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PATIO GUIDE

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2022 | Program Direction and Updates

In September 2021, Council approved a new Summer Patio Program. The new program and permit is an evolution of the Temporary Expedited Patio Program, which issued nearly 700 permits in summer 2021, helping bars and restaurants safely welcome customers through the COVID-19 pandemic. The Temporary Expedited Patio Program ended October 31, 2021.

The City is committed to making patios a part of every summer in Vancouver and working with businesses to create safe and accessible patio spaces. As we transition from temporary patios to the longer-term patio program, the City may no longer be able to support some of the existing or previous temporary patios due to safety and accessibility considerations. A case-by-case review of all patio applications will be conducted in 2022 to ensure all patios meet Vancouver's standards for street use and accessibility.

City staff will continue to work closely with businesses to ensure that they are set up for success, understand all safety requirements and if needed, will work collaboratively with businesses to resolve compliance issues.

Patio permits are available for restaurants, cafes, breweries, distilleries, pubs, and bars. Non-food service businesses, like hairdressers, pharmacies, and boutiques, can apply for small sidewalk patio permits.

WHAT'S NEW?

- Fees apply (note: fees were waived in 2021 to support COVID-19 recovery efforts)
- Summer patio program (Apr 1 - Oct 31)
- Additional accessibility requirements

Patio program summary	Curbside Patio	Large Sidewalk Patio	Small Sidewalk Patio
Summer permit - 7 months	Apr 1 - Oct 31	Apr 1 - Oct 31	Not available
Year-Round permit - 12 months	Apr 1 - Mar 31	Apr 1 - Mar 31	May 1 - Apr 30
Liquor service	Yes	Yes	No
Railing	Yes	Yes	No
Decking Summer	No	No	No
Decking Year-Round	Required	Potentially	No



Summer | Patio Program and Permit

The summer patio permit runs from April 1 to October 31 and offers businesses greater flexibility and lowers costs compared to the year-round patio permit.

Program highlights:

- Summer patio permit length: April 1 to October 31 (7 months)
- Streamlined review process (permit issued within weeks)
- Access ramps are required for curbside patios
- No decking is permitted
- Patios must be removed by November 1 (if applicants want a year-round patio, they must apply for the year-round patio permit)

Maximizing Outdoor Seating

For this summer season, the City will allow restaurants to transfer **up to 50%** of existing seating capacity from indoors to a patio. **Total seating capacity for the restaurant must remain the same.**

Important: Many businesses will not be able to accommodate a full 50% of their seating capacity on a patio, as the patio size will be limited by the physical constraints of the public realm (sidewalk width, etc.)

Establishments that have an authorized Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA) from the Province can continue to serve alcohol on their patio for the duration of TESA, ensuring they comply with all terms and conditions of the permit.

This transfer of seating gives restaurants more flexibility to offer outdoor dining options, as some patrons may yet not be comfortable dining indoors.

Important: if your business license is a "Limited Service Food Establishment" (LT) at no time can you have more than 16 seats whether indoors or outdoors.



2022 | Patio Fees

Curbside Patio	Application fee	Summer rate per m ²	Year-Round rate per m ²
Downtown - West of Main, North of False Creek	\$230.42 (non-refundable)	\$92.09/m ² + GST	\$157.63/m ² + GST
Outside of downtown	\$230.42 (non-refundable)	\$65.26/m ² + GST	\$111.80/m ² + GST

Large Sidewalk Patio	Application fee	Summer rate per m ²	Year-round rate per m ²
Downtown - West of Main, North of False Creek	\$230.42 (non-refundable)	\$92.09/m ² + GST	\$157.63/m ² + GST
Outside of downtown	\$230.42 (non-refundable)	\$65.26/m ² + GST	\$111.80/m ² + GST

Small Sidewalk Patio	Application fee	For each set of table and two chairs	Subject to a minimum fee of
All locations	\$57.59 (non-refundable)	\$132.96 + GST	\$398.88 + GST

If you have questions about this program, send us an e-mail at street.activities@vancouver.ca
To provide feedback about a particular patio phone 3-1-1.

Downtown Summer Example



9X1.8M CURBSIDE PATIO
\$230 APPLICATION FEE + \$1,574 FOR 17M² = \$1,804 TOTAL

Downtown Summer Example



8X3M LARGE SIDEWALK PATIO
\$230 APPLICATION FEE + \$2,208 FOR 24M² = \$2,438 TOTAL



For a list of all requirements please go to **page 19** of this guide.

Requirements | Patio Program

Railings | Curbside and Large Sidewalk Patios only

- Railing height is 0.75m minimum and 1.0m maximum.
- Railing cannot extend beyond the permitted patio area.

Umbrellas | Curbside and Large Sidewalk Patios only

- Umbrellas must sit within the footprint of the patio and not extend over on to the sidewalk or traffic lanes.
- Must be at least 1m away from an adjacent building (fire clearance requirements).
- Must not obstruct exits or restrict movement between building and sidewalk.
- Must not be attached to railings.
- Must not obstruct fire department connections.
- Must be secured to the ground with sufficient weights/concrete blocks/sandbags to prevent shifting or blowing away (do not connect directly to the sidewalk or street).
- Ensure any snow is brushed off; and excess water drained.
- Must be removed and stored at the end of each day.

Propane heaters | Curbside and Large Sidewalk Patios only

- Must be CSA/ULC listed and be designed for outdoor use only.
- Must be brought inside daily at close of business and caged and locked in a vented structure outside on private property (in compliance with the BC Gas Safety Regulation).
- Must be free-standing and be placed on a non-combustible and solid surface that is not the table top.
- Not permitted to be placed under any patio coverings, under fire escapes, within means of egress or adjacent to an exit, not attached to trees, utilities, or other street elements, and must not be adjacent to, or obstruct firefighting equipment (for example, hydrants, fire department connections, etc.).

Decking | Some Curbside and Large Sidewalk Patios

- Decking is NOT permitted for summer patios.
- Decking is required on year-round curbside patios and must have at least a 41cm x 10cm drainage channel along the curb.
- Decking requires design drawings and Schedule B sealed by a Structural Engineer.
- No drilling or anchoring of decking into street or sidewalk.

Hours of operation | All Patios

- Patio service must end and all customers must be relocated inside by 11:00 pm unless otherwise indicated on your business license, patio permit, and/or liquor license.
- The conduct of patrons must not disturb local residents and live entertainment, broadcasting, and amplified sound including music and speech are NOT permitted.



Patio Options | Curbside Patio

Description Curbside patios are fully detached from buildings and occupy on-street parking spaces. They are set back from the sidewalk, segregated from surrounding parking spaces, and enclosed by railings. These patios may be in front of the ground floor business or on the side, and can only be placed in parking spaces without parking restrictions (rush hours) or special zones (bus lanes, passenger drop-off, taxi only, construction, etc.). If your patio is located within a travel lane or plaza, contact the City before applying.

The City may ask applicants to modify the patio design to fit within metered parking spaces.

Permit lengths: Summer (7 months) or year-round (12 months).
Summer curbside patios must be located on streets with curbs (no unimproved streets).

Liquor Businesses may serve liquor in curbside patios if they hold a valid BC liquor licence.

Requirements To ensure safety, railings must be provided and maintained by the business at their cost, while signage, bollards, and wheel stops may be provided and installed by the City as part of the design and operations of a curbside patio. Furniture may be stored overnight on the patios.

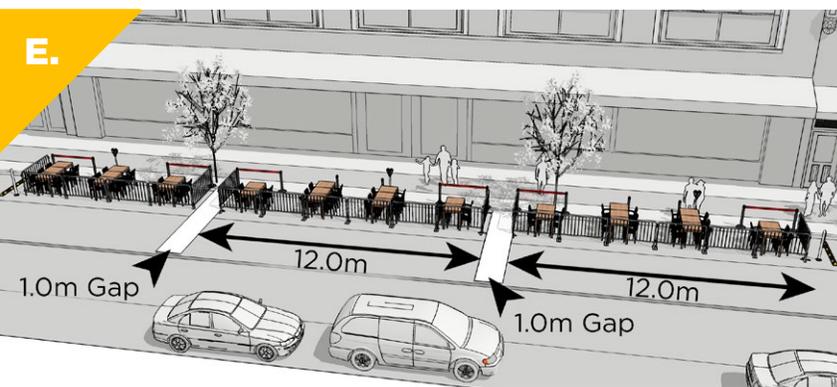
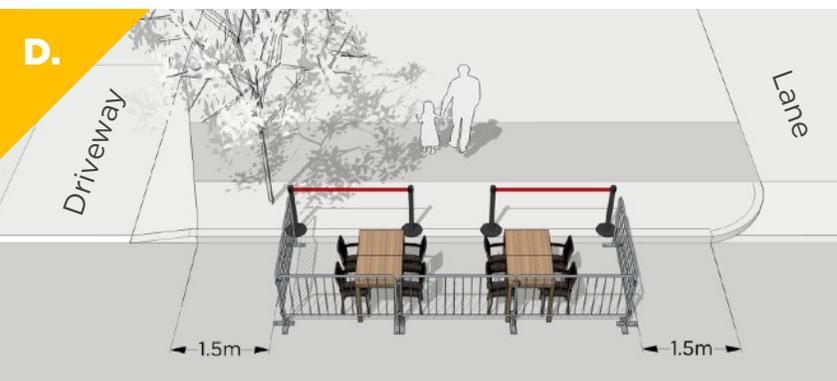
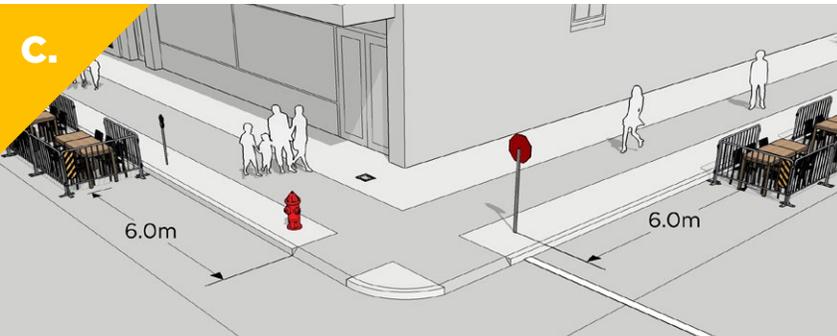
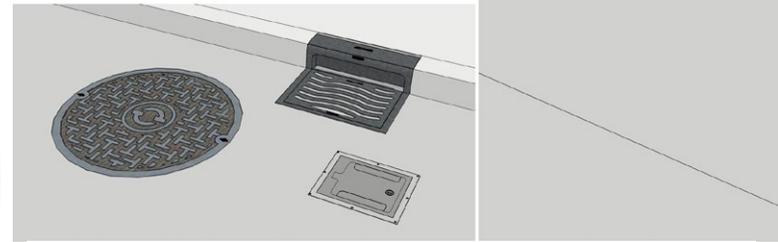
For accessibility, table and seating options that accommodate people of all abilities must be available. Unobstructed access (minimum 1.1m wide) from the adjoining sidewalk is required.

- For summer permits, access ramps must be available whenever there may be changes in grade (e.g. a step down from the curb). Ramps must be provided and maintained by the business.
- For year-round permits, decking is required.

Maximum patio width of 1.8m



Other examples of utilities



Curbside Patio Requirements

- A. Perimeter of the patio must maintain at minimum 5.0m clearance from fire hydrants, and 0.5m clearance from fire department connections.
- B. Perimeter of the patio must maintain at minimum 0.5m clearance from utilities (such as maintenance holes and storm drains).
- C. Curbside patios near corners must maintain at minimum 6.0m clearance from the edge of the sidewalk or stop sign/traffic control.
- D. Lanes, maintain minimum clearance of 1.5m measured from where the curb straightens. Driveways, maintain minimum clearance of 1.5m measured from the edge of the driveway
- E. Curbside patio must maintain at minimum 1.0m clearance every two parking spaces (approx. 12m). A business with a curbside patio must offset the beginning and end of the patio 0.5m from the property line in order to provide 1.0m total clear space.
- F. Maximum railing height of 1.0m

Businesses must provide accessible seating on one of their patios. If you intend to have liquor service on the patio, accessible seating must be provided on at least one liquor serving patio.



Curbside Patio

Cover Umbrellas are permitted within curbside patios. Tents or other structures are not permitted in curbside patios to ensure full visibility for people walking, cycling and driving. Spaces must allow for ventilation and spaces cannot be enclosed. Umbrellas can only have a single post. Items in red below are NOT permitted.



Enclosures are NOT permitted



Tents are NOT permitted

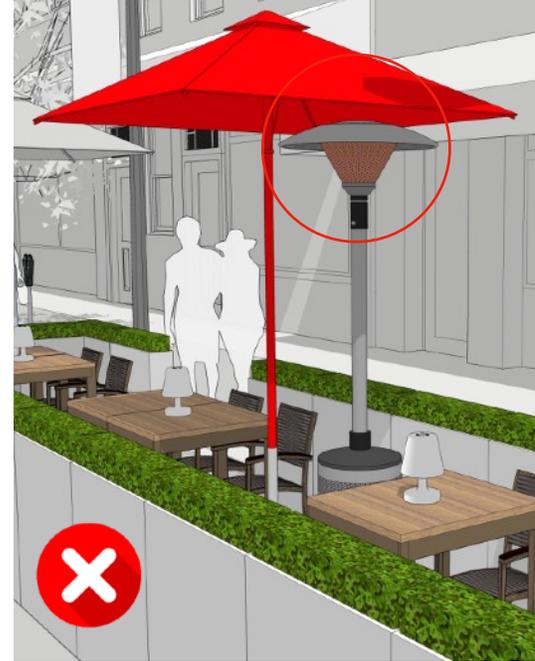


Umbrellas must be within patio

Curbside Patio

Heaters

- Portable heating devices, including propane heaters are allowed within curbside patios.
- Heaters under or near umbrellas or trees are NOT permitted.
- Heaters must be at least 160cm (65”) tall and installed and used following manufacturer’s requirements.
- Heaters must be brought inside daily at close of business and propane tanks must be caged and locked in a vented structure outside on private property (in compliance with the BC Gas Safety Regulation).



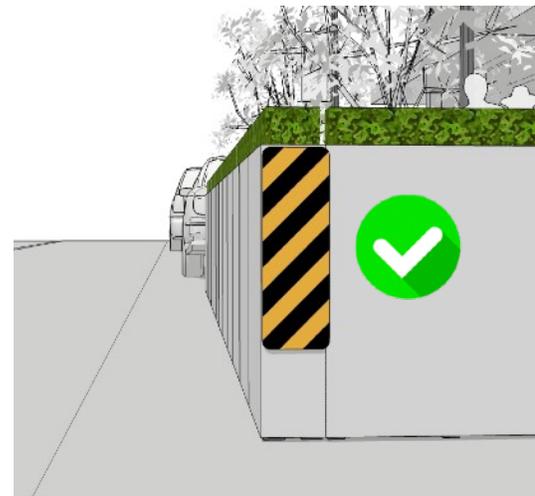
Lighting

- Solar or battery powered lights on tables or railings are allowed within curbside patios.
- Running power (cables) from the building to the patio is NOT permitted.
- Suspended lights are NOT permitted.



Visibility

- To maximize the visibility of the patio for oncoming traffic an object marker must be installed and retro-reflective tape or reflectors must be added to the patio.
- Object marker signs warn road users that they are approaching objects within and immediately adjacent to the pavement that constitute a hazard to passing traffic. Please make sure that an object marker has stripes which slope at a 45-degree angle down toward the travel lanes of the roadway as shown in the examples to the right.



Maintenance

- The patio will be visited by you on a daily basis to remove litter, debris, leaves, and snow in and around the patio and surrounding catch basins.
- Any food packaging, waste, debris, or leaves collected must be discarded in appropriate commercial bins.
- Cleaning area: Patio footprint plus 1.5 metres onto the sidewalk and additional 5 metres along the curb in both directions to facilitate City street cleaning, as shown in red below.



Curbside Patio Decking

- For summer patios, decking is NOT permitted.
- For year-round patios, decking is required.
- Decking requires design drawings and Schedule B sealed by a Structural Engineer.

Anchoring

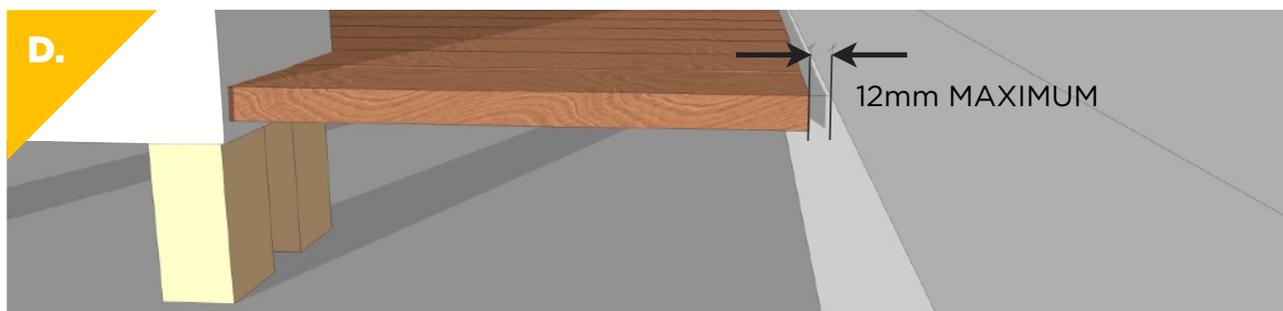
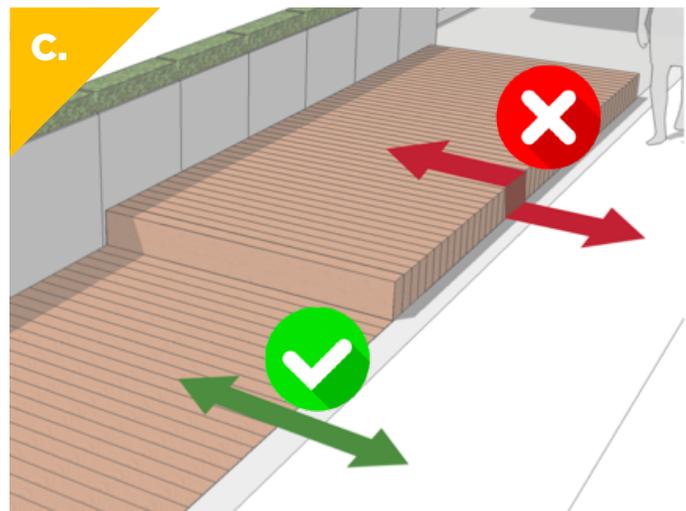
- A. Installation should be freestanding and anchoring into the City sidewalk or street is not permitted.

Modular

- B. To allow for easy removal to accommodate construction, maintenance or other activities in and around the patio area the decking should be modular and easily removable within 24 hours.

Accessibility

- C. Decking should have a flush transition from the sidewalk and curb to the patio to permit easy access and avoid tripping hazards. Decking should follow the curb height along the entire length of the patio and decking height can't be higher than the sidewalk.
- D. Maximum 12mm gap between curb face and deck.
- E. If the location requires a larger gap, it must be filled with a connector piece no higher than 12mm to create a continuous surface between the sidewalk and the patio.
- F. If the platform contains gaps that would allow objects to fall through to street level, such as spacing between wood decking, the area underneath the deck must be accessible.
- G. Decking should use a slip-resistant surface to minimize hazards and should be accessible to wheelchair users.

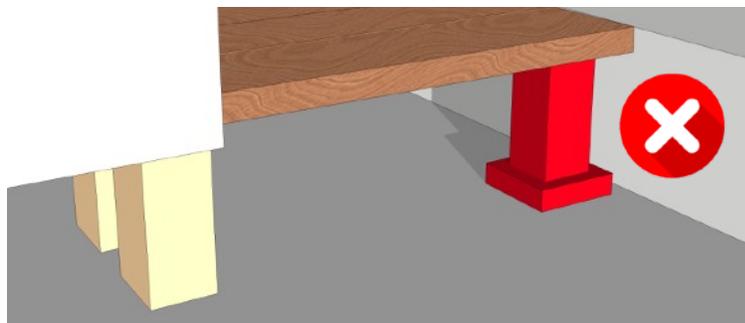
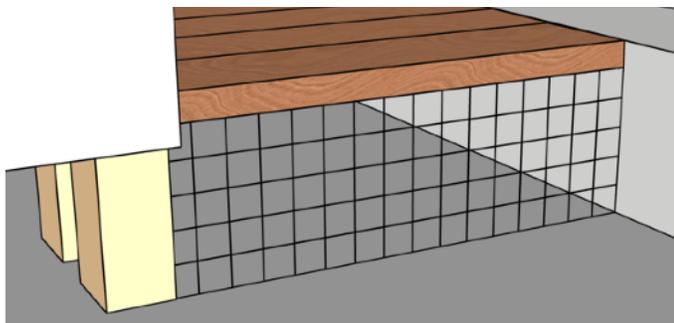
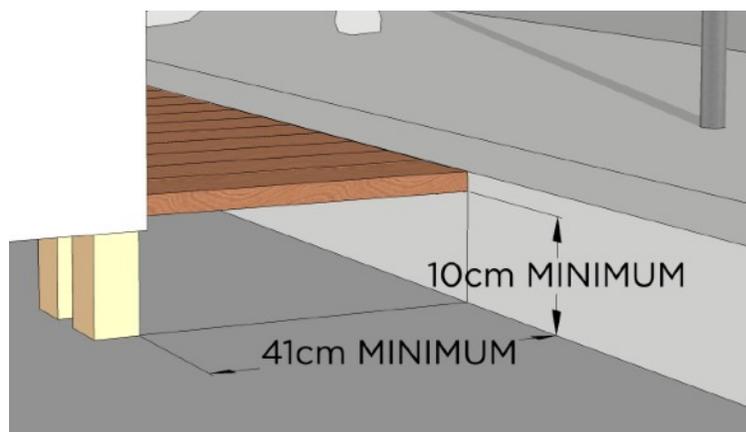
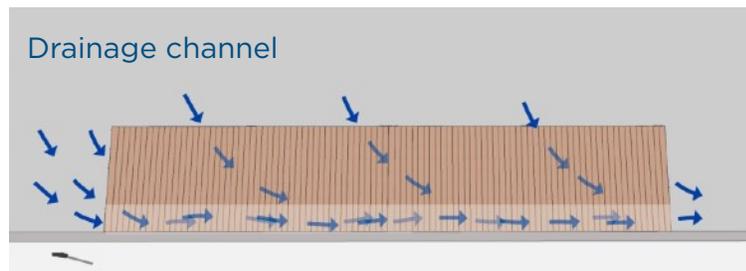




Curbside Patio Decking

Drainage

- The design of a deck should not inhibit the adequate drainage of stormwater runoff. The deck must not restrict water cross-flow from the street surface towards the curb and catch basin.
- Because the deck is situated adjacent to the curb, a drainage channel must be built into the design of the deck to retain the existing flow of curbside drainage. The drainage channel must also be designed in such a way that regular clearing of debris is possible so that a clear route to the nearby catch basins can be maintained.
- Drainage channel must be at least 41cm wide by 10cm tall.
- Both ends of the drainage channel should be covered by a mesh to prevent litter and debris from accumulating in the drainage channel.





Patio Options | Large Sidewalk Patio

Description Large patios are located on the sidewalk directly against the business property, either in the front, or on the side where there is suitable public space. Large patios must be enclosed by railings.

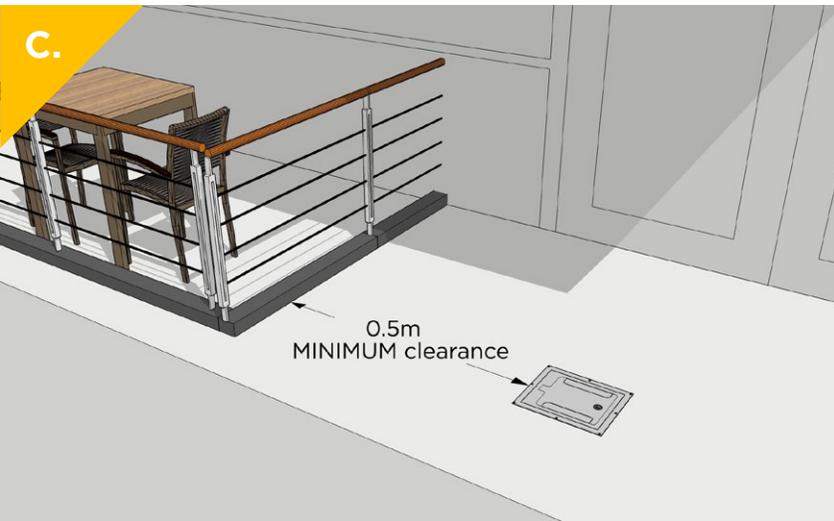
Permit lengths: Summer (7 months) or year-round (12 months).

Liquor Businesses may only serve liquor in large patios with railings if they hold a valid BC liquor licence.

Requirements Railings are required as part of the design and operations of large patios, and must be maintained and provided by the business at their cost. For accessibility, table and seating options that accommodate people of all abilities must be available. Additionally, railings must not obstruct entrances and exits.

Furniture may be stored overnight on the patios.

Surfaces Large patios must be located on a hard surface like concrete. Altering softscape into hardscape is not permitted.



Large Patio Clearance and Access Requirements

- A. Perimeter of the patio must maintain at minimum 0.5m clearance from centre of fire department connections.
- B. Patio must maintain at minimum 1.1m of aisle space.
- C. Perimeter of the patio must maintain at minimum 0.5m clearance from utilities.
- D. Perimeter of the patio must maintain at minimum 2.4m clearance from utility strip line. If there's no utility strip, measure to the nearest sidewalk obstruction (e.g. edge of tree grate).
- E. Example of clearance measurement from patio to tree grate.
- F. Maximum railing height of 1.0m

Businesses must provide accessible seating on one of their patios. If you intend to have liquor service on the patio, accessible seating must be provided on at least one liquor serving patio.



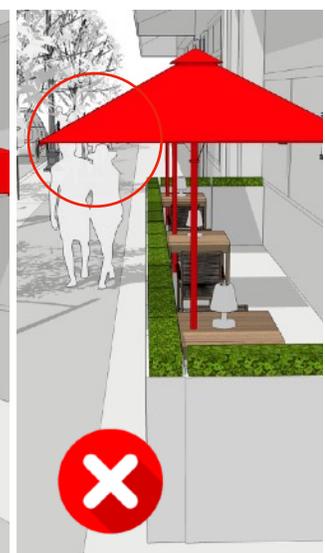
Large Sidewalk Patio

Cover Umbrellas and awnings are permitted. An awning requires an additional “Awning permit” ([click here to apply](#)) Weather protection walls/curtains must be flame-resistant, transparent and hung over the short ends of the patio, leaving the long side open.

- Only permitted during the winter (November 1 - March 31)
- Umbrellas can only have a single post.
- Tents are NOT permitted.
- Umbrellas CANNOT extend beyond the patio footprint.

Decking Decking is not permitted for summer patio permits. A deck may be approved for a year-round patio permit if:

- There is a need to level a steep incline of more than 5% and/or
- To harmonize indoor and outdoor seating levels.
- All decks must be wheelchair accessible.
- Decking requires design drawings and Schedule B sealed by a Structural Engineer.



Large Sidewalk Patio

Heaters

The following heaters are allowed on large sidewalk patios:

- Portable, including propane heaters are allowed.
- Hardwired electric (Requires an additional permit, [apply here](#)).
- Plumbed gas (Requires an additional permit, [apply here](#)).
- ➔ Heaters under or near umbrellas are NOT permitted.
- ➔ Heaters must be at least 160cm (65”) tall and installed following manufacturer’s requirements.
- ➔ Portable heaters must be brought inside daily at close of business and propane tanks must be caged and locked in a vented structure outside on private property in compliance with the BC Gas Safety Regulation.

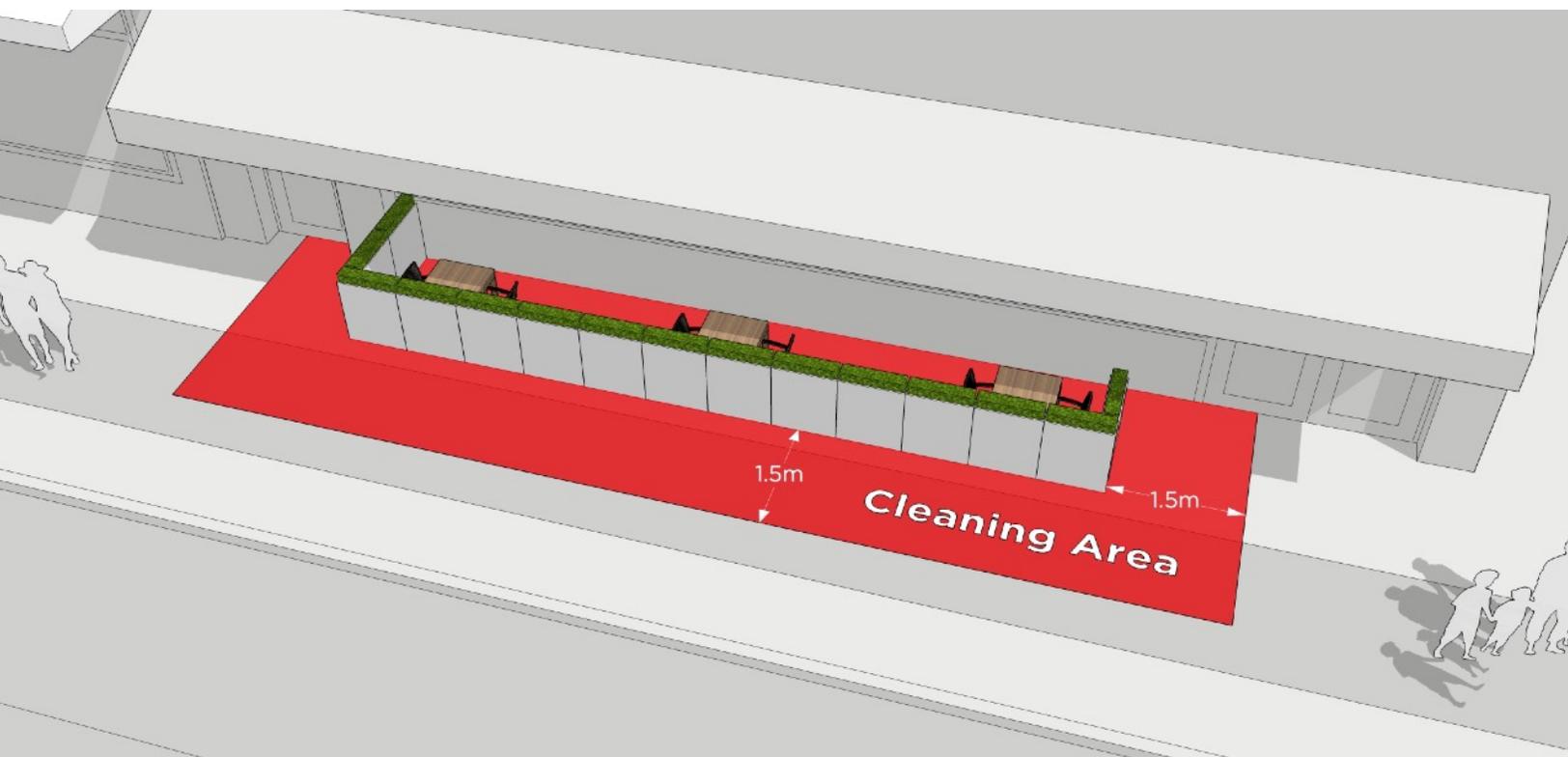
Lighting

Hardwired, solar or battery powered lights are allowed within large sidewalk patios.

- Hardwired lighting requires an additional permit, [apply here](#).

Maintenance

- The patio will be visited by you on a daily basis to remove litter, debris, leaves, and snow in and around the patio.
- Any food packaging, waste, debris, or leaves collected must be discarded in appropriate commercial bins.
- Cleaning area: Patio footprint plus an additional 1.5 metres in all directions or to the extent of the curb as shown below.





Patio Options | Small Sidewalk Patio



Description Small patios are located directly against the business property, either in the front or on the side where there is suitable public space. Small patios are not enclosed by railings.

Permit length: Year-Round (12 months)

Liquor Serving liquor is **not permitted** on small sidewalk patios.

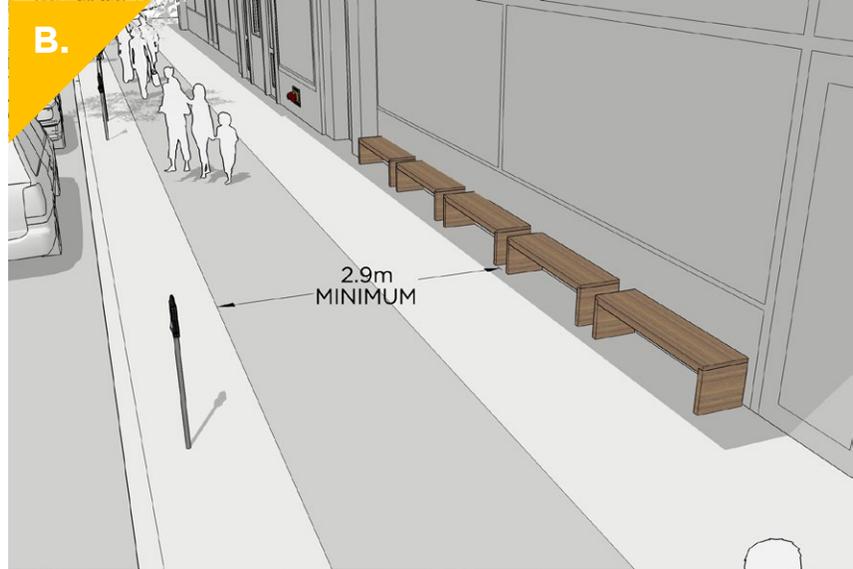
Requirements Furniture may not be stored on the patio overnight. Businesses must take in furniture at closing hour each day, by 11pm or otherwise indicated on your business license and/or patio permit.

For accessibility, table and seating options that accommodate people of all abilities must be available. Additionally, furniture must not obstruct entrances and exits.

Surfaces Small patios must be located on a hard surface like concrete. Altering softscape into hardscape is not permitted.

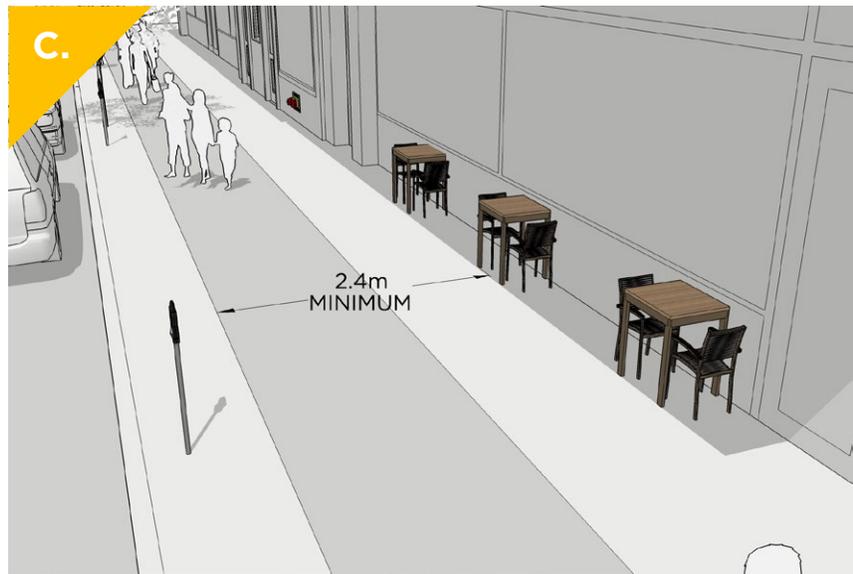
Seating Seating arrangement is limited to tables with 2 chairs, or benches. Small patio tables are generally no wider than 0.6m. Only single rows of tables are allowed.

Occupant load The majority of small patio permit holding establishments are Limited Service Food Establishment business license holders, which are limited to no more than 16 seats. Obtaining a small patio permit does not allow the increase of occupant load above a total of 16 seats.



Small Patio Clearance Requirements

- A.** Furniture must maintain at minimum 0.5m clearance from centre of fire department connection.
- B.** Benches must maintain at minimum 2.9m clearance from utility strip. If there's no utility strip, measure to the nearest sidewalk obstruction (e.g. edge of tree grate).
- C.** Patio furniture must maintain at minimum 2.4m clearance from utility strip. If there's no utility strip, measure to the nearest sidewalk obstruction (e.g. edge of tree grate).
- D.** Example of clearance measurement from furniture to tree grate.



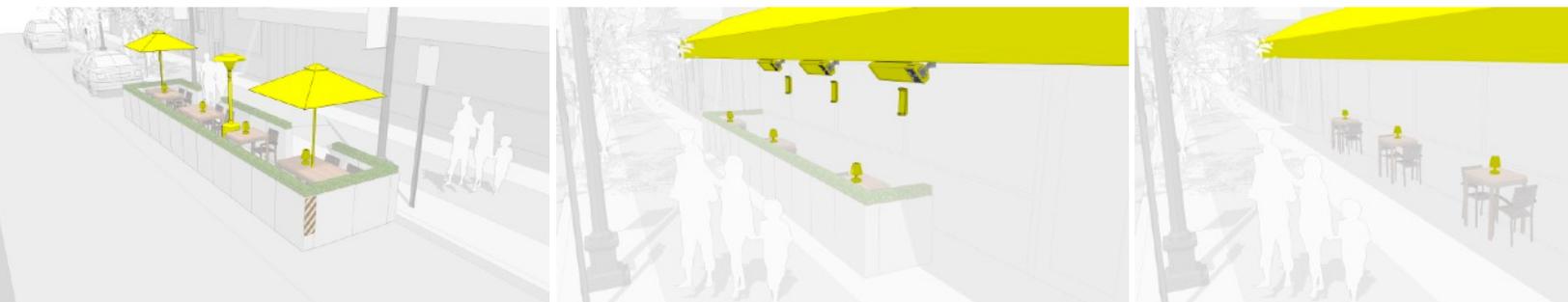


Small Sidewalk Patio

- Cover** Awnings are permitted for small sidewalk patios. An awning requires an additional “Awning permit” ([click here to apply](#)).
- Tents are NOT permitted.
 - Umbrellas are NOT permitted.

- Heaters** The following heaters are allowed on small sidewalk patios:
- Hardwired electric (Requires an additional permit, [apply here](#)).
 - Plumbed gas (Requires an additional permit, [apply here](#)).
- Stand-alone heaters are NOT permitted.

- Lighting** Hardwired, solar or battery powered lights are allowed. Hardwired lighting requires an additional permit ([click here to apply](#)). Stand-alone lighting is NOT permitted.



Requirements

In addition to the requirements specific to the individual patio options, please read through the general requirements below and ensure your patio application abides by them.

Applications must not have:

- Accessory structures (eg. tents, overhead canopy and enclosures).

Applicants must ensure:

- Proof of liability insurance coverage. If the restaurant has a valid liquor license, you must check off “Host Liquor Liability” on the form.
- Ability to remove patio within 24 hours’ notice to accommodate construction, maintenance or other activities in and around the patio area.
- No drilling or anchoring into the street or sidewalk.
Only year-round large sidewalk patios can be anchored.
- Railings comply with the following:
 - Curbside patios must be marked off by protective barrier, using a railing or planters or objects of similar size and weight, on all three sides of the seating perimeter that are in the roadway, to separate seating from the travel lane. Such barriers must be at least 0.75m in height to a maximum height of 1.0m on all three sides that are in the roadway, to preserve visibility for motorists and provide protection for patrons.
 - Planters can substitute railings for delineation.
 - Weights may be used to hold railings in place within the patio area. The weights must not protrude into the roadway (curbside patios) or the sidewalk (large patios).
 - Large sidewalk patio railings must have an open appearance and have a 0.75m (minimum) to 1.0m (maximum) height.
 - Bollard and chain fencing is not permitted.
 - Advertising and signage is not permitted on/attached to the railings.
- Valid BC liquor licences (for patio options that allow liquor), and that railings are installed and maintained for liquor service areas.
- Proposed patios are accessible to people of all abilities (ramps and seating options).
- Compliance with all applicable City By-laws.

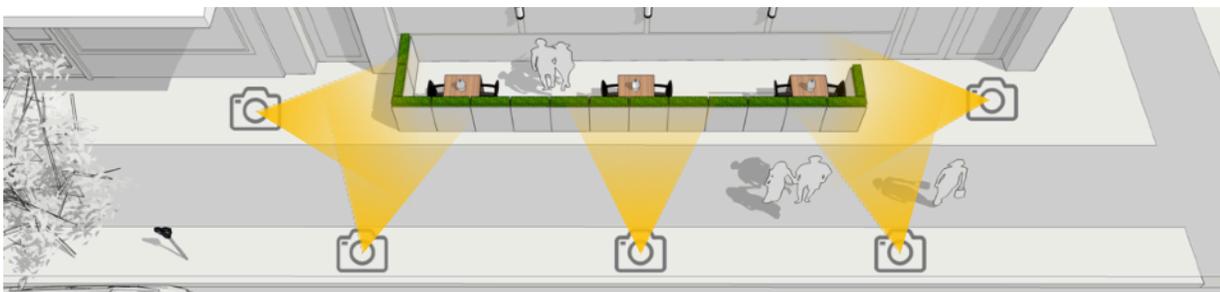
- Compliance with all applicable orders from the Provincial Health Officer or direction from the local health authority (including occupancy, seating configurations, gathering restrictions, etc.). Please review the most up-to-date information.
- For all new sidewalk and curbside patios, the application must include 5 current photos:
 - **Left side of patio** - Business frontage + sidewalk + left side of patio are in frame. Photo should show full extent of sidewalk + patio area.
 - **Right side of patio** - Business frontage + sidewalk + right side of patio area in frame. Photo should show full extent of sidewalk + patio area.
 - **Front-left patio view** - Take photo in line with left edge of proposed patio area. Photo should show where patio ends in relation to applicant’s business frontage.
 - **Head-on patio view** - Take photo in line with midsection proposed patio. Photo should show full extent of patio in frame. Multiple photos may have to be taken if full extent cannot be captured in one frame.
 - **Front-right patio view** - Take photo in line with the right edge of proposed patio. Photo should show where patio ends in relation to applicant’s business frontage.
 - Please note: Upload the photos under the attachment type “SA-Other” in the “Documents to Attach” section of the application.

Photo angle reference below

Curbside patio



Large patio



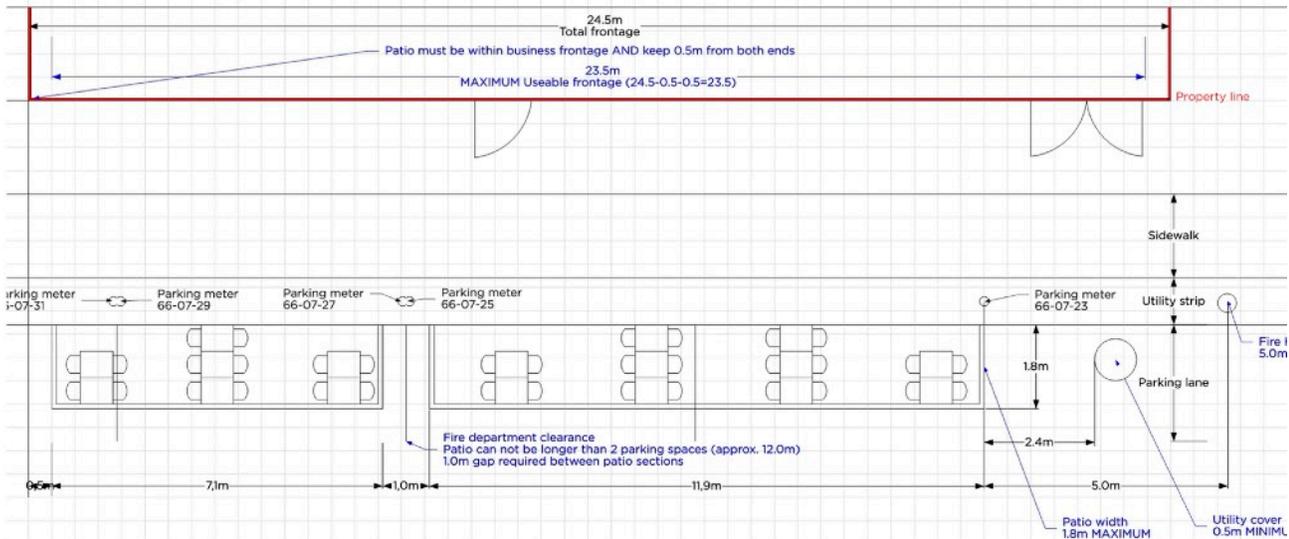
Please note that the permit is issued in English.



SUMMER PATIO GUIDE APPENDIX

Patio Permit Drawing Requirements

Summer 2022 - Simple and same as TEPP:

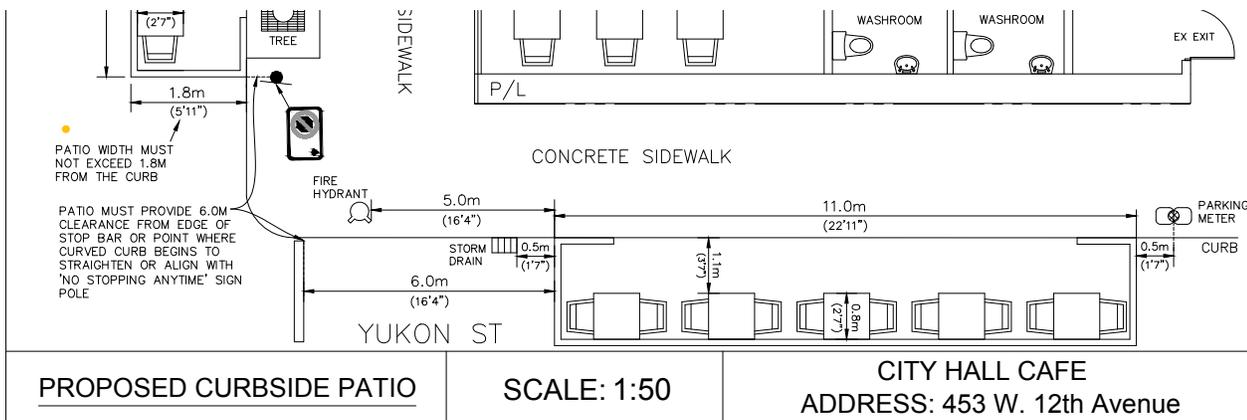


The following details MUST be included on your drawing:

- Clearances from utility boxes, 0.5m MINIMUM
- Clearances from fire department connections, 0.5m MINIMUM
- Clearances from fire hydrants, 5m MINIMUM
- Size of patio in meters, 1.8m MAXIMUM WIDTH
- Exits and doors
- Property line

Failure to include ANY of these details results in immediate application rejection

Year-Round patios - More detailed, starts on page 30.



Curbside Patio Summer | Checklist

Things to know

- Which BIA is your business located in?
- How many square meters does your proposed patio have?
- How many seats will your proposed patio have and how many will your entire business have?
- Will you require an expansion of your liquor permitted area?
- Is your drawing finalized and does it include all required measurements (in metric) and details?
- Parking meter/station numbers.
- Do you have accessible seat, access ramp and path?

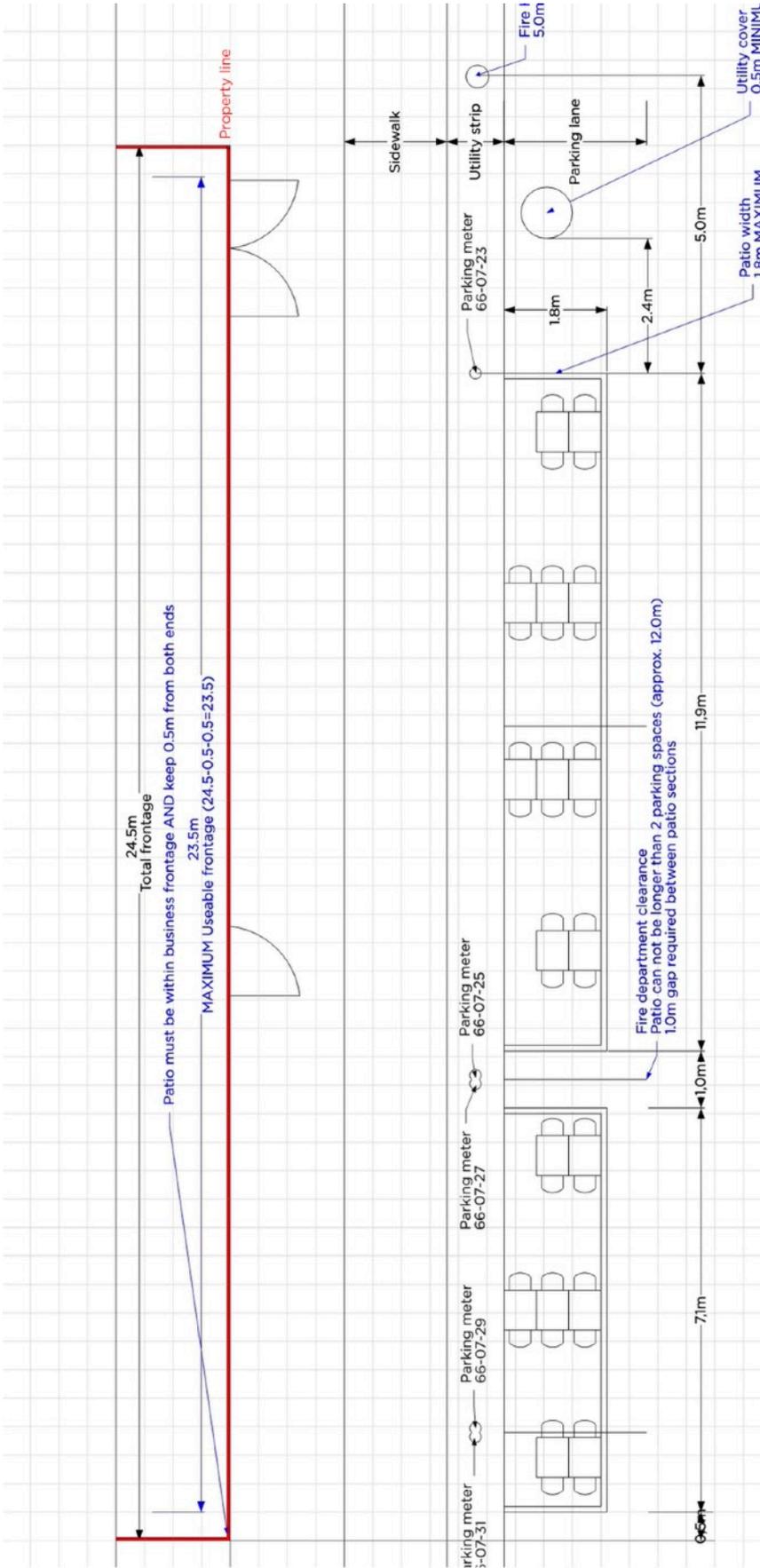
Things you must have ready to upload to the application

- Copy of current business license.
- Application fee.
- Completed Summer Patio Occupant Load form.
- Current photos.
- Simplified drawing requirements, no interior drawing required. For the 2022 summer patio season, the City is reducing its drawing requirements:
 - Businesses are no longer required to submit interior drawings or seating layouts for the City's patio permit application.
 - For businesses that previously held a Temporary Expedited Patio Program permit, and are applying for the same patio as last year, you can re-submit the same drawing that was part of the TEPP permit.
 - For businesses who are applying for a patio for the first time, or are proposing to change their patio from last year, a simple scaled dimensioned drawing is required. These don't need to be done by a professional architect, do not need a professional stamp or seal, and can be done on computer or by hand – as long as they are accurate, to scale, and have dimensions and labeling.

Things you must have ready after receiving preliminary approval

- Business Liability Insurance, \$5,000,000.
- Permit fee.

Summer 2022 | Curbside Patio Example

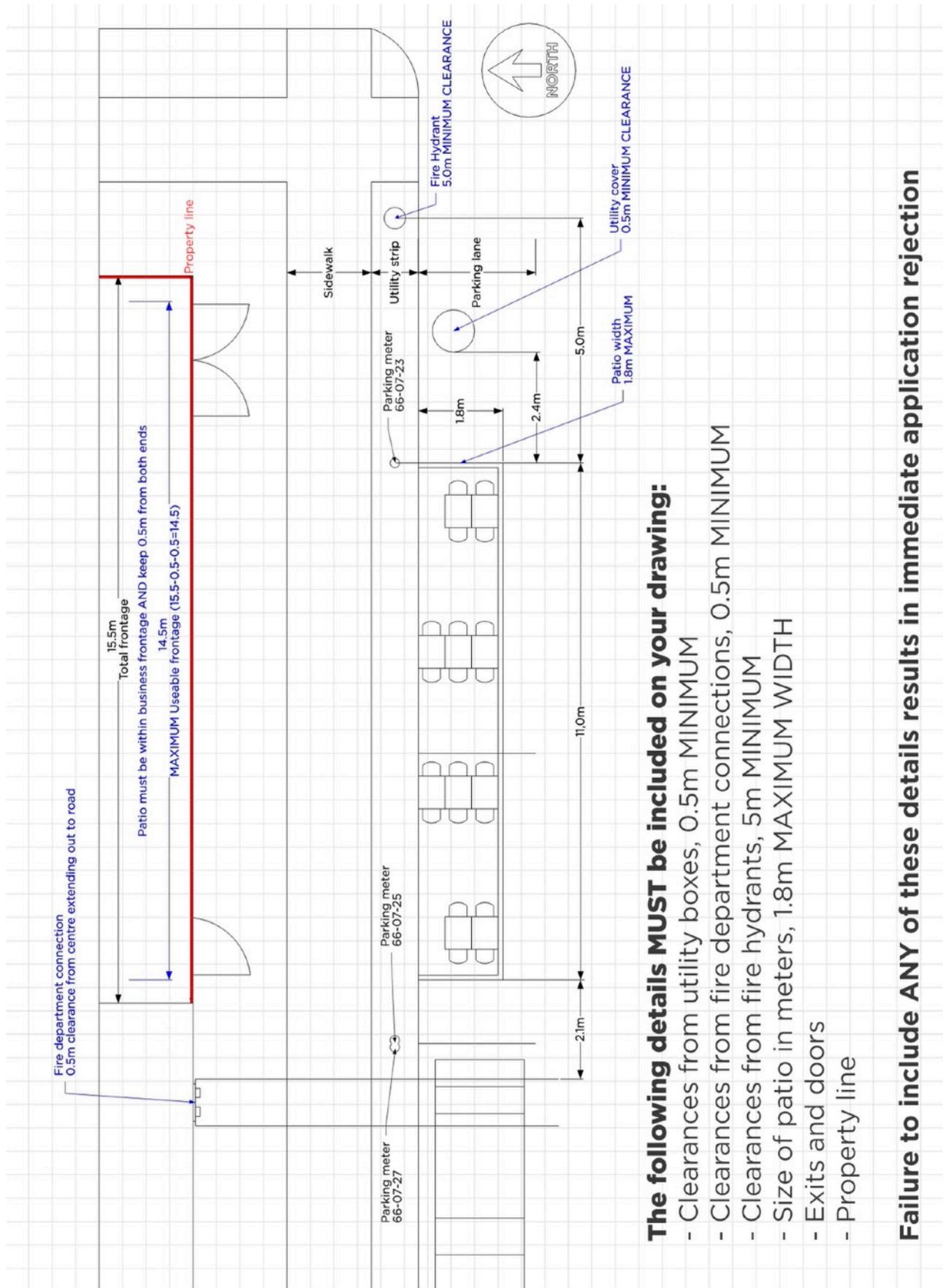


The following details MUST be included on your drawing:

- Clearances from utility boxes, 0.5m MINIMUM
- Clearances from fire hydrants, 5m MINIMUM
- Size of patio in meters, 1.8m MAXIMUM WIDTH
- Exits and doors
- Property line

Failure to include ANY of these details results in immediate application rejection

Summer 2022 | Curbside Patio Example



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- Clearances from fire department connections, 0.5m MINIMUM
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- Size of patio in meters, 1.8m MAXIMUM WIDTH
- Exits and doors
- Property line

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Large Sidewalk Patio Summer | Checklist

Things to know

- Which BIA is your business located in?
- How many square meters does your proposed patio have?
- How many seats will your proposed patio have and how many will your entire business have?
- Will you require an expansion of your liquor permitted area?
- Is your drawing finalized and does it include all required measurements (in metric) and details?
- Do you have accessible seat?

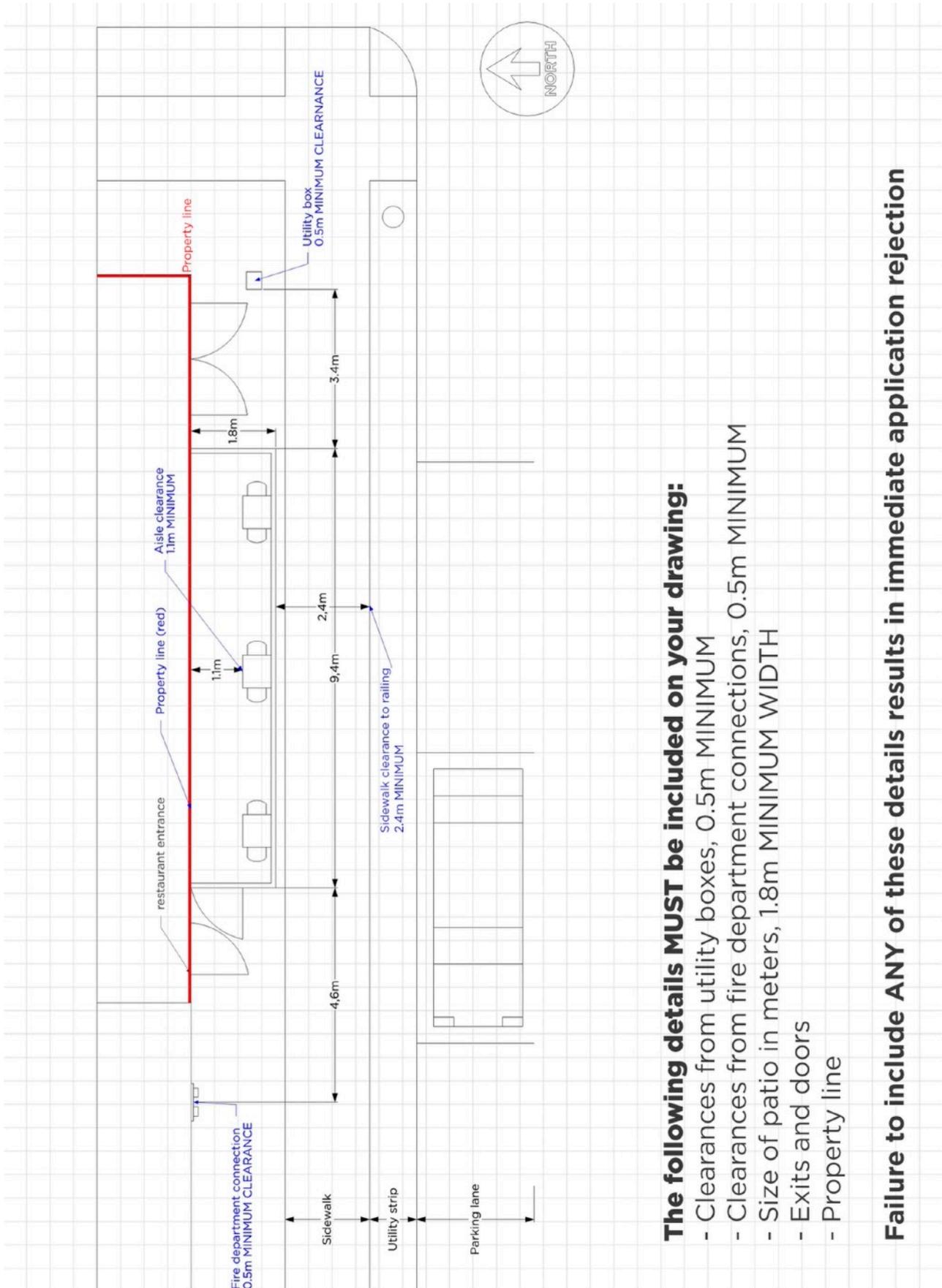
Things you must have ready to upload to the application

- Copy of current business license.
- Application fee.
- Completed Summer Patio Occupant Load form.
- Current photos.
- Simplified drawing requirements, no interior drawing required. For the 2022 summer patio season, the City is reducing its drawing requirements:
 - Businesses are no longer required to submit interior drawings or seating layouts for the City's patio permit application.
 - For businesses that previously held a Temporary Expedited Patio Program permit, and are applying for the same patio as last year, you can re-submit the same drawing that was part of the TEPP permit.
 - For businesses who are applying for a patio for the first time, or are proposing to change their patio from last year, a simple scaled dimensioned drawing is required. These don't need to be done by a professional architect, do not need a professional stamp or seal, and can be done on computer or by hand – as long as they are accurate, to scale, and have dimensions and labeling.

Things you must have ready after receiving preliminary approval

- Business Liability Insurance, \$5,000,000.
- Permit fee.

Summer 2022 | Large Sidewalk Patio Example



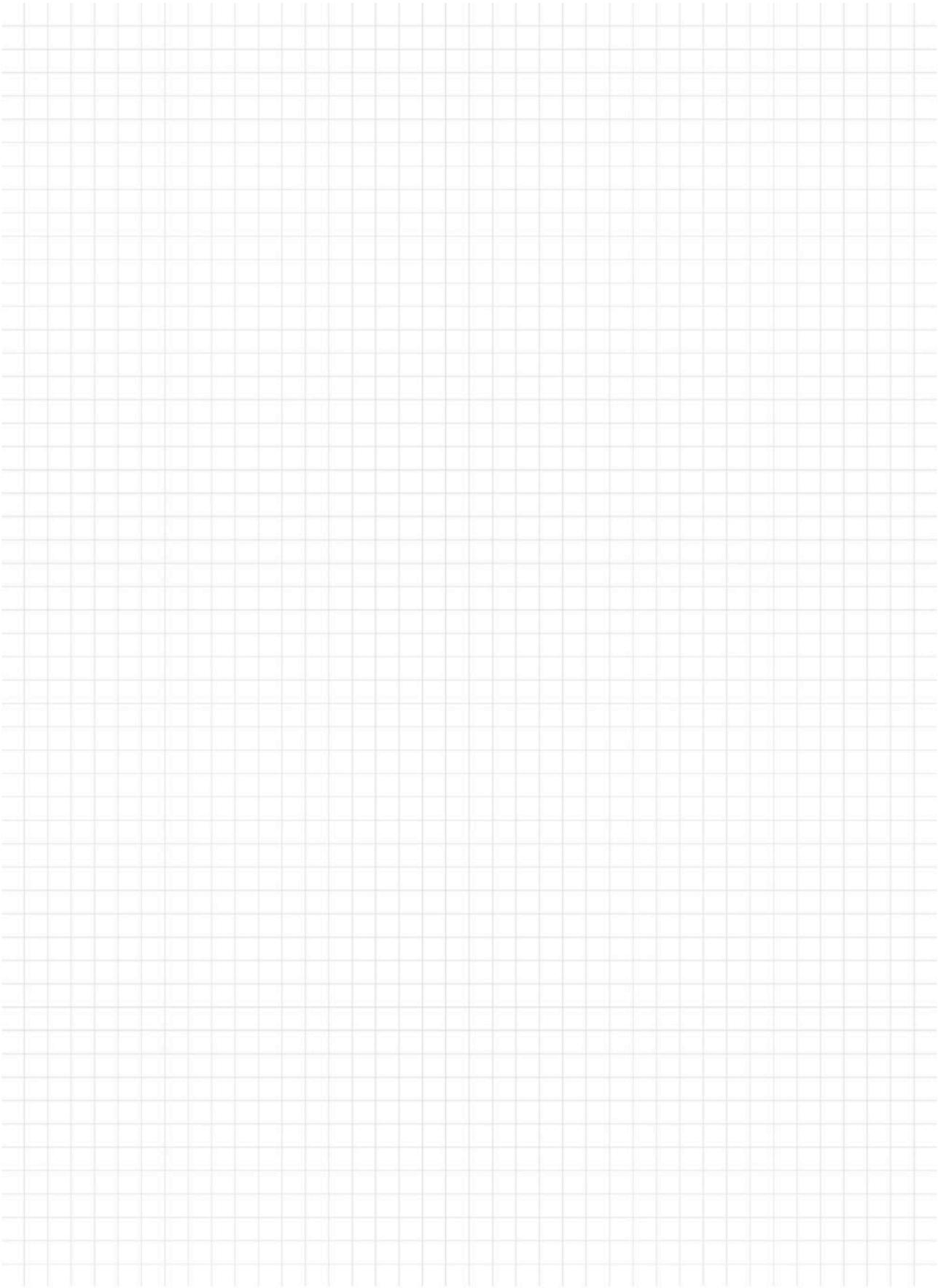
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- Clearances from fire department connections, 0.5m MINIMUM
- Size of patio in meters, 1.8m MINIMUM WIDTH
- Exits and doors
- Property line

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Download detailed drawing guideline for application

Summer Drawing template | for applicants



A photograph of a wooden desk with architectural plans, a pencil, and a container of colorful pens. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular background.

YEAR-ROUND PATIO GUIDE

APPENDIX

For Year-Round Patios | (Not Summer 2022)

Design Drawing Requirements Large and Curbside Patios

Scaled drawings in 11" x 17" format showing the following:

- A. Proposed patio with seating layout.
 - Dimensions of all aisle widths.
(If you need more information on year-round patio aisle width requirements, please consult the [Development Building Services Centre website](#).)
 - Dimensions of proposed furniture to be placed on the proposed patio.
 - Dimensions of any egress points.
 - Identify all accessible seating.
 - Curbside patio applications must show access path to the patio.
- B. Front elevations with dimensions.
- C. Side elevations with dimensions.
- D. Proposed decks are applicable only if for:
 - Large patio applications:
 - There is a need to level a steep incline of more than 5% and/or
 - to harmonize indoor and outdoor seating levels.
 - Curbside patio applications:
 - The application is for a year-round patio permit.
 - All deck structures require:
 - Design drawings signed and sealed by a Structural Engineer.
 - Schedule B sealed by a Structural Engineer.
(Schedule B "ASSURANCE OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGN AND COMMITMENT FOR FIELD REVIEW" of the BC Building Code can be found at www.bccodes.ca)
- E. Complete interior drawings plus any additional approved patio spaces.
 - Washrooms must be clearly defined as male, female, unisex, universal.
- F. Proposed railing design.
 - Must include how the railings will be installed if applicable.
- G. Clearances from the proposed patio railing to the utility strip (please refer to R2.1 of the City of Vancouver's Design guidelines and construction standards <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/standard-detail-drawings-roadworks.pdf>).
 - The clearance for the pedestrian path must be straight and free of obstructions.
- H. Any fire department connection (FDC) in or near the proposed patio.
 - Show clearance from the centre of the FDC to the proposed railing.
- I. Any utility access points in or near the proposed patio.
 - Show clearance from edge of utility access to the proposed railing.
- J. Identify all obstructions on the sidewalk (trees/tree wells, bike racks, street lights, street signs, parking meters, parking pay stations, litter containers, etc.)
- K. Occupant load details.

Curbside Patio Year-Round | Checklist

Things to know

- Which BIA is your business located in?
- How many square meters does your proposed patio have?
- How many seats will your proposed patio have and how many will your entire business have?
- Will you require an expansion of your liquor permitted area?
- Is your drawing finalized and does it include all required measurements (in metric) and details?
- Decking details
- Parking meter/station number
- Do you have accessible seat, access ramp and path?

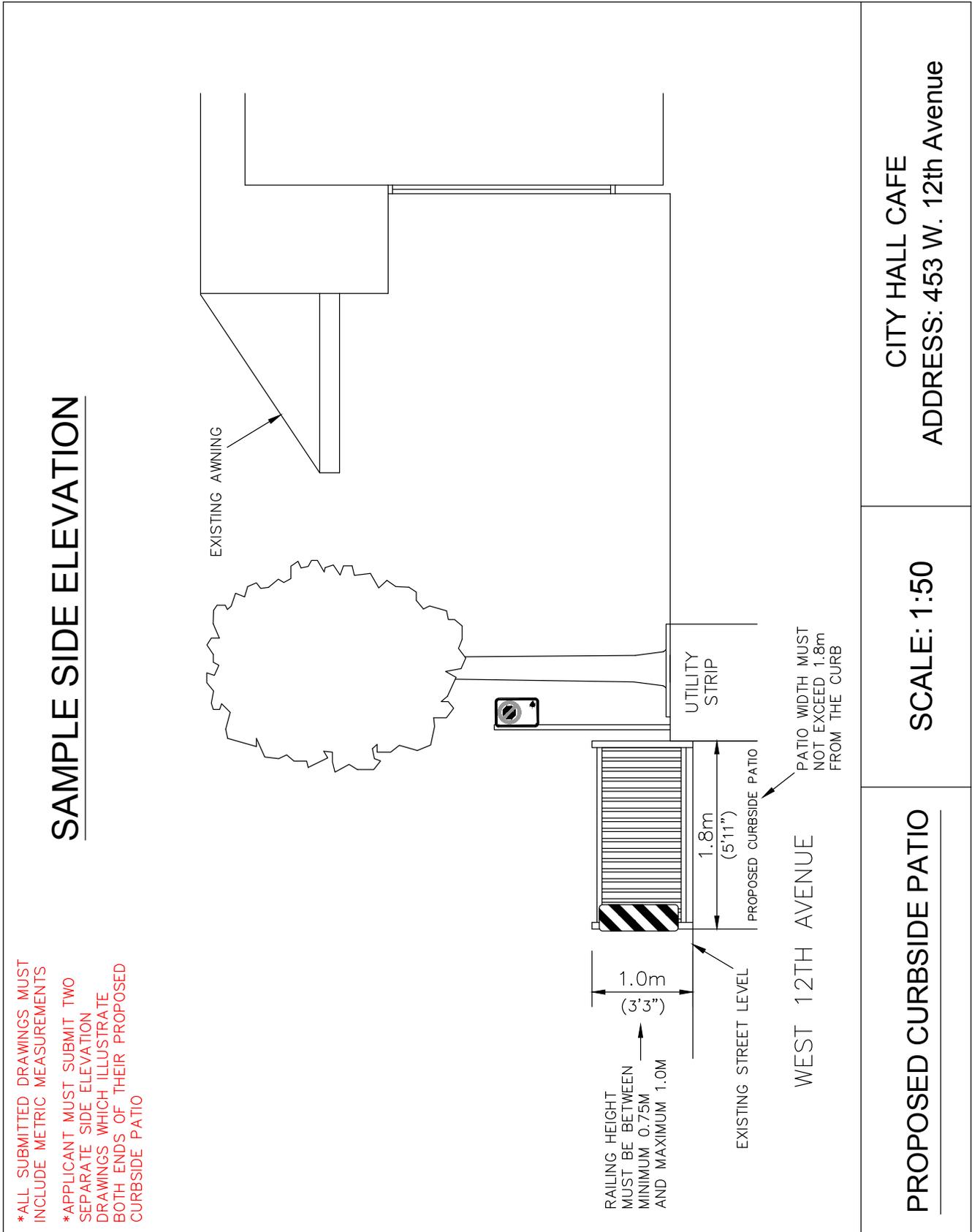
Things you must have ready to upload to the application

- Copy of current business license.
- Scaled and dimensioned drawings.
- Application fee.
- For decking, design drawings and Schedule B sealed by a Structural Engineer.
- Current photos.

Things you must have ready after receiving preliminary approval

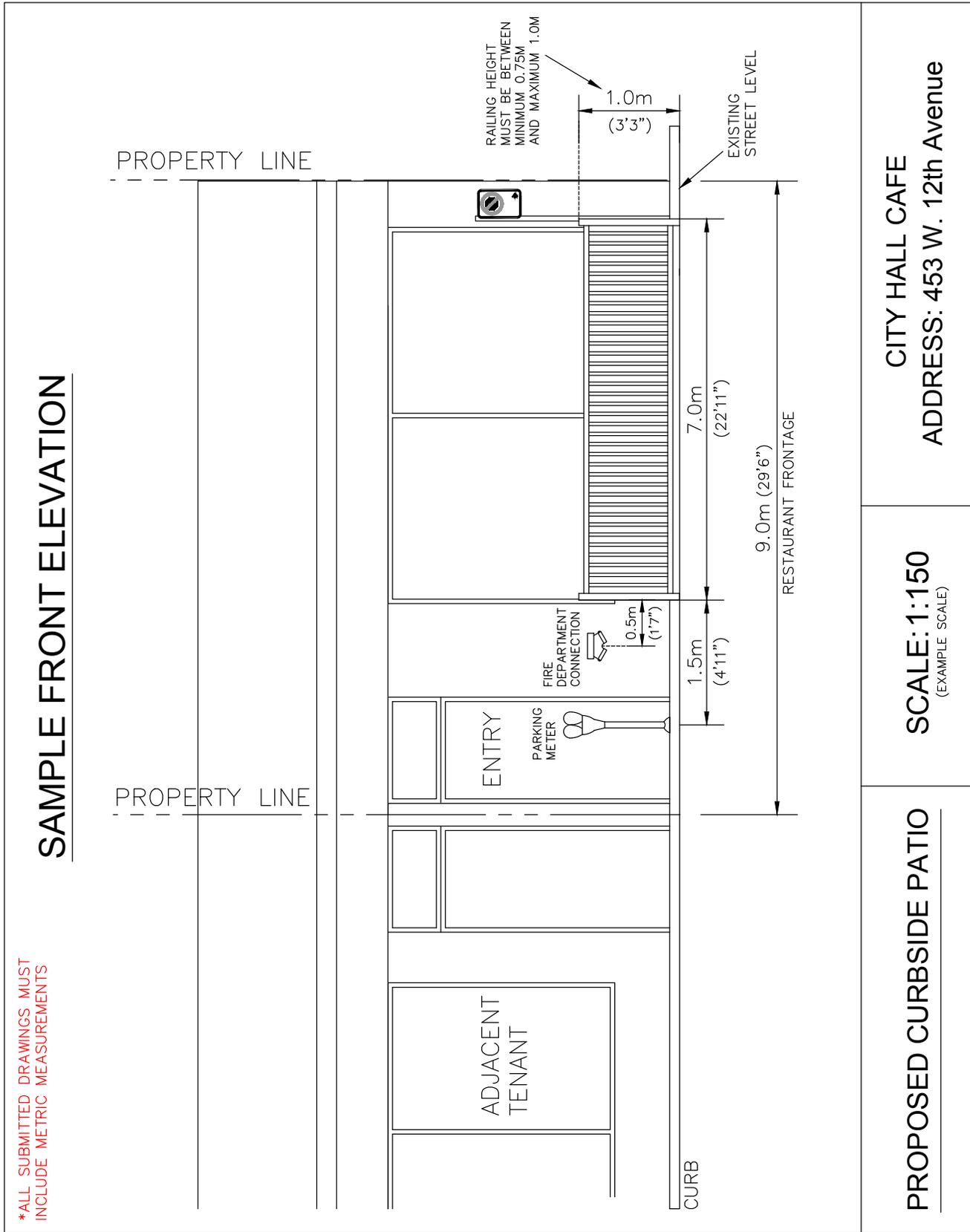
- Business Liability Insurance, \$5,000,000.
- Permit fee.

Curbside Patio | Drawing example



- * ALL SUBMITTED DRAWINGS MUST INCLUDE METRIC MEASUREMENTS
- * APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT TWO SEPARATE SIDE ELEVATION DRAWINGS WHICH ILLUSTRATE BOTH ENDS OF THEIR PROPOSED CURBSIDE PATIO

Curbside Patio | Drawing example



*ALL SUBMITTED DRAWINGS MUST INCLUDE METRIC MEASUREMENTS

Large Sidewalk Patio Year-Round | Checklist

Things to know

- Which BIA is your business located in?
- How many square meters does your proposed patio have?
- How many seats will your proposed patio have and how many will your entire business have?
- Will you require an expansion of your liquor permitted area?
- Will you install decking?
- Is your drawing finalized and does it include all required measurements (in metric) and details?
- Do you have accessible seat and decking/access ramp?

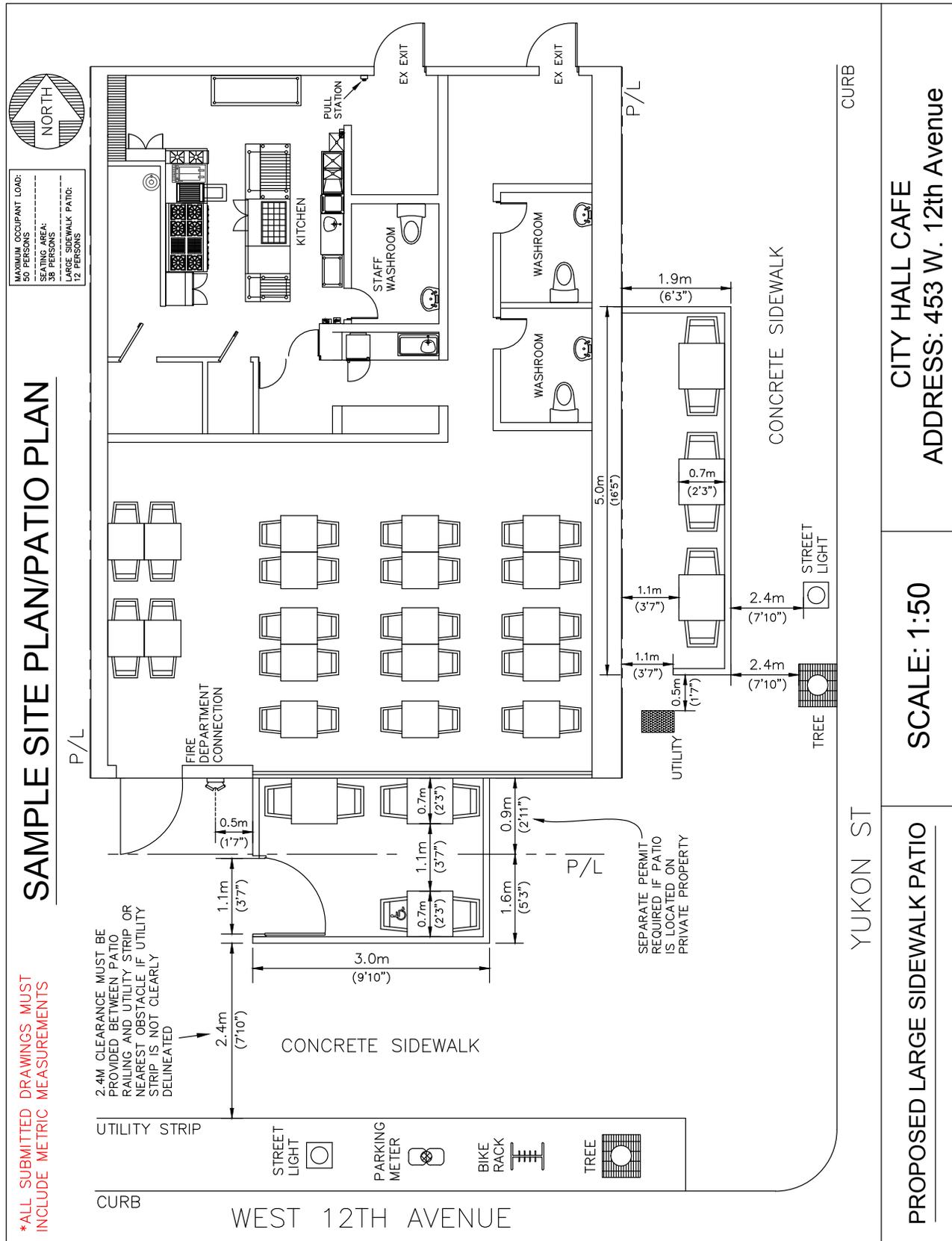
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- Scaled and dimensioned drawings.
- Application fee.
- If decking is proposed, design drawings and Schedule B sealed by a Structural Engineer.
- Current photos.

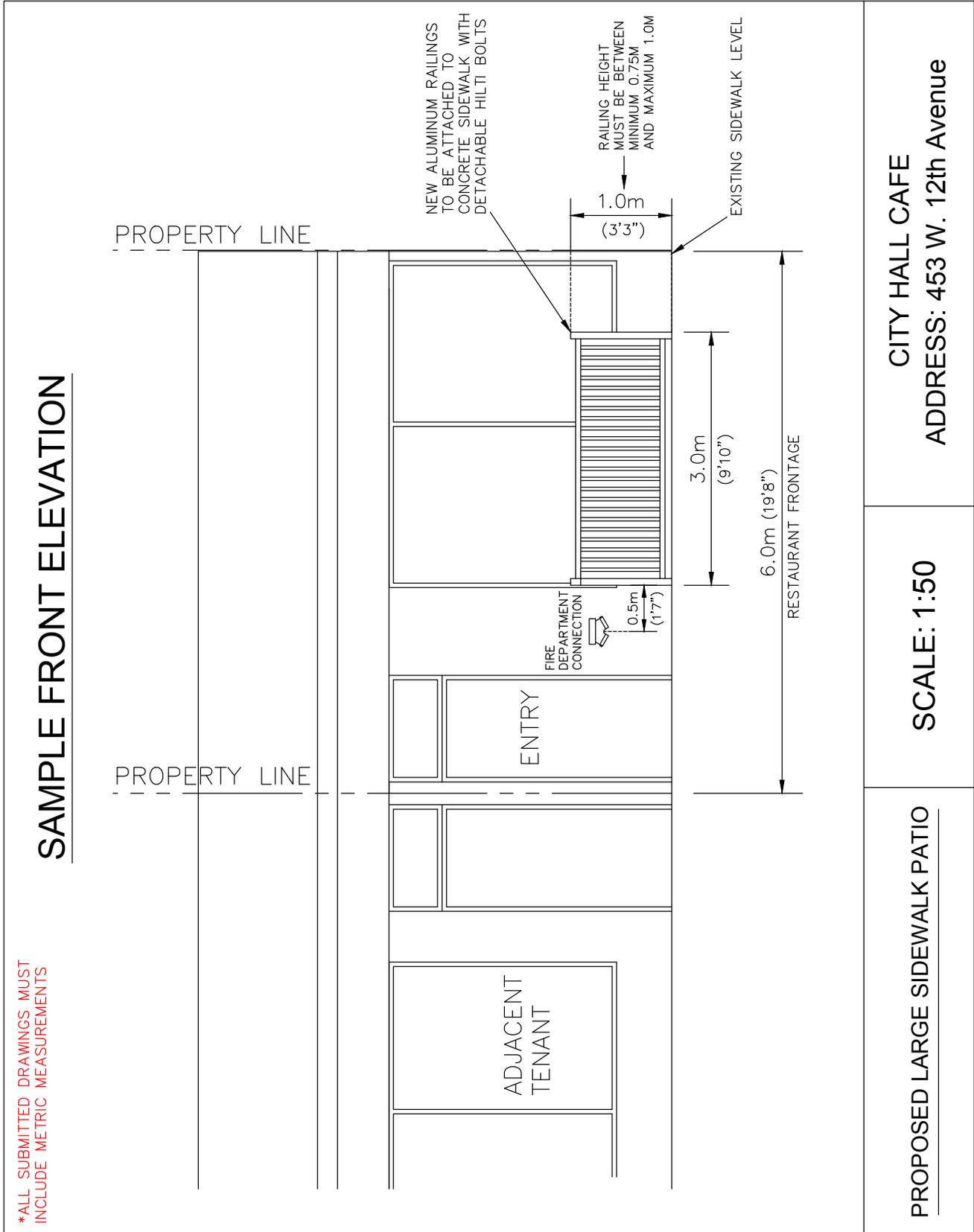
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Large Sidewalk Patio | Drawing example

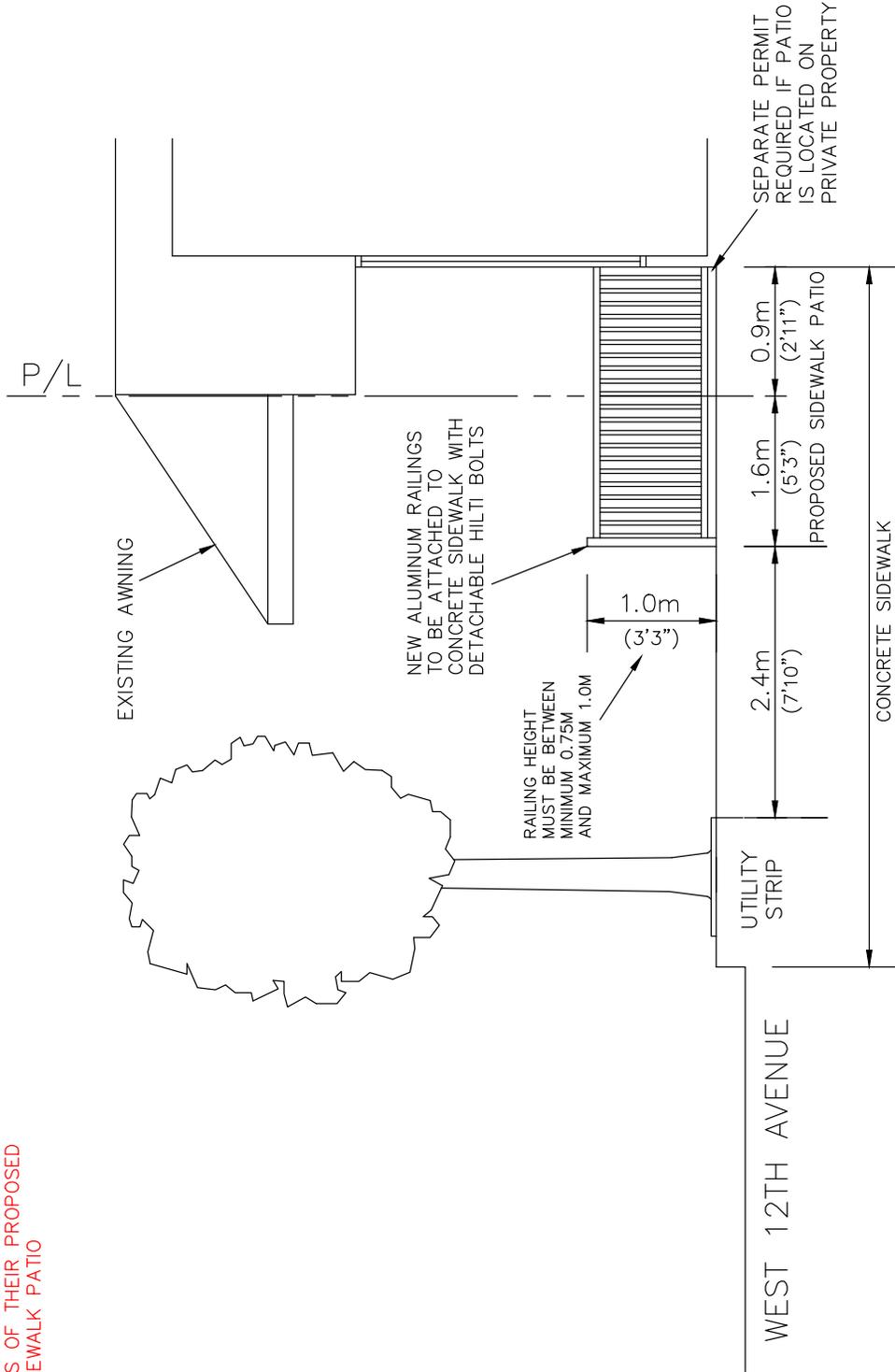


Large Sidewalk Patio | Drawing example



Large Sidewalk Patio | Drawing example

SAMPLE SIDE ELEVATION



- *ALL SUBMITTED DRAWINGS MUST INCLUDE METRIC MEASUREMENTS
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PROPOSED LARGE SIDEWALK PATIO

SCALE: 1:50

CITY HALL CAFE
ADDRESS: 453 W. 12th Avenue

Small Sidewalk Patio Year-Round | Checklist

Things to know

- Which BIA is your business located in?
- How many seats will your proposed patio have and how many will your entire business have?
- Do you have accessible seat?

Things you must have ready to upload to the application

- Copy of current business license.
- Business Liability Insurance (\$2,000,000).
- Application fee.
- Completed SA-Small Sidewalk Patio Details Form.
- Current photos.

Things you must have ready after receiving preliminary approval

- Permit fee.