



Temporary Private Use of Public Spaces during COVID-19 Guidelines

Utilization of the sidewalk (public space) is recognized as a way to contribute to the visual and economic vitality of downtown. However, in order to meet this objective, it is recognized that standards should be in place to insure consistency, safety, accountability, and the underlying function of the sidewalk is maintained.

As a temporary measure during the COVID-19, the City will allow the use of public space consistent with the guidelines below in order to help facilitate curbside pickup, customer staging areas, outdoor merchandising and other similar operations. The intent of the temporary measure is to allow retail operations to abide with social distancing and other required measures to stop the spread of COVID-19.

This temporary measure will expire December 31, 2021.

Guidelines for Private use of Public Spaces:

- A retail establishment may use the public space along its building frontage to display retail products for sale, facilitate curbside pickup, provide customer staging areas or other similar operations. A retail establishment shall maintain a minimum five-foot wide unobstructed pedestrian corridor adjacent to the retail display area.
- Retail establishments may place chairs, tables, and flower pots on the sidewalk on a temporary basis providing a five-foot wide unobstructed pedestrian corridor is maintained with clear sight lines to allow safe pedestrian passage. Temporary basis shall mean non-permanent fixtures and is intended to be easily movable. Umbrellas must provide at least 7 feet of height clearance.

Tables and chairs placed in the sidewalk will be treated as public space amenity and be available to all public using the sidewalk (restaurants seeking dedicated use of the sidewalk for tables and chairs for their customers will need to apply for a sidewalk Café Permit

- All items placed on the public space must be removed and stored inside the business at closing.
- The outdoor space must be kept clean at all times.