, and tent and awning ratings, if applicable.
- Tables shall not block entrances, exits, fire lanes, hydrants, sprinkler connection points, drive aisles, back-up areas, solid waste collection, pedestrian, or handicapped access.



(Illustrative diagram with dimensions)

- County reserves the right to **revoke** the temporary RUP.
- No **alcohol** is permitted to be served in the public right of way without prior approval of and in coordination with the RUP and approval from the State's alcohol licensing agency.
- No activity other than outdoor dining, such as **entertainment, live music, and performances**, are permitted in the right of way.
- Any request for **street closures** must be reviewed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.