

Guide to Outdoor Dining on Sidewalks



As food & drink establishments re-open, this guide shows how you can extend your dining area onto the sidewalk in front of your business to serve more customers, maintain physical distancing, & take advantage of the warm sunny weather.

1. Ensure You Meet Our Requirements

Make sure your plans meet these requirements:

- **Verify that your planned patio is on a public sidewalk – contact the City of Langley at engineering@langleycity.ca if you are uncertain.**
- A clear sidewalk width of 2 metres or more must remain open for pedestrians on the sidewalk.
- Patios must be at least 0.6 metres from the curb.
- Exits from buildings must not be blocked.

And, provide verification that you have \$5 million in liability insurance with the City of Langley named as additional insured on the policy.

2. Apply for a Sidewalk Permit (“Highway Use Permit”) – no fee required!

Contact engineering@langleycity.ca to get/submit your application. Fill out the [application](#) and provide a sketch of your plans for the sidewalk, including:

- The location of the patio relative to the property, host building, and City sidewalk, curb, and street.
- Any fencing used to separate the seating area.

Note: Only required for liquor service.

If you have a Food Primary Liquor Licence and are intending to serve liquor outdoors, follow these additional steps:

3. Apply to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for a Temporary Service Area Expansion Authorization – no fee required!

- This authorization is effective until October 31, 2021.
- Apply at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/cannabislicensing/covid-temporary-extension>.

4. Provide Proof of Licencing to City of Langley

- Once approved by the LCRB, provide proof of licencing to the City of Langley for our records.

5. Provide sketch of fencing or other barriers

- If you haven't already, provide a sketch to the City of Langley showing the location of any materials used to define the outdoor dining area.
- If you've already submitted your Highway Use Permit application, send in an updated sketch.

Flowchart: Applying for Outdoor Dining on Sidewalks

I want to open an outdoor dining patio on a public sidewalk!

Ensure you meet base requirements on space, accessibility, and insurance

Apply to the LCRB for a no-fee Temporary Service Area Expansion Authorization

Apply for a no-fee "Highway Use Permit" with the City of Langley

Provide proof of LCRB temporary licencing approval to City of Langley

I do not intend to serve liquor

I intend to serve liquor
**Food primary*

Provide sketch of patio fencing to City of Langley (if not done already)

Once your "Highway Use Permit" is approved, you are free to open your patio!

Ready to Apply?

Have Questions?

Contact the City of Langley at engineering@langleycity.ca or 604.514.2997