



City of Santa Barbara

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING

The City of Santa Barbara has temporarily suspended the regulations to allow foodservice businesses as well as wine tasting rooms and breweries who contract with the foodservice operator to establish temporary outdoor dining areas adjacent to their businesses on the adjacent public right of way such as sidewalks, on-street parking spaces, State Street in downtown as well as on private property. The City Council adopted an Emergency Economic Recovery Ordinance on May 22, 2020 and is in effect until September 8, 2020 unless amended otherwise to allow temporary outdoor dining as well as the following operating requirements.

## **Temporary outdoor dining areas must comply with each of the following requirements.**

1. Can operate between the hours of 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily. Temporary outdoor dining areas located in the Central Business District, Funk Zone and Coast Village Road areas are allowed to operate until 12:30 a.m.
2. Businesses that wish to provide alcoholic beverage service in the temporary dining areas must obtain the required ABC License.
3. Access required under the American with Disabilities Act shall be maintained at all times.
4. Fire Hydrants must remain unobstructed.
5. Businesses must comply with all City noise regulations.
6. Businesses must provide conveniently located outdoor waste and recycling receptacles for customers, and the receptacles must be emptied, serviced and maintained at least daily.
7. Smoking is prohibited in the temporary outdoor dining areas.
8. Live music and amplified sound are prohibited.
9. All foodservice establishments must follow the requirements under Santa Barbara County Health Order No. 2020-8.2, including completion of self-certifications.
10. No more than nine people may use a single table at the same time.

## **Additional, operating rules and regulations for temporary outdoor dining areas.**

- a) At least six feet of spacing shall be maintained between tables and pathways.
- b) Appropriate lighting of the outdoor dining area is required if operating outside of daytime hours.
- c) Use of landscaping and planters is permissible to define or decorate a dining area; however, these materials should not be permanently affixed to any public rights-of-way.
- d) Use of removable barriers to define the outdoor dining area is permissible.
- e) No heating, cooking or open flames are permitted in the outdoor dining area. However, space heaters are permitted if they are an outdoor approved type, are located in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and are located at least two (2) feet from the edge of any umbrella canvas, any foliage, or any other flammable object or material.
- f) No food preparation, plastic food displays, food storage, or refrigeration apparatus shall be allowed on the public right-of-way.
- g) Umbrellas and other decorative material shall be fire-retardant, pressure-treated or manufactured of fire-resistant material. No portion of an umbrella shall be less than six (6) feet, eight (8) inches (eighty (80) inches) above the sidewalk.

**If you have questions or need additional guidance**, please send an email to [OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov), or call **(805) 564-7520**