

Cafe Seating Guidelines



Enjoy the outdoors.

The City of Eugene is committed to helping business owners maintain a vibrant retail and entertainment environment downtown. The city is working closely with business and property owners to improve the streetscape to promote commerce and improve the quality of life for all.

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High-Quality Materials

Sidewalk cafes contribute to a vibrant downtown experience and are one of the first things people see when they walk past your business. Durable, quality materials should represent your business and entice people to walk, socialize, and dine.

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Tables & Chairs

Outdoor seating enhances the public realm and motivates people to patronize Eugene's eating and drinking establishments. As part of the public realm, great care must be taken to ensure the safety and success of these amenities.

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Barriers

While the OLCC administers standards for extension of premises permits, the city of Eugene supports cafe seating with barrier elements that define your business location and help create a sense of place.

High-Quality Materials



Sidewalk cafés bring people and liveliness to the street while visually enhancing the urban environment. It is important for sidewalk cafés to utilize quality furniture and fixtures that contribute to the safety and attractiveness of the public realm. No plastic furniture shall be permitted.

All sidewalk cafe furniture shall be set up during the hours of operation and shall be removed while the business is closed, unless permission is granted to do otherwise by the city.

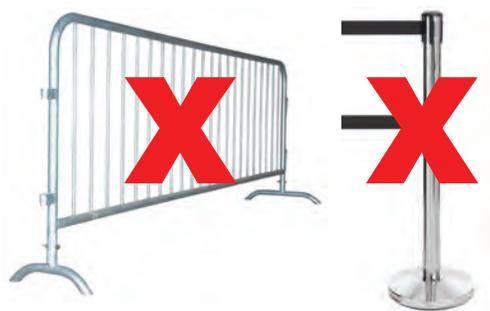
Tables & Chairs



Cafe tables and chairs may only be placed on the sidewalk or pedestrian-only street or alley in front of the applicant's place of business. The sidewalk must be wide enough to provide a minimum of 5 feet of straight, unobstructed pedestrian clearance fronting or through the permitted area, including barriers.

Tables and chairs must also be kept 2 feet away from the curb where on-street parking is adjacent to the curb. Tables and chairs are also prohibited in the corner vision clearance area (see application diagram).

Barriers



Barriers should allow patrons and pedestrians to see from the cafe to street and vice versa. They should be free-standing, removeable, well-balanced, and difficult for pedestrians to topple, trip over, or move. Access openings should be no less than 44 inches in width and located parallel to the building entrance.

Consider wood, rope, or cable barriers. Unstable sectional fencing, rounded barrier bases, and waste receptacles are unacceptable barrier elements and are not permitted. Chain link, chain rails, signage, graphics, and advertisements are also prohibited.

Eugene is unique - shoppers, diners, and those enjoying events relish the vibrant walkability and local flavor of Downtown. Outdoor cafe seating offers an opportunity for customers to enjoy the outdoor weather and enliven our downtown.



Questions?

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