

## Temporary Expanded Outdoor Dining in Parking Lots

### On-site Permitting Process for Outdoor Dining in Parking Lots

Local restaurants that wish to expand their **current outdoor dining area or add new outdoor seating on surface parking lots may do so**, provided they abide by the criteria summarized below.

1. No permit is required from the City to use off-street parking lots for temporary outdoor dining. However, **the operator must have permission from the owner and is subject to all health department and California alcoholic beverage control (ABC) requirements.**
2. Restaurants may serve alcoholic beverages in parking lots subject to Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control requirements. Apply here for a [Temporary Catering Authorization](#) (TCA). The application and payment must be completed and requires approval from local law enforcement. A copy of the TCA application must be provided to the West Sacramento Police Department ([deap@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:deap@cityofwestsacramento.org)).
3. Portable tables, chairs, umbrellas, awnings/canopies, patio heaters may be placed in the parking lot for outdoor dining purposes. All furnishings and other items placed in the parking lot dining area must be **temporary and portable**. Any permanent changes to pavement, lighting, planters, parking lot striping, drainage, electrical fixtures, or plumbing fixtures and any permanent structures must have **prior planning department approval** and **building permits** must be issued before construction commences. See the City Outdoor Dining regulations here. City Contact: David Tilley: [davidt@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:davidt@cityofwestsacramento.org) [CityWestSacramentoCodeOutdoorDining](#)
4. Fire lanes must be kept clear. Do not block fire lanes or fire hydrants.
5. **Accessible parking spaces and tables** for the disabled shall be kept open and available for disabled users. A building permit is required to reconfigure accessible parking spaces. Accessible dining and seating spaces and passage aisles must be provided in the same ratio and same dimensions as is required for indoor dining. Contact Randy Goodwin, City Building Official at [randyg@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:randyg@cityofwestsacramento.org)
6. This program is in effect during the term of the local emergency declared by the City Council and will automatically terminate concurrently with termination of the local emergency, unless it is terminated or otherwise amended by the Director of Emergency Services.