



CITY OF ALAMEDA

Safe Outdoor Dining and Commercial Activities

Rules and regulations

1. MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE

- Keep sidewalks clear for people walking. Minimum widths are:
 - 8 feet on Park and Webster Streets; 6 feet on all other streets
- Set up tables with 6 feet between them. No customer should be sitting within 6 feet of any other customer at another table
- Limit tables to no more than 6 people
- Live outdoor entertainment events are not allowed
- Tape or mark at least 6 feet separation where the public may form lines
- Make at least one table accessible for a person with a disability at sidewalk level or via ramp

2. MINIMIZE SPREAD OF VIRUS IN THE AIR

- Make sure customers and staff wear masks at all times except when actively eating or drinking
- Keep air free-flowing to blow away viruses. Tents can only be enclosed on 1 of 4 sides
- Live and loud amplified music are not currently permitted

3. KEEP SURFACES CLEAN

- Provide separate, covered containers for recycling, compost and landfill trash
- Control trash that may blow around (hair clippings, paper, etc.)
- Keep tables, floors and areas under raised floors clean
- Provide hand sanitizer for customers

4. GET A PERMIT IF NEEDED

- To use a public parking space or lot for outdoor dining or other commercial activities, you need a Parklet Permit
- For dining or other commercial use of sidewalk, you need a Sidewalk Permit only if you are not within a Business Improvement Area
- On private property, to construct a fixed roof in any outdoor area, you will need a Building Permit. Fixed roofs are not allowed in parklets
- For a tent over 400 square feet, you will need a Tent Permit
- For a heater under a fixed roof or tent, you will need a Building Permit
- Small tents, umbrellas, and heaters between umbrellas are okay without permit

5. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- Avoid tripping and poking hazards such as low-hanging electrical cords or umbrellas
- Secure umbrellas and outdoor furniture against the wind
- Provide lighting if furniture or other obstacles are out after dark
- Limit operations to the hours allowed by your permit

See your parklet or outdoor commercial usage permit for more details and conditions.



Resources:

AlamedaCA.gov/COVID
AlamedaCA.gov/CommercialStreets
Alamedaca.gov/ALERTS-COVID-19/Business



Questions:

Parklet & Sidewalk permits: PWpermits@alamedaCA.gov
Building & Tent permits: Permits@alamedaCA.gov