



City of Santa Barbara

NOTICE

DATE: June 28, 2021

TO: Business Owners with Outdoor Business Areas, Temporary Outdoor Dining, or Parklets

SUBJECT: Changes to Businesses Operating on Public Sidewalks

On June 22, 2021, City Council considered possible changes to the Guide to Operating a Business on State Street and Parklet Guidelines.

The following changes were approved by City Council at their meeting of June 22, 2021:

- Effective July 9, 2021, sidewalks must be cleared of all tables, chairs, and other fixtures that are not currently licensed under the City's Outdoor Dining License Agreement program.
- All sidewalk dining areas that had an Outdoor Dining License Agreement that was in place pre-COVID can remain as approved through their Outdoor Dining License Agreement.
- Businesses wanting to apply for an Outdoor Dining License Agreement for sidewalk dining are required to go through an application and permit process. If you are interested in pursuing an Outdoor Dining License Agreement please contact Michael Cloonan, Project Engineer, at mcloonan@santabarbaraca.gov, or by phone at 805-564-5365.
- All other aspects of the Guide to Operating a Business on State Street and Parklet Guidelines remain in effect.

City Council also directed staff on the following:

- ADA compliance will be strictly enforced effective immediately for all parklets and outdoor dining areas for both day and night operations.
- The City of Santa Barbara will continue to allow the construction of new Parklets outside of State Street in accordance with the Parklet Guidelines.
- The City of Santa Barbara will continue to allow the construction of new expanded outdoor business areas on the closed portion of State Street and West Victoria Street in accordance with the Guide to Operating a Business on State Street.
- All new and existing installations are encouraged to adhere to the Aesthetic Design Guidelines.
- The City continues to welcome existing businesses to temporarily operate in the public right-of-way until the expiration of the Emergency Economic Recovery Ordinance on March 8, 2022.