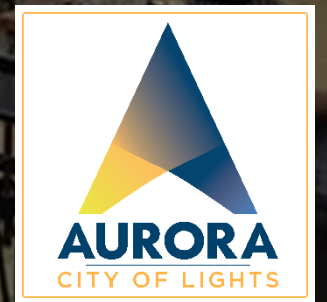


SUMMER 2025 OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM DESIGN GUIDELINES





DESIGN GUIDELINES

- **Purpose**

- These Outdoor Dining Program Design Guidelines are intended to ensure that restaurants use the public sidewalk for outdoor dining in a way that is safe for pedestrians, does not present accessibility constraints, encourages interactions, and supports a pleasant outdoor dining experiences.



OUTDOOR FURNITURE

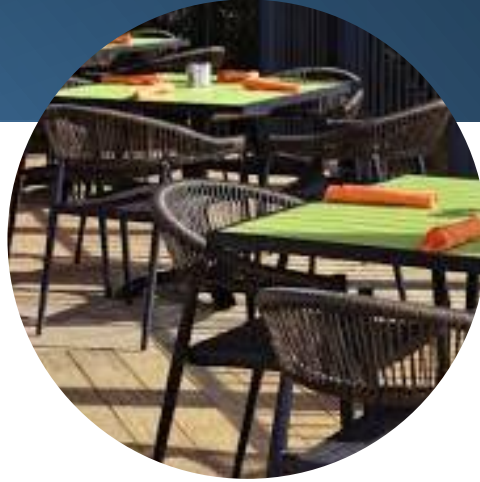
- **Material**

- All furniture material should be of durable materials such as wood or metal.
- Discouraged materials include breakable plastics and unfinished lumber.

- **Tables**

- Tables must be functional and well-maintained.
- Tables may be any shape.
- Maximum height of 36 inches.
- Smaller tables are encouraged, as they provide more layout flexibility.
- Square or rectangular tables can be combined to create a larger table if necessary.
- Table edges and corners should be rounded and safe for passing pedestrians.

CHAIRS



- **Guidelines**

- Must withstand weather factors such as wind, rain, sun and wind and remain in good condition.
- Should be of sturdy construction.
- Chairs should not show evidence of deterioration or damage to structure or finishes.
- May incorporate fabric elements or may be upholstered, but must be maintained in clean condition.
- For upholstered chairs, water resistant textiles are strongly encouraged.
- Chairs may be painted, stained or unpainted in color, but must have surfaces that are properly finished such that there is no rust, splintering or other deterioration.



UMBRELLAS

- **Guidelines**

- No fluorescent or strikingly bright or vivid colors.
- Market style umbrellas, designed specifically for patio or outdoor restaurant use are preferred.
- Umbrellas are to maintain a minimum height clearance of 8 feet.



BARRIERS

- **Dimensions and Materials**

- Barriers may not exceed 36 inches in height.
- If a rope or chain is used as part of the barrier, the bottom must not exceed 27 inches above the sidewalk surface
- Barriers may include but not limited to removable fences, freestanding fences, hedges, planters, trees, and removable columns.

- **Prohibited Barrier Materials**

- Chain link
- Rope rails
- Chain rails
- Other materials include buckets, flag poles, newspaper stands and waste receptacles.

- **Sectional Fencing**

- Rigid fence segments may be placed end-to-end to create the appearance of a single fence.
- Footing shall be flat.
- Sectional fencing shall be composed of metal or wood and painted or finished, or aircraft cable, fabric, steel or iron elements.

- **Planters**

- Outdoor planters may be used as a barrier component and should be placed at the corners and entry.
- Planters must be no more than 3 feet in height, shall be kept in clean condition, and shall be removed at the end of each business day (if possible).
- In the case of planters, the planter itself shall not exceed 36 inches; the plant (live or artificial) height shall not exceed 6 feet measured from the ground.



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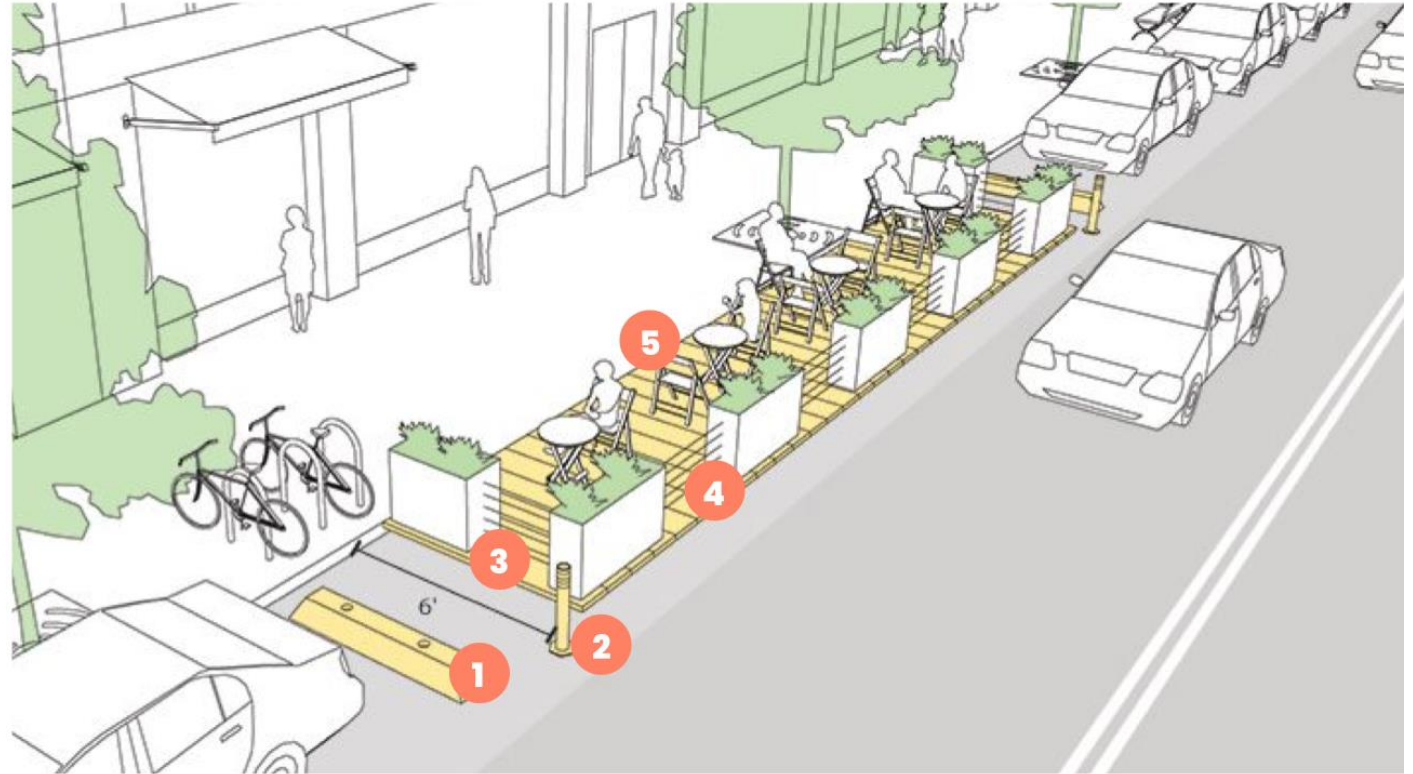
PARKLET GUIDELINES

- **What is a Parklet?**

- Parklets are public seating platforms that convert curbside parking spaces into vibrant community spaces.
- Most parklets have a distinctive design that incorporates seating, greenery, and/or bike racks and accommodate unmet demand for public space in Downtown areas.

PARKLET PILOT PROGRAM

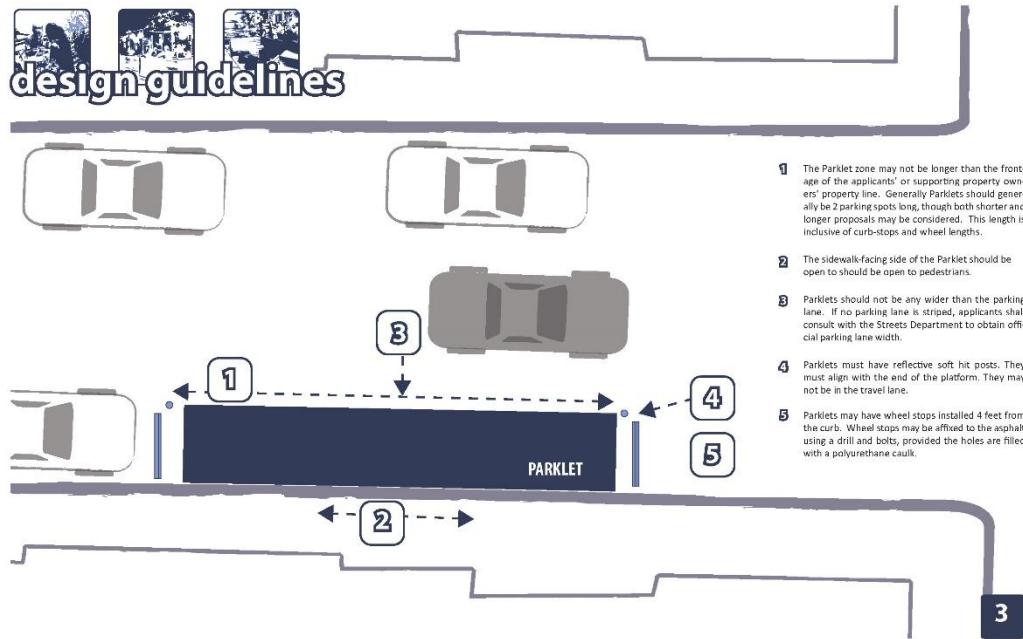
- **A parklet can be defined as a small seating area or green space created as a public amenity on or alongside a sidewalk, especially in a former on-street parking space.**



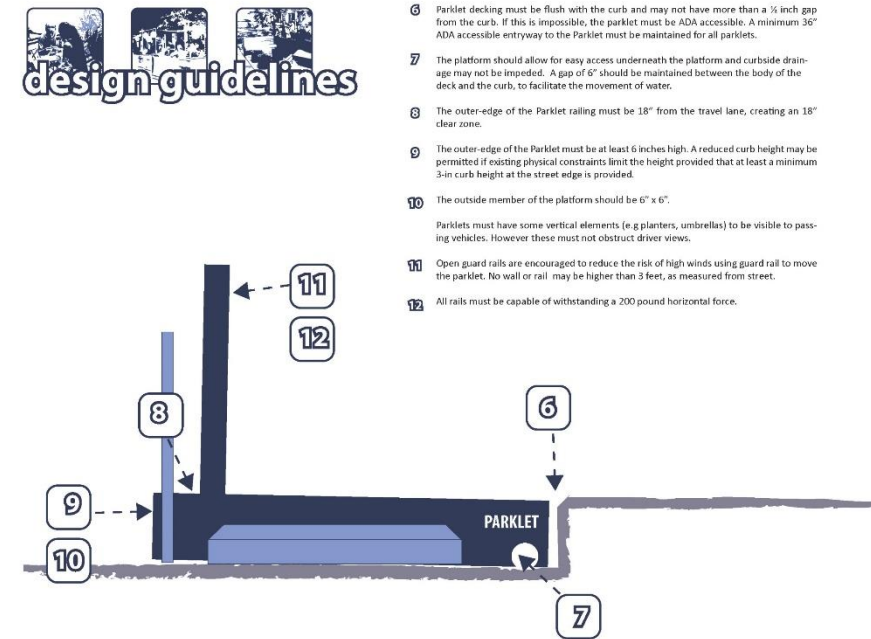
- 1 Parklets must be buffered using a wheel stop 4 ft from the parklet
- 2 Parklets should have vertical elements that make them visible to traffic, such as flexible posts or bollards
- 3 Parklets have a desired minimum width of 6 ft (or width of the parking lane); generally entail the conversion of one or more parallel parking spaces or 3–4 angled parking spaces
- 4 It is recommended to include an open guardrail to define the space that is no higher than 3 ft and be capable of withstanding at least 200 ft of horizontal force
- 5 It is recommended to incorporate seating into the parklet



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PARKLET EXAMPLES



PEDLET EXAMPLES

- **What is a Pedlet?**

- Pedlets extend the sidewalk as curb-height platforms, using one or more parking spaces, but they provide an alternative path for pedestrians to move down the street, while leaving the sidewalk space open for other walkers, or businesses' use as seating and merchandising.





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