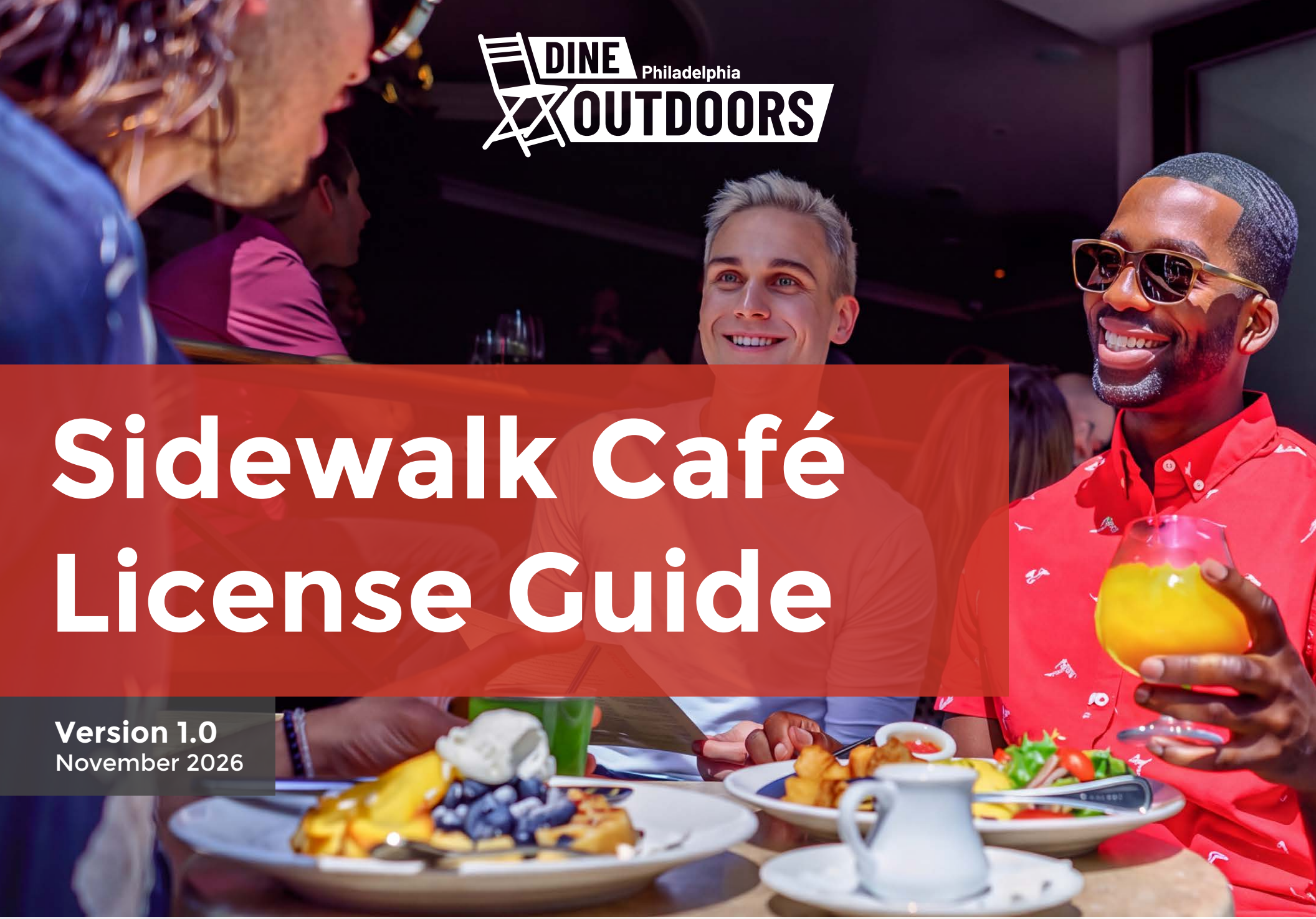



# Sidewalk Café License Guide

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# About This Guide

This guide is meant for restaurant owners and provides an overview of the goals, regulations, and application process to obtain a Sidewalk Café License. This type of license gives restaurants the privilege of operating outdoor dining on suitable sidewalk space in front of their building.

The goal is for applicants to use this guide as an ongoing, user-friendly point of reference. We encourage a thorough review of this guide, including the various location requirements, to determine if a sidewalk café is feasible for your restaurant before making any investments.

This guide summarizes the key regulations that most restaurants will find helpful. However, it is not a comprehensive resource for every restaurant or every situation. Web links to the City Code governing sidewalk cafés can be found in the lower right-hand corner of the following pages.

The City of Philadelphia values your contributions to the local economy and looks forward to reviewing your Sidewalk Café License application.

***This guide is subject to change if there are any program updates. Please make sure to have the most up-to-date version of this guide by visiting phila.gov/services/streets-sidewalks-alleys/outdoor-dining.***

## Language Access

If you speak another language, assistance services are available to you. Call 3-1-1.

Si usted habla español, hay servicios de ayuda disponibles para usted. Llame al 3-1-1.

注意： 如果您使用简体中文，可以获得相应的语言协助。 致电3-1-1.

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# Introduction

Philadelphia's thriving restaurant scene has helped our city become an international destination. Many of our restaurants are locally owned and reflect the people, places, and global flavors of our multicultural population. Restaurants create jobs, enhance the economy, and create a sense of community that the Philadelphia city government strives to support.

Outdoor dining has been a mainstay of Philadelphia's dining culture for decades, from the sidewalk awnings and picnic tables of cheesesteak shops and water ice stands to the bistro tables and shade umbrellas of upscale restaurants. This guide is part of a larger effort to encourage outdoor dining and support restaurants through the process.

## Dine Outdoors Philadelphia

Dine Outdoors Philadelphia is a series of ordinances and regulations that grant eligible restaurants use of the public right-of-way for enhanced seating capacity. The program's goal is to benefit restaurants and their surroundings without compromising safety, accessibility, and other fundamental aspects of urban life. The program includes two modes of outdoor dining –sidewalk cafés and streeteries– which are explained in greater detail on the next page.

## Licensing & Enforcement

Dine Outdoors Philadelphia requires restaurants to obtain a Sidewalk Café License to set up and operate a sidewalk café. Applicants need Streets Department approval for use of the sidewalk, and the Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I) ultimately approves and issues the Sidewalk Café License, which must be renewed annually.

Beyond the licensing process, the program also includes enforcement by the Streets Department and Licenses and Inspections. Staff track and monitor sidewalk cafés across the city and issue violations against non-compliant, dangerous or unlicensed sidewalk cafés.

## Thriving Sidewalk Cafés

Dine Outdoors Philadelphia allows accessible and neighborly sidewalk cafés with licenses to operate and eliminates obstructive, nuisance or unlicensed sidewalk cafés from our public spaces. Most of all, the program proudly contributes to Philadelphia's rich tradition of outdoor dining, exceptional restaurants, and lively streets.



# Dine Outdoors Philadelphia Overview

The City of Philadelphia offers two outdoor dining licensing options for eligible restaurants. The City strongly recommends that restaurant owners explore the eligibility requirements and design standards of both outdoor dining options before making any investments. Both options balance the needs of the city's right-of-way and all of its public users. Eligible restaurants may obtain one or both licenses.





## Sidewalk Café License

A Sidewalk Café License allows eligible restaurants to occupy sections of the sidewalk in front of their storefront for outdoor dining. This grants licensed restaurants the privilege of additional seating while maintaining adequate sidewalk access for pedestrians and those with disabilities. It also regulates for issues, like noise and cleanliness standards, that could impact neighboring properties and general quality of life.

Restaurants operating sidewalk cafés must comply with the sidewalk café regulations as outlined in this guide.

## Streetery License

A Streetery License allows eligible restaurants to occupy the parking lane in front of their storefront for outdoor dining protected by crash barriers. Similar to a Sidewalk Café License, it carries seating benefits and regulates for quality of life standards. The City is excited to offer this innovative approach to outdoor dining. Given the placement of customer seating nearer to moving traffic, Streetery License applications must meet stricter safety requirements than Sidewalk Café License applications.

Check out the Philadelphia Streetery License Guide to learn more about streeteries and obtaining a Streetery License.

Find Section 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code here.

# Dine Outdoors Philadelphia Goals

## Thriving Restaurants

Sidewalk cafés contribute seating capacity to restaurants, helping them boost revenue and create jobs. This increased economic activity creates positive ripple effects felt by nearby businesses, neighborhoods, and the city as a whole.

## Happy Customers

Sidewalk cafés invite customers to enjoy Philadelphia's historic and cosmopolitan outdoors as their dining space. Dine Outdoors Philadelphia grants qualifying restaurants use of sidewalk space to help please customers and keep them coming back for seconds.

## Pedestrian Access

Sidewalks are first and foremost for pedestrians. Dine Outdoors Philadelphia requires restaurants to maintain clear pedestrian pathways through their sidewalk cafés so that pedestrians can pass by with ease.

## ADA Compliance

Everyone, regardless of their mobility limitations, deserves equal access to facilities. Dine Outdoors Philadelphia requires sidewalk cafés to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This ensures that everyone can have a seat at the dining table.

## Safety

Cellar doors, concrete curbs, and close by traffic can all create safety hazards that can endanger restaurant customers and fellow Philadelphians. Dine Outdoors Philadelphia requires safe placement of tables and chairs to reduce potential harms.

## Emergency Access

For everyone's safety, emergency responders need quick access to buildings, fire hydrants and utility access points. Dine Outdoors Philadelphia requires movable tables and chairs so that access is achieved when every second counts.

## Occupancy Standards

Sidewalk cafés add extra customer seating but they don't add extra restrooms to buildings. Dine Outdoors Philadelphia keeps a building's occupancy in mind so that facilities aren't overwhelmed and customers can still wash their hands and use restrooms comfortably.

## Neighborliness

In the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection, it's our duty to look out for our neighbors. Dine Outdoors Philadelphia specifies hours of operation and cleanliness standards to minimize neighborhood disturbances.

# Business Eligibility

Not all food or beverage businesses are eligible to operate sidewalk cafés. Before you begin planning for a sidewalk café or starting the Sidewalk Café License application process, please review the eligibility guidelines below.

### With Food License

Only businesses with City-issued food licenses are allowed to operate sidewalk cafés.

### Without Food License

Businesses without food licenses, such as beer distributors or most bottle shops, are not eligible to operate sidewalk cafés.

### With Indoor Seating

Only businesses with at least three indoor tables are allowed to operate sidewalk cafés.

### Without Indoor Seating

Businesses with fewer than three indoor tables like most take-out restaurants, delis, convenience stores, and grocery stores, are not eligible to operate sidewalk cafés. Food trucks and food carts are also ineligible.

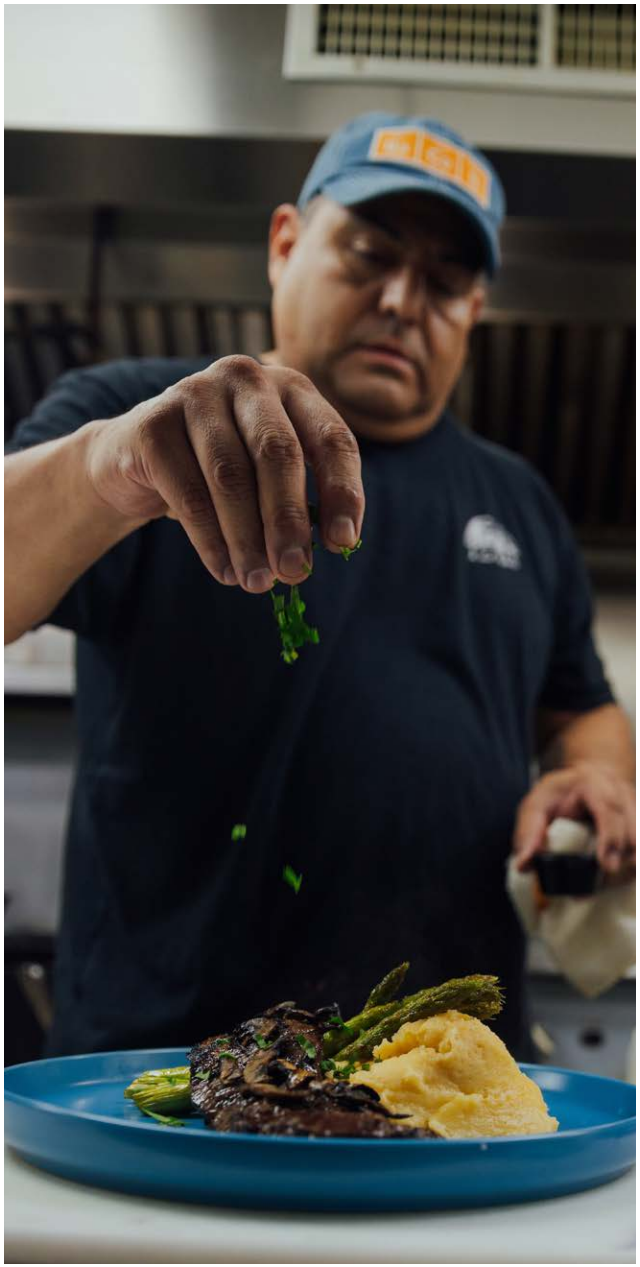
### With Customer Restroom

Only businesses with a restroom available to customers are eligible to operate sidewalk cafés.

### Without Customer Restroom

Businesses without restrooms available to customers, such as most take-out restaurants, delis, and convenience stores, are not eligible to operate sidewalk cafés.

Any ineligible business operating a sidewalk café should immediately cease sidewalk café operations and remove their sidewalk café.



Find Section 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code here.

# Location Requirements

Restaurants are only eligible to apply for Sidewalk Café Licenses in designated areas of the city. Before starting the Sidewalk Café License application process, make sure that your restaurant is located in one of these "by-right" areas.

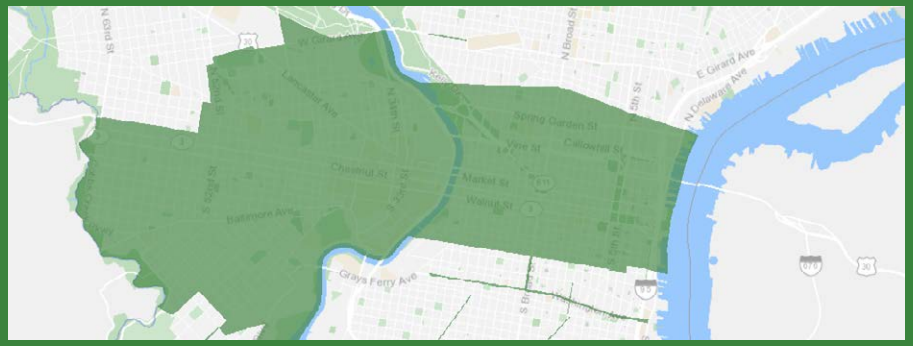
By-right areas can make up an entire neighborhood, a business district or even a single property. They are determined by City Council and can be found in Section 9-208 of the City Code. City Council passes ordinances to add, remove, or alter these by-right areas at their discretion. The green call-out box to the right links to an interactive map showing these by-right areas.

Restaurants located in by-right areas are automatically eligible to apply for a Sidewalk Café License. To be clear, being located in a by-right area does not allow restaurants "the right" to operate a sidewalk café without a Sidewalk Café License. Instead, being located in a by-right area allows restaurants eligibility to apply for a Sidewalk Café License.

Restaurants not located in by-right areas are not automatically eligible to apply for a Sidewalk Café License. To gain eligibility, these restaurants must have City Council pass an ordinance authorizing their use of public sidewalk space for dining purposes. The term often used for this type of ordinance is a "right-of-way encroachment." Instructions for obtaining a right-of-way encroachment ordinance can be found in the blue call-out box to the right.

Every restaurant –whether located in a by-right area or having obtained a right-of-way encroachment ordinance– must adhere to the requirements outlined in this guide and obtain a Sidewalk Café License in order to set up and operate a sidewalk café.

Section 9-208 of the City Code can be viewed online by visiting codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/philadelphia and selecting "Title 9: Regulation of Businesses, Trades, and Professions" followed by "Chapter 9-200. Commercial Activities on Streets" followed by "§ 9-208. Sidewalk Cafés."




## Sidewalk Café By-right Locations Map

The City maintains an online map* indicating by-right locations where restaurants are eligible to apply for Sidewalk Café Licenses. The map is intended as a reference tool and may not immediately reflect changes to Section 9-208 of the City Code.

## Not Located in a By-right Area?

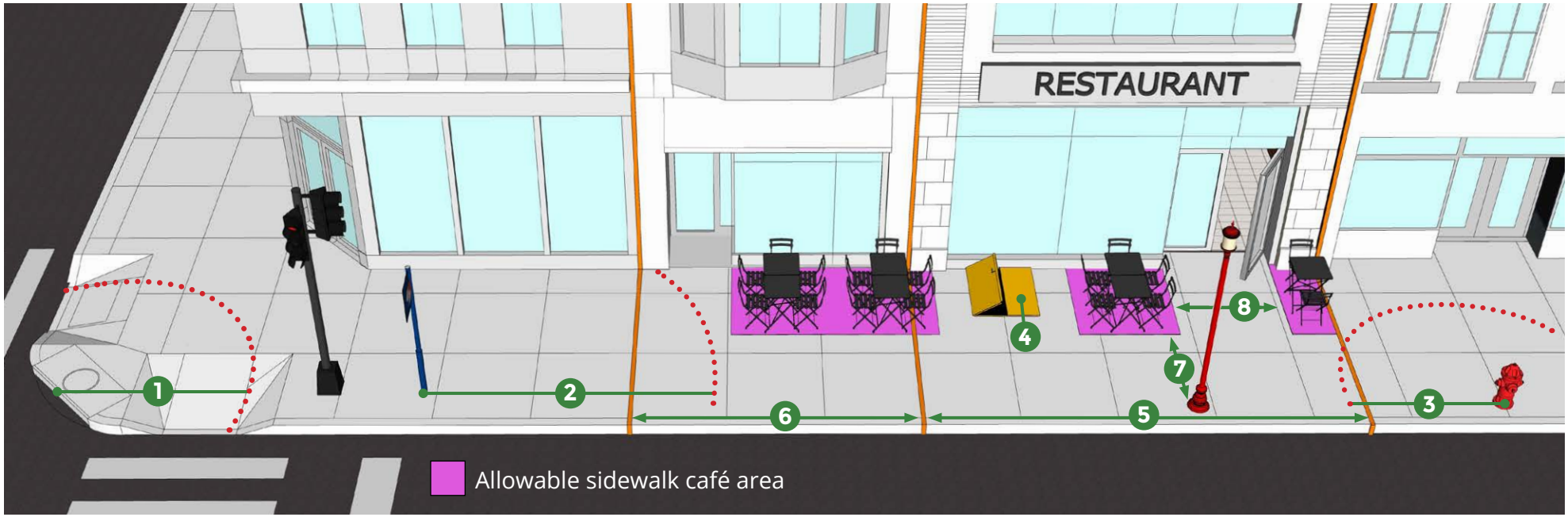
Start by contacting your restaurant location's district councilmember's office and request a right-of-way encroachment ordinance for a sidewalk café. District maps and contact information can be found at PHLCouncil.com.

It is common for district councilmembers to request information about your restaurant and plans for outdoor dining. If the district councilmember approves your request, they can sponsor a right-of-way encroachment bill. If passed by City Council, the bill becomes an ordinance. This process takes approximately 1 to 6 months, depending on City Council's session schedule, and costs a $200 Ordinance Fee paid to the Department of Revenue.

*https://arcg.is/1i9Dy3

Find Section 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code here.

# Sidewalk Café Placement Requirements




1. Sidewalk cafés must be 10 feet or more from street corners. This is measured from the center point of the corner. They must also be 10 feet or more from driveways.

2. Sidewalk cafés must be 15 feet or more from bus, trolley and other transit stops. This is measured from the sign post or shelter, whichever is closest.

3. Sidewalk cafés must be 10 feet or more from fire hydrants. They must also be 40 inches or more from standpipes, which are the fire hose connections typically found on or near the sides of buildings.

4. Sidewalk cafés must be 2 feet or more from cellar doors, vent grates or manhole covers. Covering them is strictly prohibited.

5. Sidewalk cafés may extend the full width of a restaurant's building frontage.

6. Sidewalk cafés may extend onto the sidewalk of one adjacent property, given the property owner's written permission at the time of the Sidewalk Café License application.

7. For sidewalks 13 feet wide or less, a minimum 5 foot wide pedestrian pathway must remain clear. For sidewalks wider than 13 feet, the pedestrian pathway must be 50% of the sidewalk width or wider.
See pages 9-10 of this guide for more information.

   The pedestrian pathway must be straight and clear of obstructions the entire extent of its width.
See page 11 of this guide for more information.

8. Full-width pathways must connect building doors, alleys, cellar doors and other points of building ingress and egress to the pedestrian pathway.
See pages 9-10 of this guide for more information.

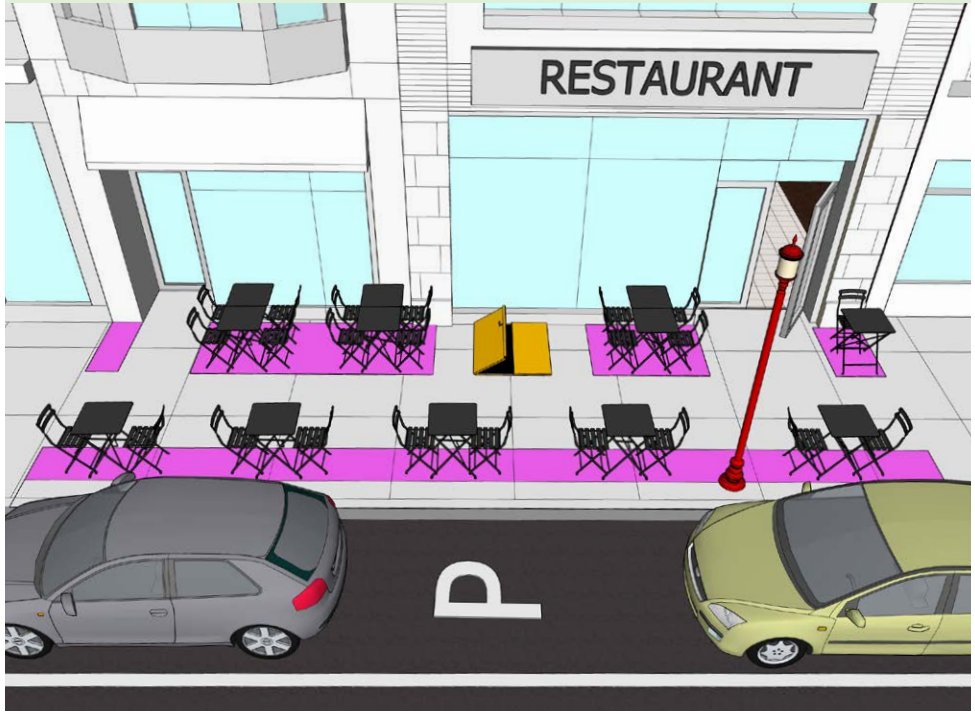
Find Section 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code here.

# Curb-adjacent Seating

## Sidewalks beside parking lanes

For sidewalks beside parking lanes or loading zones, sidewalk cafés are allowed to occupy the sidewalk area next to the curb after 7p.m. Tables and chairs must provide an 18-inch buffer area from the edge of the curb to allow for vehicle door clearance and passenger access. Curb-adjacent seating must run parallel to the curb or face toward the street. This provides diners visibility of the curb ledge and any nearby vehicles for their safety.

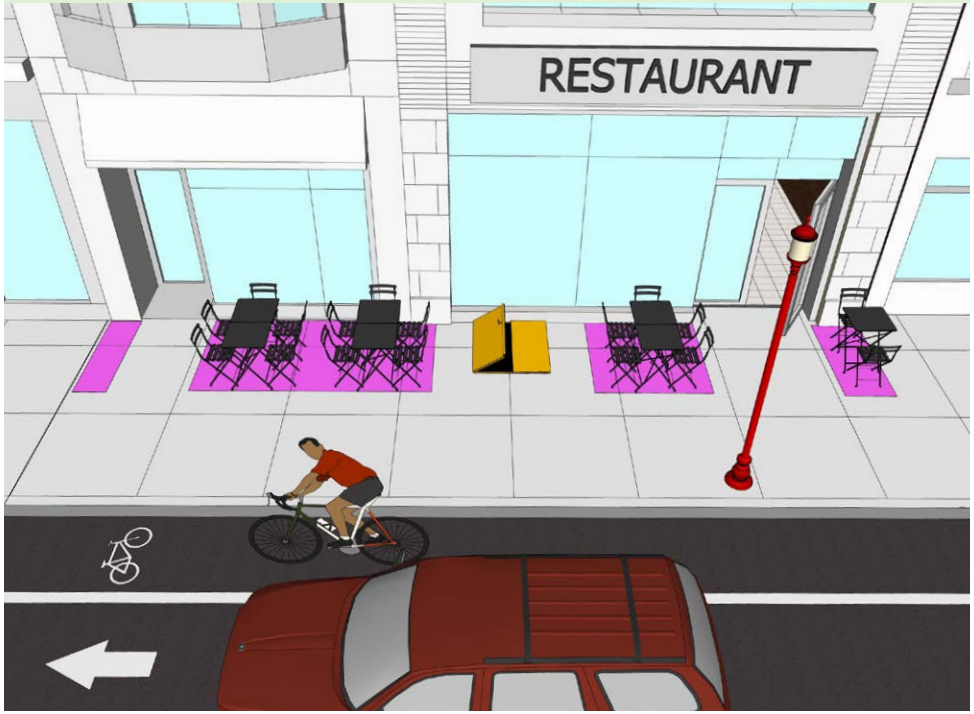
Curb-adjacent seating allowed after 7p.m. with an 18-inch buffer from edge of curb. Curb-adjacent seating runs parallel to the street.




## Sidewalks beside travel lanes

For sidewalks beside travel lanes, including bike lanes, sidewalk cafés are not allowed to occupy the area next to the curb at any time. The risk of collision is simply too great. This means that the clear pedestrian pathway will be nearest to the curb, adjusting for any obstructions, and that sidewalk café seating will occupy the area against the building frontage.

Seating is placed beside the front of the building, with the pedestrian pathway separating it from the curb and travel lane.




Allowable sidewalk café area

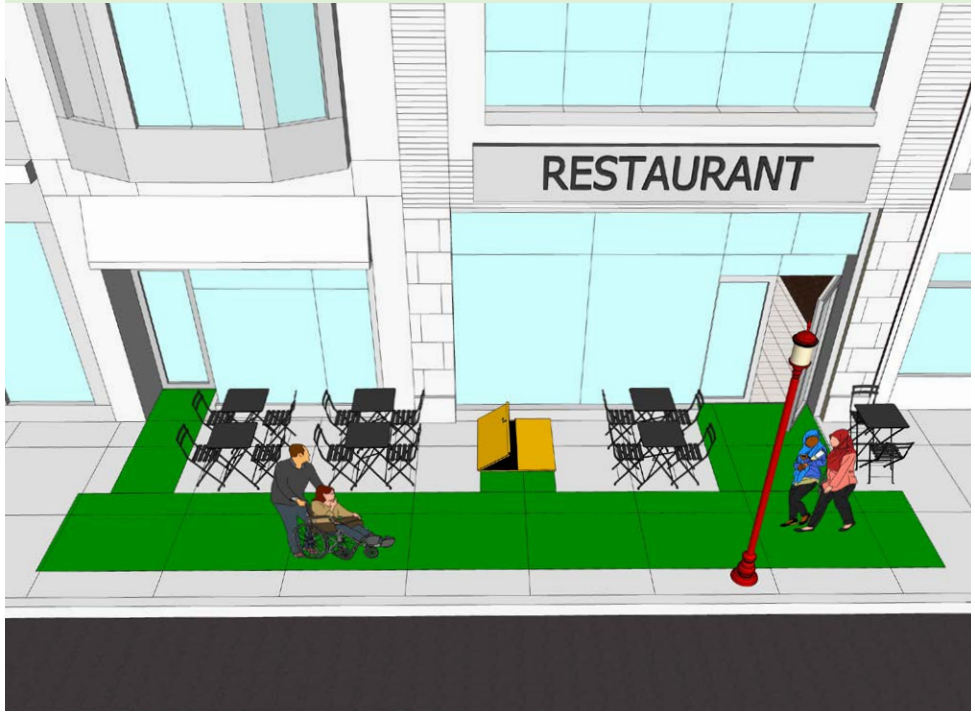
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# Pedestrian Pathway Width Requirements

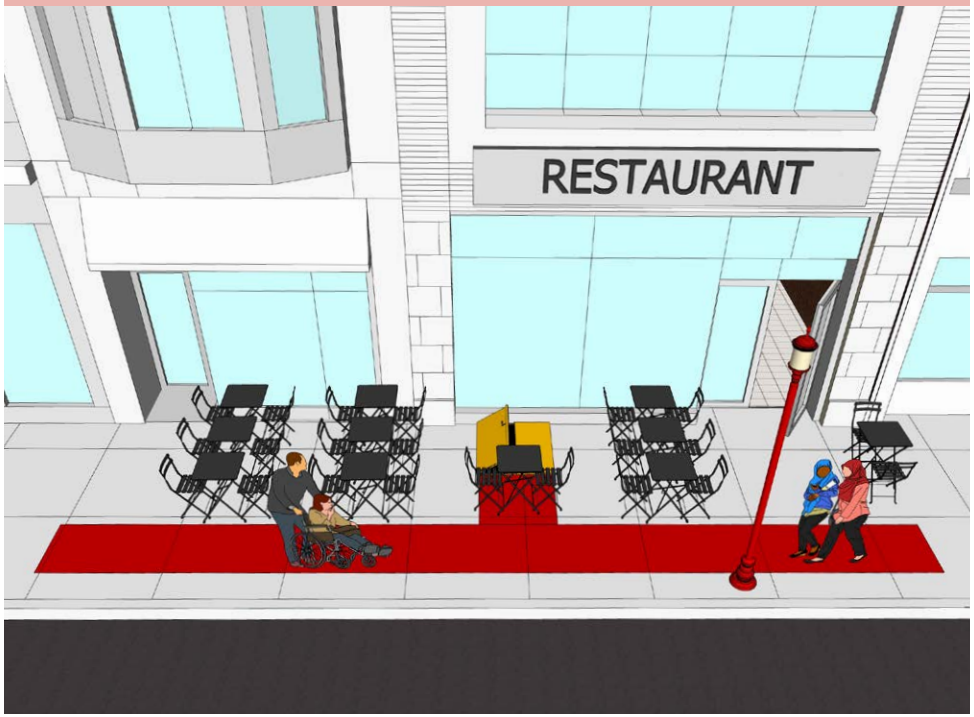
## Sidewalks 13 feet wide or less

For sidewalks measuring 13 feet or less from the building facade to the edge of the curb, a minimum 5-foot pathway must remain clear for pedestrians. Full-width pathways must connect building doors, alleys, cellar doors and other points of building ingress and egress to the pedestrian pathway. These rules apply to all sidewalk cafés, whether they allow for curb-adjacent seating or not.

Pedestrian pathway is a minimum of 5 feet wide. Emergency pathways are clear and connect the building entry and exit points to the pedestrian pathway.




Pedestrian pathway is less than 5 feet wide. One or more of the emergency pathways connecting the building to the pedestrian pathway is blocked, in this case by the cellar doors.




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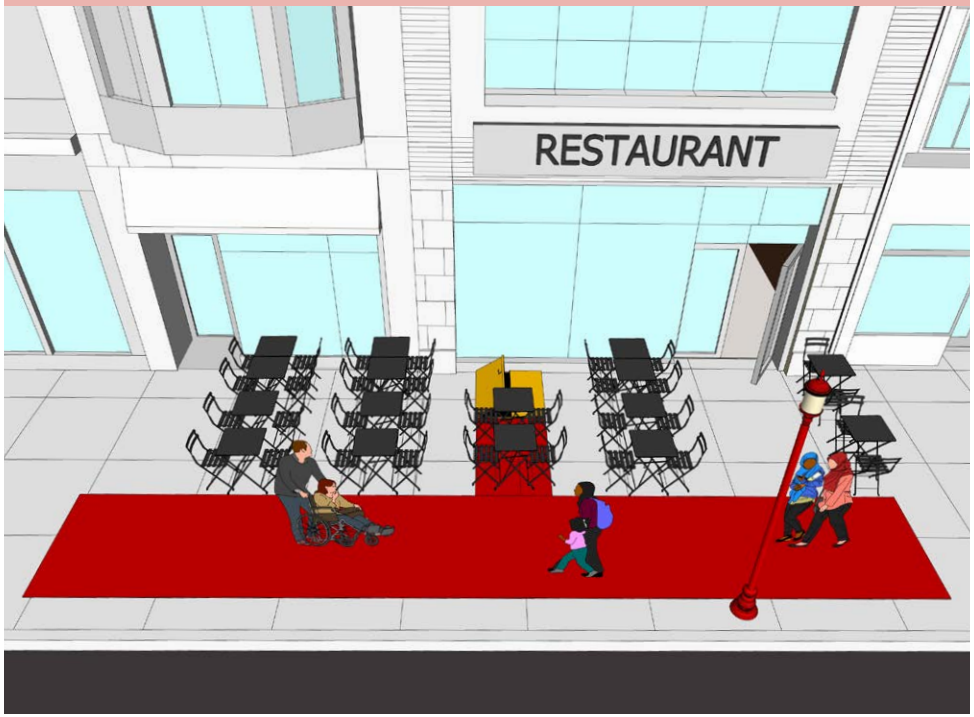
## Sidewalks wider than 13 feet

For sidewalks measuring wider than 13 feet from the building facade to the edge of the curb, a minimum 50% of the sidewalk width must remain a clear pathway for pedestrians. Full-width pathways must connect building doors, alleys, cellar doors and other points of building ingress and egress to the pedestrian pathway. These rules apply to all sidewalk cafés, whether they allow for curb-adjacent seating or not.

Pedestrian pathway is minimum 50% of the sidewalk width. Emergency pathways are clear and connect the building entry and exit points to the pedestrian pathway.




Pedestrian pathway is less than 50% of the sidewalk width. One or more of the emergency pathways connecting the building to the pedestrian pathway is blocked, in this case by the cellar doors.



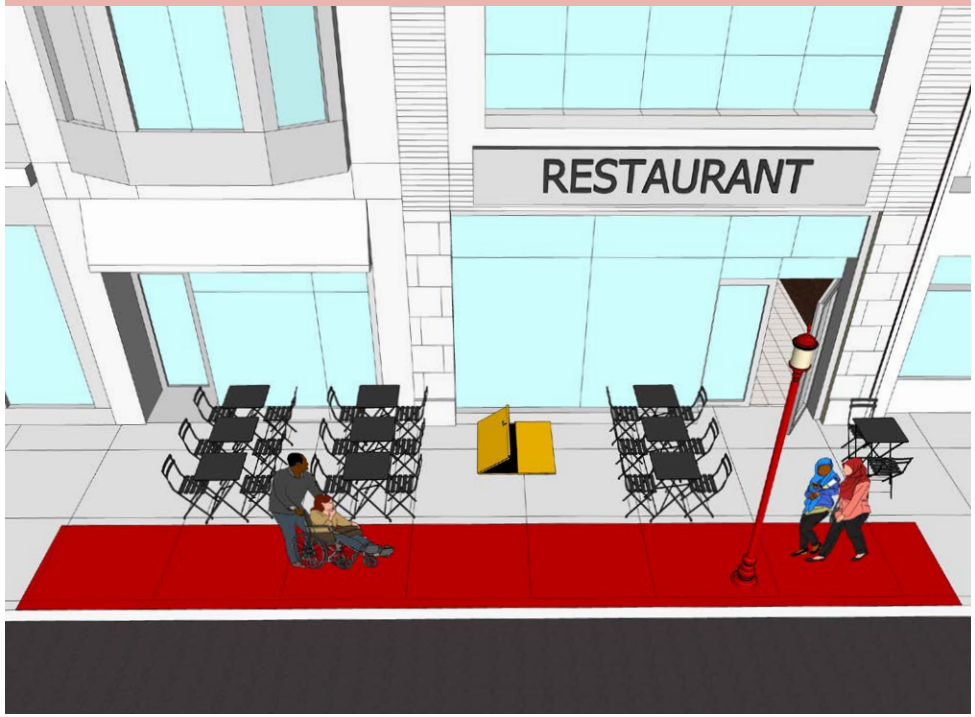

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# Pedestrian Pathway Layout Requirements

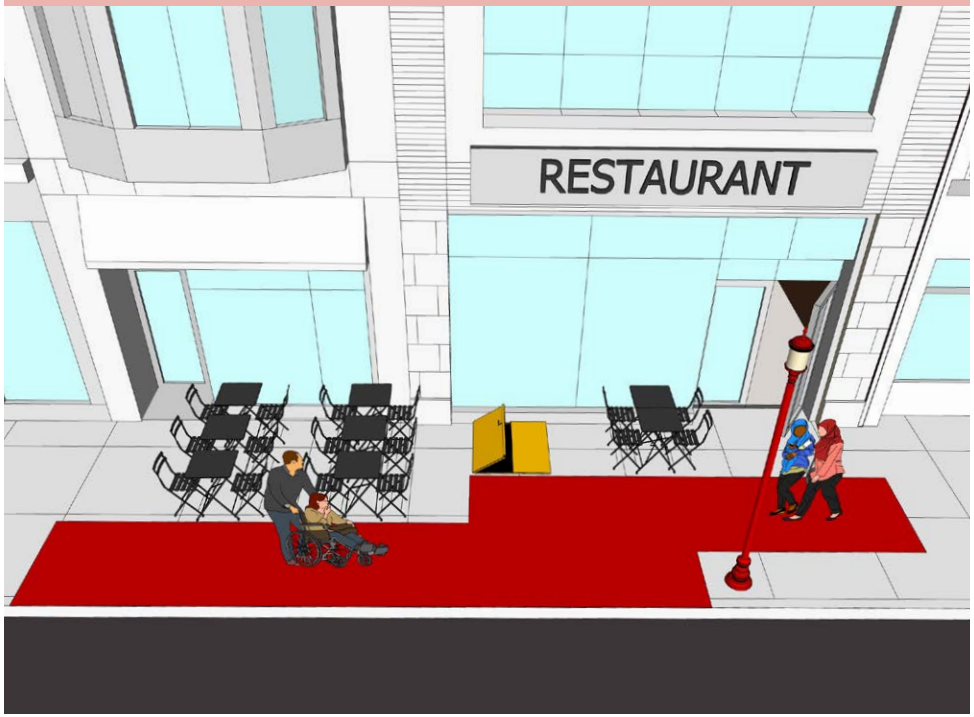
## Straight and clear of obstructions.

Pedestrian pathways must run parallel to the building frontage, in a straight path, and clear of cellar doors, trees and tree pits, street signs, utility poles, bike racks or other obstructions the entire extent of the path's width. These rules apply to all sidewalk cafés, regardless of sidewalk width or curb-adjacent seating.

⊗ Pedestrian pathway is obstructed at some point, in this case, by a light pole.




⊗ Pedestrian pathway zig-zags or doesn't run parallel to the building frontage, in this case, to allow additional seating and avoid a light pole.




Find Section 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code here.

# Sidewalk Café Don’ts



## Blocked Cellar Doors

Cellar doors are considered fire exits so placing mats, tables, chairs or anything else that could block them from opening is prohibited. Similarly, placing sidewalk seating within 24 inches of cellar doors or in such a way that people must pass over them to access seating is not allowed.



## Heaters & Open Flames

Propane dome heaters and other flame heating elements are not allowed in or around sidewalk cafés. The fire and safety risks they pose to people and nearby awnings, buildings, and trees are simply too great. Fire pits and similar open flames are especially dangerous and also prohibited.



## Outside Electrical

Electrical service coming from outside of a sidewalk café, like an extension cord or electrical conduit running from a building or utility pole, is not allowed. All electrical devices, such as table lamps, should be battery powered.



## Tents & Canopies

Tents, canopies, plastic dome shelters, and other lightweight structures are not sturdy enough to withstand extreme weather and can create fire hazards. Shade umbrellas are allowed because they are smaller and easily removed in the event of high winds.



## Supported Awnings

Awnings so large that they require support posts are prohibited. Some older properties, like those in the Italian Market, maintain awnings built before such structures were regulated. Construction of new supported awnings is prohibited without first obtaining special variances from the City.



## Structures & Platforms

Structures like dining enclosures, overhead shelters, platforms, barriers and other permanent sidewalk café fixtures are not allowed. This includes freestanding structures or structures extending from a building. Entryway structures during cold months are an exception and require a separate license for installation.



## Permanent Fixtures

No part of a sidewalk café can be permanently secured to the sidewalk. All tables and chairs must be movable. Picnic tables and other large or heavy fixtures are discouraged because they are hard to remove and aren’t typically wheelchair accessible.



## Uneven Sidewalks

Uneven, cracked, or otherwise hazardous sidewalks are especially dangerous when combined with outdoor seating. Make sure your sidewalk is free of tripping hazards and wheelchair obstructions to keep your patrons sitting safely.



## No smoking

For the sake of employees, pedestrians and fellow customers, sidewalk cafés are not smoking sections. Smoking of any kind, including cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and hookah, is prohibited in sidewalk cafés.

# Americans with Disabilities Act Requirements

## ADA Seating Area

Federal law requires that all sidewalk cafés must provide at least 1 ADA accessible table or 5% of the available sidewalk café seating space, whichever is greater. ADA interior seating does not count toward the ADA sidewalk café seating requirement.

- A clear floor area of 30” by 48” must be provided at the accessible seating area, which may include the knee clearance area. The slope of a clearance area shall not exceed 1:48 (2%).
- Unobstructed knee clearance between the ground or deck and table must be a minimum of 27” in height, 30” in width, and extend a minimum of 19” under the table.
- Table height must be between 28” and 34”.
- If a counter is provided, the accessible portion must be a minimum of 60” in length.
- A 60” minimum diameter circular wheelchair turning space or a T-shaped space compliant with the ADA standards must be provided. A turning space may include designated clearance areas.

## Consult a Professional

Sidewalk widths, sloping pavement, tree pits, and other obstructions can impact ADA compliance. Before beginning the application process, consider consulting a licensed architect experienced in designing for ADA compliance. They can assess your sidewalk’s accessibility and design a seating plan that achieves ADA compliance and maximum seating.




Any business operating a sidewalk café that is not ADA compliant should immediately cease sidewalk café operations and remove their sidewalk café.

Find Section 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code here.

# Operational Requirements

Sidewalk cafés need to be as friendly and inviting to their neighbors as they are to their paying customers. These operational requirements ensure that sidewalk cafés remain well-loved amenities.

## Morning, Afternoon & Evening Hours of Operation

Sidewalk cafés may operate only from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

## Late Night Hours of Operation

To minimize noise for neighbors, all customers must vacate sidewalk cafés from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Any loud breakdown duties, like stacking tables and chairs, must also be completed by these times.

## Service Only

Sidewalk cafés are only for serving customers food and beverages coming from the business' licensed preparation area.

## Food or Beverage Storage or Preparation

Food preparation of any kind, including outdoor grills, or stand-alone bars where drinks are prepared are prohibited in sidewalk cafés. Refrigeration units, food display cases, or other types of food storage are also prohibited.

## Clean & Sanitary

Sidewalk cafés must remain free of food scraps, spill stains, litter, and odors at all times. Daily cleaning and routine pressure washing and pest control ensures that sidewalk cafés remain pleasant places to enjoy.

## Unclean & Unsanitary

Food crumbs, litter, and dirty surfaces attract unwelcome diners like rats and insects. The Health Department can make food businesses cease total operations if their sidewalk café is found unsanitary, just like any other part of their establishment.

- A copy of the Sidewalk Café License must be publicly displayed within the restaurant.
- All sidewalk cafés must be covered by a $1,000,000 comprehensive general liability insurance policy.

Any businesses currently operating a sidewalk café in violation of any of these requirements should take corrective action immediately. Businesses found in violation are subject to penalty, including violations, fines, a Cease Operations Order, and/or denial of Sidewalk Café License renewal.

Find Section 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code here.

# Licensing Process Do Your Research

This section provides a step-by-step overview of how to obtain a Sidewalk Café License. Please review these steps thoroughly to ensure a complete understanding of the sequence, time frames, fees, and overall work entailed. Steps 1-3 are to make certain that a sidewalk café is feasible for the business and location before pursuing formal steps.




| Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 |
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| Check if your business is eligible for a sidewalk café.<br>See page 5 of this guide for more information. | Check if your restaurant location is eligible by-right for a sidewalk café.<br>If it is eligible by-right, skip Steps 7-9.<br>If your restaurant requires a right-of-way encroachment ordinance to become eligible for a Sidewalk Café License, complete Steps 7-9.<br>See page 6 of this guide for more information. | Check if the area in front of your restaurant will accommodate a sidewalk café.<br>See page 7 of this guide for more information. |

# Licensing Process Streets Department Sidewalk Café Plan

The Streets Department needs to approve the location and placement of the proposed sidewalk café. This step is necessary because the Streets Department does not issue licenses but their expertise is necessary to judge whether or not an application meets the public safety and spatial requirements of Dine Outdoors Philadelphia.




## Step 4

Submit a Sidewalk Café Plan to Streets Department Right-of-Way Unit through eCLIPSE[1].

Download Sidewalk Café Plan requirements[2] for more information.

From the eCLIPSE homepage, select "Apply for a Streets Department Review." Then, select "Sidewalk Café Plan (L&I License Pre-Requisite)" from the Sub-Job Type menu to submit plan.

## Step 5

Streets Department review and inspector site visit (if applicable).

The applicant does not need to be present during site visit.

If the restaurant requires a right-of-way encroachment ordinance to become eligible for a Sidewalk Café License, the Streets Department requires a letter of support from the district councilmember's office. See Steps 7-9

Total review and site visit time is within 14 business days if Sidewalk Café Plan is rendered by a licensed engineer or architect. Within ninety days if sketched by hand.

## Step 6

Streets Department approves Sidewalk Café Plan.

Approval document received through eCLIPSE.

[1]eclipse.phila.gov
[2]phila.gov/documents/food-business-documents/

# Licensing Process City Council Ordinance

***Only perform these steps if your restaurant is located outside of a by-right area and requires a right-of-way encroachment ordinance from City Council to gain eligibility to apply for a Sidewalk Café License.*** If you are unsure what this means, see page 6 of this guide.




## Step 7

Contact restaurant location's district councilmember's office and request a right-of-way encroachment ordinance for a sidewalk café.

Provide the Streets Department's Sidewalk Café Plan approval as part of the request.

District maps and contact information for councilmember offices can be found at PHLCouncil.com.

## Step 8

District councilmember introduces right-of-way encroachment bill.

## Step 9

Right-of-way encroachment bill passed by City Council and becomes an ordinance.

$200 Ordinance Fee paid to Department of Revenue via check or money order.

Total process takes approximately 1-6 months depending on City Council session schedule.

# Licensing Process L&I Sidewalk Café License

With the Sidewalk Café Plan approved by the Streets Department and right-of-way encroachment ordinance passed by City Council (if needed), it is now time to post public notice and apply for a Sidewalk Café License from Licenses and Inspections, which is the City agency that issues this type of license.




## Step 10

### Post public notice

Print and post public notice flyer in front window or entrance door at least 10 days prior to submitting Sidewalk Café License application to L&I. Keep notice posted for a minimum of 10 days. Take time-stamped photos for proof of posting.

Download the Streetery and Sidewalk Café posting notice[1].

At least 10 days prior to submitting application to L&I.

## Step 11

### Submit Sidewalk Café License application[1] to L&I.

Submissions accepted through eCLIPSE[2].

Submissions also accepted through in-person or virtual appointment.

Make an appointment[2]

$20 non-refundable application fee.

Fee paid via eCLIPSE or in-person by card or electronic check.

## Step 12

### L&I review.

eCLIPSE applicants will be contacted through eCLIPSE if additional documentation or clarification is needed.

eCLIPSE applications are reviewed within five business days.

In-person or virtual appointment applications are reviewed during appointment.

## Step 13

### L&I issues Sidewalk Café License.

All applicants receive their license through eCLIPSE.

$227 annual Sidewalk Café License fee. $20 credit applied from Step 11 reduces first-year fee to $207.

Fee paid via eCLIPSE or in-person by card or electronic check.

[1]phila.gov/documents/food-business-documents/
[2]eclipse.phila.gov
[3]phila.gov/services/permits-violations-licenses/make-an-appointment-with-the-permit-and-license-center/

# Licensing Process Install, Operate, and Renew

These final steps are the ones you've been waiting for! Setting up, serving happy customers, and renewing your license annually.




## Step 14

Congratulations, it's time to set up your sidewalk café!

Set up your sidewalk café according to the Sidewalk Café Plan approved by the Streets Department.

Post your Sidewalk Café License in public view within the restaurant.

## Step 15

Operate and maintain the sidewalk café responsibly according to the Operational Requirements.

See page 14 of this guide.

## Step 16

Sidewalk Café Licenses must be renewed with L&I annually through eCLIPSE or in-person.

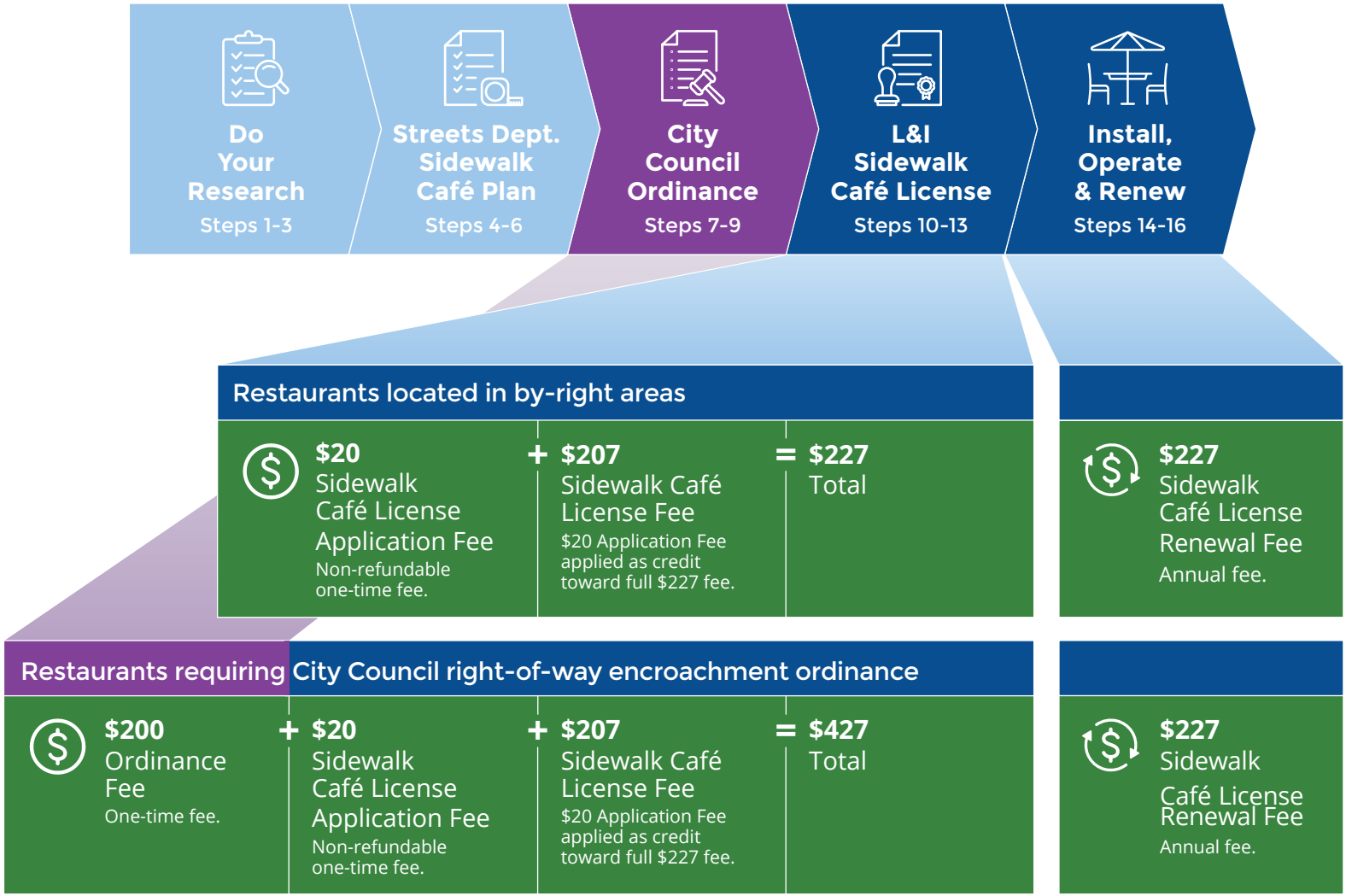
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Permit and License Center
Municipal Services Building
1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd.

$227 annual Sidewalk Café License fee.

Fee paid via eCLIPSE or in-person by card or electronic check.

# Licensing Fee Summary

For restaurants located in by-right areas, City fees total $227 for an initial Sidewalk Café License and $227 for annual license renewals. For restaurants requiring a City Council right-of-way encroachment ordinance, initial fees total $427 and $227 for renewals. The graphic below breaks down these fees.



# Assistance

For questions and assistance regarding the Sidewalk Café License application process, please contact:

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