TEMPORARY EXPEDITED PATIO PROGRAM

INFO GUIDE
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Introduction | Context

The COVID-19 pandemic has inflicted significant negative economic impacts to Vancouver businesses, restaurants, tourism, and personal care industries. Restaurants have been one of the most immediate and hardest hit sectors, and small business operators are struggling to survive with many limited to takeout offerings and attempting to make it through the pandemic.

Small businesses like restaurants are vital to the fabric and character of Vancouver neighbourhoods and support complete communities, and are key contributors to Vancouver’s economic health generating jobs and tax revenue.

City’s Priorities

- Facilitate economic recovery with speed, flexibility, and nimbleness by streamlining tools and programs and making necessary regulatory changes
- Support businesses in maintaining health measures and physical gathering restrictions
- Develop and test innovative approaches to patios – such as pop-up patios, spatial expansions, public space reallocation, and “turnkey” guidelines
- Review and improve on existing patio regulations and programs

Council Motion

Flexible, Innovative and Expedited Patio Permitting

(Approved May 13, 2020)

- Demonstrating to our business community, specifically hard hit restaurants, that supporting them is a priority for Council.
- Supporting staff in prioritizing this work.
- Recognizing that a post-COVID-19 world will require new and nimble approaches.
- Providing pre-prepared templates/types of patios to improve speed.
- Recognizing that time is of the essence to get restaurant businesses supported and open in a way they can sustain themselves and not go under.
- Meeting the Council priority to protect and build our economy.
At present, the Temporary Expedited Patio Program will consider patio applications that fit three options on City property: small patio, curbside patio (on-street parking spaces), and large patio. The following pages will guide you through the description and specific requirements for each of these patio options.

Applicants must meet all of the requirements of the options they’re applying for. These pre-approved requirements will ensure that patio applications can be efficiently and quickly permitted and implemented. General rule of thumb: the simpler the patio proposal, the easier it is to approve and implement.

The program will be available from June 1st to October 31st, 2020. Permits issued are non-renewable. If applicants meet all requirements, the permits may be issued within two business days of application submission. If applicants want to keep their patios beyond October 31st, they will need to reapply through the regular Annual Patio Permit avenues.

Please carefully read through the patio details and requirements to ensure you are prepared for your application and to avoid any potential delays.
Patio Options | Small 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.

**Liquor**  Businesses may not serve liquor in small patios.

**Requirements**  Furniture may not be stored on the patio overnight. Businesses must take in furniture at closing hour each day.

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

**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 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.).

**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.

For accessibility, table and seating options that accommodate people of all abilities must be available, and access ramps must be available wherever there may changes in grade (e.g. a step down from the curb). Ramps must be provided and maintained by the business.

Furniture may be stored overnight on the patios.
A. Parameter of the patio must maintain at minimum 5.0m clearance from fire hydrants, and 0.5m clearance from fire department connections.

B. Parameter 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. 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.
Patio Options | Large Patio

**Description**  
Large patios are located 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.

**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.
Large Patio Front and Side Clearance Requirements

A. Parameter 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. Parameter of the patio must maintain at minimum 0.5m clearance from utilities.

D. Parameter 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.
General 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:

☐ Construction (new or of any kind)
☐ Utility connections of any kind (electrical, sprinkler, gas, heaters)
☐ Accessory structures (decking, tents, overhead canopy, platforms, enclosures) or heaters
☐ Increased occupancy of any kind

Applicants must ensure:

☐ Compliance with all applicable orders from the Provincial Health Officer (including occupancy, seating configurations, gathering restrictions, etc.). Please review the most up-to-date information: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.

☐ 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).

☐ Railings can penetrate the ground to a maximum depth of 10cm except in special pavement areas where anchoring is not permitted (e.g. bricks, cobbles, granite, glass bricks, structures, areaways, etc.). City will confirm if the application impacts special pavement areas. Railings must have an open appearance with an approximate height of 1m. Weights may be used to hold temporary railings in place within the patio area. The weights must not protrude into the roadway (curbside patios) or the sidewalk (large patios). Bollard and chain fencing is not permitted. Planters can substitute railings for delineation.

☐ Patio access cannot be through business kitchen or employee-only areas.

☐ Proof of liability insurance coverage.

☐ If you want to use the space in front of an adjacent business, get written permission from your neighbouring property owner or tenant.
Want to build a patio on private property or a complex patio with structures?

Work is underway to expand the temporary patio program to include complex patios on private and partially private/public property. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.
The following details MUST be included on your drawing:
- Clearances from fire department connections, 0.5m MINIMUM
- Exits and doors
- Property line

Failure to include ANY of these details results in immediate application rejection
The following details MUST be included on your drawing:
- Clearances from utility boxes, 0.5m MINIMUM
- 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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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
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