

**INTRODUCTION**

- Please refer to the [Summer Curbside Patio Design Guidelines](#) to help you plan and design a summer curbside patio that meets City requirements.
- Please contact [patios@vancouver.ca](mailto:patios@vancouver.ca) for questions or if you are unable to meet these requirements.

**Please indicate which of the following applies to you (select one):**

- New application for a summer curbside patio permit; or
- Renewing a summer curbside patio permit and **making modifications** to meet accessibility and design requirements this year.

Complete [Declaration Form B](#) instead if you are renewing **without making modifications** to meet accessibility and design requirements this year.

**Required - Must be completed by all applicants**
**Required, If Applicable - Must be completed if installing**
**SECTION 1: KEY REQUIREMENTS**
**Patio Footprint & Clearances (Section 1.2 and 1.3 in Guidelines)**

- Patio width must be **1.8 m** from the curb and patio length must match the approved drawing
- Minimum **0.5 m** offset from your property line
- Minimum **5.0 m** clearance from fire hydrants
- Minimum **0.5 m** clearance on both sides of the FDC, measured from the centre point of the FDC
- Minimum **0.5 m** clearance from in-ground utilities

**If located on a street with trolley buses**

- I have reviewed and followed TransLink's Trolley Overhead Limits of Approach

**Railings (Section 3.1 in Guidelines)**

- Railing height must be between **0.75 m** and **1.0 m** from the patio surface
- Must be affixed to decks and ramps; but not anchored or affixed to the curb or road surface

**SECTION 2: ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
**Accessible Seating Area (Section 2.1 in Guidelines)**

- Minimum one (1) accessible seating area
- Accessible seating area must be a minimum of **1.7 m x 1.7 m**

**Path of Travel (Section 2.1 in Guidelines)**

- Minimum **1.6 m** unobstructed path of travel must lead from the sidewalk to the accessible seating area

**Accessible Entry (Section 2.1 in Guidelines)**

- Minimum clear width of **1.6 m**
- Must be flush with the curb, with a horizontal gap no greater than **13 mm** with a vertical change no greater than **6 mm**
- Vertical separations greater than **6 mm** must be beveled with a slope not steeper than **1:2**

**Decks (Section 2.2 in Guidelines)**

- Openings and gaps in the deck surface must be no more than **13 mm**
- Deck surface must be level, firm, stable and slip resistant
- Decks must not be anchored, bolted or glued to the street or sidewalk
- No alterations or changes to public property (e.g. covering road surface with astroturf)

**Drainage Requirements (Section 2.4 in Guidelines)**

- Clear continuous drainage channel of minimum **41 cm x 10 cm** along the curb for the full length of the deck/ramp
- Wire mesh must be installed on both ends of the drainage channel with openings between **2 cm** to **4 cm**

**MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS TO MEET ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
 **Option A: Full Deck (Section 2.2.1 in Guidelines)**
 **Option B: Partial Deck (Section 2.2.2 in Guidelines)**

- Transition from the partial deck to the roadway must have a secured railing or planter for its full width

 **Option C: Terraced Deck (Section 2.2.3 in Guidelines)**

- Transition between each level must have a secured railing or planter for the full width of the deck
- Deck should not be more than **0.6 m** (2 ft) above the roadway surface at its highest point
- Exposed edges along the sidewalk over **18 cm** in height requires a railing or planter
- Exposed edges under **18 cm** in height require a contrast strip

**If providing a short ramp onto the terraced deck**

- Minimum ramp width of **1.6 m**
- Slope must not be steeper than **1:20**
- Planters between **0.75 m** and **1.0 m** in height are required on either side of the ramp
- A contrast strip must be provided at the top and bottom of the ramp

**Option D: Ramp** (*Section 2.2.4 in Guidelines*)

- Minimum ramp width of **1.0 m** inclusive of handrails on each side
- Maximum slope of ramp is **1:12**
- Contrast strip must be provided at the top and bottom of the ramp
- Height of the ramp handrails must be between **865 mm** and **965 mm**

**SECTION 3: OPTIONAL DESIGN ELEMENTS** (if installing, the following must be met)

**All Design Elements** (*Section 3 and 4 in Guidelines*)

- Must be secured so they cannot shift, fall or be blown into the patio, roadway or sidewalk
- Cannot be anchored directly into the road surface or sidewalk
- Must not be attached to or interfere with any City infrastructure (lamps, telephone poles, wires or trees)

**Windscreens** (*Section 3.2 in Guidelines*)

- Must be securely attached to the patio's railing
- Height of windscreens and the railing together must not exceed **1.6 m** from the road surface
- Must be shatter-proof, durable, transparent, fire-grade and wind resistant (glass is not permitted)

**Posts and Open Frames** (*Section 3.3 in Guidelines*)

- Height of any post or frame must not exceed **3.0 m** from the patio surface
- Must maintain clear traffic sightlines between **1.2 m** to **2.1 m** from the road surface
- Frames must remain lightweight and open and must not be enclosed
- Heavy objects that create a point load must not be attached or suspended from a post or frame

**Overhead Covers** (*Section 3.4 in Guidelines*)

- Must be between **2.1 m** and **3.0 m** in height from the patio surface
- Must be summer-appropriate, lightweight and made from flexible materials such as textile

**Electrical** (*Section 4.1 in Guidelines*)

- A licensed electrical contractor must apply for an Electrical Permit and conduct the work
- Overhead electrical cable crosses the sidewalk at a minimum height of **3.5 m** with one post up to **3.5 m**

**Lighting** (*Section 4.2 in Guidelines*)

- Must be portable, low-voltage or battery-operated lighting (permanent hard-wired lights prohibited)
- Lighting hanging directly above patio users or seating must be at least **2.5 m** above the patio surface
- Must not distract, blind or confuse drivers (unreasonably bright lights, flashing lights, strobes, or anything resembling traffic signals are prohibited)

**Heaters** (*Section 4.3 in Guidelines*)

- Must be at least **1.6 m** tall
- Must be a standalone or portable unit; open flames are prohibited (e.g. fire pit, fire tables)
- Must be brought inside daily at the end of each business day; and propane tanks must be caged and locked in a vented outdoor structure on private property per BC Gas Safety Regulation

**Planters and other plant accessories** (*Section 4.4 in Guidelines*)

- Height of standing planters, or planters integrated into railings must be between **0.75 m** and **1.0 m** from the patio surface
- Dense foliage cannot extend beyond **1.2 m** in height

**SECTION 4: DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

- I hereby certify that the information entered above is true and accurate.
- I must follow my approved drawing with detailed instructions.
- My patio must be designed to be completely removed within 24 hours' notice.
- I understand the City will inspect my patio to verify that it is installed in the approved location and is safe and accessible. I will resolve accessibility and safety issues within the timeframe specified.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date