

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 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** _____