

Temporary Outdoor Dining Areas

To assist businesses during Phase 2 and Phase 3 of “Safe Start – Stay Health,” the City of Lynnwood is allowing new and expanded temporary outdoor dining areas. This document outlines the requirements for restaurants seeking to temporarily provide dining to outdoor spaces. Restaurants that meet the requirements in the table below must register with the City prior to operating temporary outdoor dining areas. Registration is free and instantaneous. Register here: lynnwoodwa.gov/temporarydining.

Temporary Outdoor Dining Area Requirements	
Area Allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 500 square feet (~3 parking spaces) or 50% of existing parking stalls, whichever is less.
Designating Outdoor Dining Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delineate area between parking/drive areas and outdoor seating with ropes, cones, or other highly visible materials. If serving alcohol, must comply with licensing requirements.
Public Right-of-Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must not be located within public right-of-way or on public property.
Walkways and Sidewalks (Private Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must maintain ADA access (60 inches of unobstructed width for access). May locate on private walkways and parking areas.
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not reduce existing on-site parking by more than 50%. ADA parking stalls may not be used for outdoor dining areas.
Doorways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot block ingress/egress access for any buildings.
Fire lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot block fire lanes.
Tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spacing must comply with Governor’s social distancing requirements (individuals must be 6 feet apart). At least 1 table must be ADA accessible.
Tents and Membrane Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secured outdoor “market” umbrellas are allowed. Tents or membrane structures are not allowed.
Liquor and Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must comply with Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board requirements. For more information visit https://lcb.wa.gov/covid19/covid-19_alcohol_licensee_guidelines_and_https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WALCB/bulletins/28e81ef
Other Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must comply with Governor’s guidance, Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) requirements, and Snohomish County Health District orders for phased reopening of business activities. Must have landlord’s approval to operate outside. Cannot eliminate any facilities or structures that meet existing ADA requirements.
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be removed at the start of Phase 4 or within 180 days of registering with the City, whichever is first.

It is the sole responsibility of each restaurant to comply with all applicable laws and orders. The City is not responsible or liable for any claims, injuries or liabilities arising out of, or related to, a business’ decision to adopt, or not adopt, any of the practices or procedures contained in this document. The City reserves the right to change requirements or revoke temporary outdoor dining at any time.

For More Information: Contact Development and Business Services at planning@lynnwoodwa.gov or 425-670-5410.