NOTE: Effective July 9, 2021, businesses are prohibited from placing dining or retail fixtures on sidewalk unless licenced.

Portable heaters and lighting are permitted, however, please ensure proper clearance to trees, awnings, and umbrellas to avoid fire hazards. Heaters and lighting must be self-contained, with no wires or other trip hazards. Lighting in planters or along the enclosure is preferred. Overhead lighting elements are discouraged. The City strongly recommends storing temporary fixtures indoors while your business is closed.

The City is not responsible for loss or damage to private property in the public right-of-way.

Requirements for outdoor business facilities updated by Economic Recovery Extension and Transition Ordinance No. 6055

Right-of-Way Operations are Temporary: The City of Santa Barbara reserves the right to remove any materials placed in the right-of-way at its sole discretion.

Restaurant and Retail Contact: For questions and additional guidance, send an email to OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

Specifications for Establishing Temporary Outdoor Business Operations in the Public Right-of-Way

During the Interim Period, all proposed business expansions or modifications to existing expansions in the public right-of-way must conform to the attached Design Addendum. Before any new construction or modifications can commence, the business must submit the proposed design showing dimensions and materials for City approval. Contact Parking Operations at parkingops@SantaBarbaraCA.gov for pre-approval.

To facilitate economic recovery, businesses may temporarily extend existing operations such as indoor dining, personal care services, or retail sales into the closed portion of State Street, provided a 20-foot wide access lane is maintained in the center of the roadway. Businesses cannot obstruct public utilities or interfere with drainage or storm drains. Outdoor service areas may not extend beyond the width of the business’s street frontage unless the business has obtained written permission from neighboring businesses. All seating and other fixtures must be temporary and easily removed. Fixtures must not alter or damage the pavement, landscaping, lighting, or any other City property.

For the State Street Promenade Fire Lane Maps, click here:
**INSURANCE**

All businesses that establish temporary operations in the public right-of-way must provide a Certificate of Insurance from their business insurance carrier naming the City as Additionally Insured. Insurance certificates must be emailed to OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

**STORM FLOW**

Large volumes of water may flow down State Street during rain events. These guidelines require businesses to maintain drainage along the street and gutter lines at all times.

Business owners are fully responsible for assuring that their existing platforms and other outdoor features are constructed, placed and maintained in a manner that allows the free flow of water and does not result in flooding, damage or erosion.

Structures and all other improvements and fixtures may not be placed in the gutter lines.

Enclosures must be constructed so that they are completely clear of the gutter lines.

Any business proposing to modify an existing enclosure that is built in the gutter line will be required to modify their enclosure so that it is clear of the gutter lines.

**WINTERIZATION**

For winter, businesses may wish to modify outdoor dining/commercial areas for the comfort of their guests. Tents and canopies must be adequately roped, braced, and anchored to withstand the elements and avoid collapsing.

Businesses must maintain required clearance from any heating equipment, candles, or flames to combustible materials. Tents and heaters are subject to Fire Department inspection and approval. Any tent exceeding 700 square feet requires a permit from the Fire Department BEFORE it is erected. Call 805-965-5254 to arrange for inspection or permitting. Please refer to the Winterization Guidelines for Overhead Structures and Heating Elements for additional details.
WINTERIZATION GUIDELINES FOR OVERHEAD STRUCTURES AND HEATING ELEMENTS

The following requirements shall apply to the use of tents, canopies, or any form of overhead shade structures (herein referred as tents) within temporary outdoor dining, and business areas:

- The operation of temporary outdoor dining and business areas under tents or other membrane structures is subject to the requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, and Chapters 3 and 31 of the California Fire Code.
- All heaters and tents are subject to Fire Department inspection.
- Tents require a Fire Department permit if they exceed 700 square feet (call 805-965-5254 for permit).
- All tent material must be treated for flame resistance in accordance with an approved State Fire Marshal method or be of a fabric that is inherently flame resistant, regardless of whether a permit is needed.
- Tents must be adequately roped, braced, and anchored to withstand the elements and avoid collapsing.
- Staking of tents is prohibited in the public right-of-way. Tethering or securing tents to trees is prohibited.
- A tent is required to have two means of egress if the occupant load exceeds 10.
- Seating arrangements in tents are subject to Covid-19 restrictions and the requirements of Chapter 10 of the Fire and Building Codes.
- Tents may need to be smaller to fit within the available flat area. It is not recommended to have a single tent cover both the sidewalk and lower street elevation.
- Smoking is prohibited under tents at all times. Santa Barbara is a Smoke-Free City.

Heating Elements

- Heating equipment subject to Section 3104 of the Fire Code and requires Fire Department approval.
- Gas heaters must adhere to the California Mechanical Code; heating equipment may not be located within 10 feet of the tent exit.
- Gas equipment shall be vented to the exterior. If such venting requires a flue, the pipe shall not be installed within 12 inches of the tent fabric.
- Electrical heaters shall be installed pursuant to the California Electrical Code.
- Clearance from any ignition source to any combustible material must be maintained in an approved manner.
- Candles may only be used in approved and stable candle holders on individual tables in dining establishments. Under no circumstances shall hand held candles be permitted.

**Outdoor cooking is prohibited.**

- Portable or fixed outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a combustible surface.
- In the event strict compliance is not achievable, alternate means of compliance must be approved by the Fire Department and equal in effectiveness.

Securing Requirements

- All tent supports or legs must be weighted.
- Each tent leg must have a minimum of 40 pounds.
  - Ropes and straps should be high-quality.
  - Bungee or rubber straps are prohibited.
- Weights must be on the ground and not dangling.
- Weights and lines must be clearly visible and must not pose a hazard.
- For maximum safety, tents should be secured as soon as they are put up, and brought down as soon as weight is removed. Do not leave tents unsecured at any time.

Items that make acceptable weights:

- 5 gallon bucket full of sand or concrete
- Large tent weights (commercially available)
- Sandbags 40 pounds or heavier
It is the responsibility of each restaurant operator to provide outdoor dining in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the California Building Code Standards (CBC). The requirements listed below were developed as part of the overall Parklet guidelines in order to assist restaurant operators with meeting these compliance requirements. Nothing contained herein shall replace or diminish any of the requirements under the ADA or CBC.

Business operations on State Street that do not meet the grade of the existing curb must provide a ramp for access. Ramps and temporary ramps in the right-of-way must comply with California Building Code Chapter 11B, summarized as follows:

☑ Ramps must be at least 4 feet wide.
☑ 8.3% (1:12) maximum running slope (parallel to the direction of travel).
☑ A level landing at the top of the ramp measuring at least 4 feet by 4 feet.
☑ Accessible, unobstructed path of travel from the sidewalk pedestrian path to the ramp.
☑ Edge protection is required on each side of the ramp. A curb or barrier that prevents the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere must be provided along both edges of the ramp. To prevent wheel entrapment, the edge protection must provide a continuous, uninterrupted barrier along the edge of the ramp.
☑ Ramp material must be firm, stable, and slip-resistant.
☑ Ramp must be securely attached so that it does not move or shift during use.

Business operations, including customer seating, umbrellas, lighting, heaters, and other materials must not encroach upon the sidewalk except as permitted under an Outdoor Dining License Agreement.

All accessibility requirements are subject to inspection. Violations of these guidelines are subject to enforcement under Ordinance No. 6055.

If you have questions or need additional guidance, please email OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.
ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

For beverage and dining establishments, at least 5% of the seating spaces and 5% of the standing spaces shall be accessible. Accessible spaces must meet the following requirements:

- Table surface between 28 to 34 inches high.
- At least 27 inches of space from the floor to the bottom of the table.
- Knee clearance extends at least 19 inches under the table.
- Total clear floor area of 30 inches by 48 inches per seat.
- Minimum distance of 4 feet to the nearest obstruction.
- International Symbol of Accessibility displayed at the table.
- Maintain an accessible path of travel to the table.
- Accessible dining tables and standing surfaces must be dispersed throughout the space.

All accessibility requirements are subject to inspection. Violations of these guidelines are subject to enforcement under Ordinance No. 6055.

If you have questions or need additional guidance, please email OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.
The following design guidelines were prepared in cooperation with the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and members of the Historic Landmarks Commission. These guidelines are intended to improve the design and aesthetics of the State Street Plaza while the City develops more permanent regulations and standards for operations in the public right-of-way. The design principles that inform these guidelines are intended to:

- Create order.
- Simplify parklet design and eliminate visual clutter.
- Provide for flexible designs that are modular and movable for many conditions and configurations.
- Provide a simple, coordinated palette for colors, materials, and plants.
- Encourage simple outdoor patio furniture.
- Encourage use of low-maintenance plants.
- Encourage collaboration with neighbors to create the best aesthetic.
- Encourage well-placed, beautiful, well-designed signage.
- Encourage the use of color and art.

Examples of appropriate enclosure design
Enclosure Materials (in order of preference)

- Black iron.
- Large pots or planter boxes with thick connecting ropes attached to wood or metal posts.
- Dark-stained or painted vertical wood elements with a top rail or cap. See below for approved colors.
- The addition of planters is encouraged. Use unique, hearty, low-maintenance, drought-tolerant plants.
- Enclosures constructed with horizontal elements, or other designs except as described above, should be fully screened with planters around all sides.

Platform Surfaces

- Platforms must be constructed with wood painted or stained in a dark, approved color.
- Platforms may not be constructed in the gutter.
- If no platform is constructed, surface materials should not be used.

Platform Surfaces

Furniture

Outdoor dining areas should use simple patio furniture designs. Plastic or vinyl furniture is prohibited.

Lighting

Where lighting is used, it should be placed at a low level - in plantings or along barrier fencing. Overhead lighting is discouraged. All lighting should be white.

Fabric Elements

Use of umbrellas, banners, and flags is encouraged. Fabrics should be approved colors only (see below).

Discouraged

The following design elements are prohibited:

- Pop-up tents
- Overhead elements
- Outdoor carpeting or faux lawn products
- Lattice (wood or plastic)
- Plastic or vinyl fences, trellis, or furniture
- Picket fencing
- Hinged metal pet enclosures
- Excessive decoration
Colors
Wooden and iron elements must be painted or stained in approved colors. Umbrellas, banners, and flags must also use approved colors. For approved colors, refer to “Santa Barbara Colors: A Guide to Painting Buildings” at https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdownload.aspx?BlobID=17318

To further assist you in matching the colors in the guide to colors at your chosen paint store or manufacturer, the Planning Division has available to the public a color-matching digital scanning tool that allows users to match colors in the SB Color Guide to the paint manufacturer of their choice. Visit the Planning Counter at 630 Garden Street to view and scan the color selections in the guide. The app will accurately match those scanned colors to paint manufacturers and detail the color name and number needed when ordering paint. The color tool is maintained by the Urban Historian and requests to use it may be made by contacting the Urban Historian directly at 805-564-5470 x4557 to set up an appointment.