



# STREET EATS STANDARDS

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## MAIN STREET 5TH TO 15TH STREET

Street eateries and parklets will no longer be available once the Main Street Promise construction is completed. In addition to supporting unimpeded mobility, this will facilitate use of the entire street during short-term closures for special events and activities.

## ALL OTHER AREAS

### General Requirements

- All Street Eats/parklet areas must be designed so as to maintain clear sight lines both on the street and on sidewalks for the safety of all users and passing motorists and pedestrians.
- Street Eats/parklet structures and features shall be freestanding resting on the street surface or curb. No features or structural components may be permanently attached to the street, curb, or adjacent sidewalk.
- The Street Eats/parklet area shall be maintained by the applicant. The applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the area including construction, installation, maintenance, and removal. The permit obligates the applicant to ensure that the facility is swept and trash removed daily and debris is removed from under and around the area at least once per week.
- Smoking is prohibited in all Street Eats and parklet installations and within 25' of an installation. Applicants must post "No smoking" signage in the parklet.
- No advertising, logos, or other branding will be allowed. Signage may be required for food/beverage service and must be submitted to and approved by the City.
- Street Eats/parklet locations shall not block fire hydrants, storm water drainage, bus stops, driveways, manholes, and other utility covers.
- Street Eats/parklet areas are considered temporary in nature. As such, they should be constructed in a way that allows easy removal without damage to the surface of the sidewalk, street, or public right of way. Installations shall be removed upon request of the City.
- Any Street Eats installation that is discontinued by the owner or otherwise directed to be removed by the Transportation Manager shall be removed at the sole expense of the business owner within 30 days.
- All Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board requirements shall be met and permit issued prior to alcohol service.

### Use of On-Street Parking Spaces

- No more than fifty (50) total parking spaces in the downtown and uptown areas may be utilized for Street Eats installations at any given time, except as allowed by the Transportation Manager for special circumstances

- Parking spaces are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Removal of an existing installation or discontinuation of a permit during part of the year does not guarantee approval of a new permit application.
- No more than two (2) parallel parking spaces or three (3) angled parking spaces per block face may be occupied by a Street Eats installation in the downtown and Uptown areas, except as allowed by the Transportation Manager under special circumstances.

### **Street Eats Fees**

- Sidewalk Café/Seating Permit application fees for Street Eats installations apply.
- A monthly fee will be charged for use of each parking space occupied by the Street Eats installation.
- Fees are updated annually and are listed on the current year's Sidewalk Café/Seating Permit application.

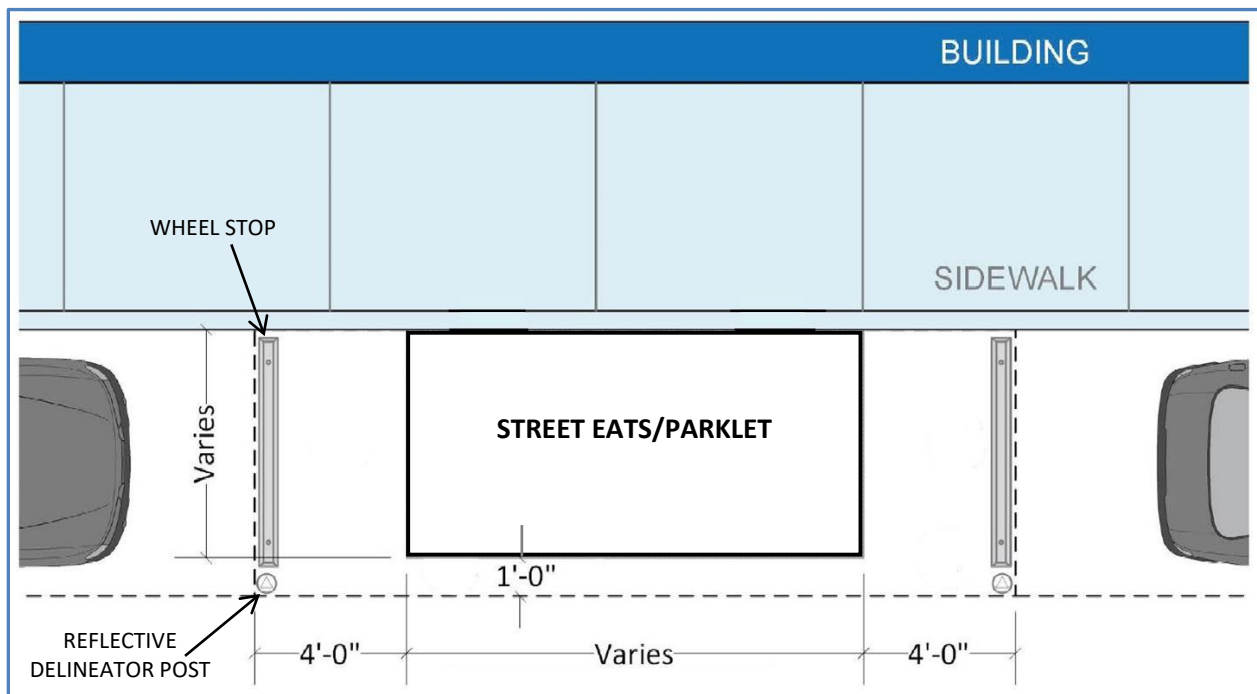
### **Design Guidelines**

- The use of high quality, durable materials capable of withstanding year-round use is required.
- Street Eats installations shall not occupy parking spaces within one parking spot of street corners. Distance may vary depending on sight distance issues or if curb extensions/bulb outs are present at a particular corner unless approved by the City.
- The use of a curb level platform or ramp down to the street to maintain ADA accessibility into the installation is encouraged.
- If a platform is used, it shall be flush with the curb (no more than ½" gap or ¼" in height) level with the adjacent sidewalk and must be ADA accessible. The cross slope from the curb to the street shall not exceed 2%. **(Figure 4)**
- Drainage shall be maintained along the curblane. For platforms, there shall be a minimum 6-inch horizontal gap between the curb and the base of the frame to allow storm water to pass underneath the structure. **(Figure 2)**
- The Street Eats/parklet area shall have a continuous edge along the travel lane and parking stalls to protect users from moving traffic. This can be done with a continuous railing, planter, fence, or similar structure.
- The height of the outside wall should be between 30 inches, minimum, on the street side to a maximum of 42 inches (42 inches is required if alcohol service will be provided within the Street Eats area). **(Figure 3)**. Continuous opaque walls above 42 inches that block views into the installation from the surrounding areas is prohibited. Columns and other vertical elements are allowed.
- Barriers and fencing may not extend into the street side buffer zone or be bolted into the street. If portable fencing is used, each section must be connected together. If cable is used for the barrier, vertical spacing between cables cannot exceed 6 inches.
- A minimum overhead clearance of 96 inches must be provided for any Street Eats/parklet area that includes a canopy, cover, umbrella, or similar feature and cannot extend into the street buffer zone. Umbrellas or canopies cannot be placed within 20 feet of a stop sign. **(Figure 3)**

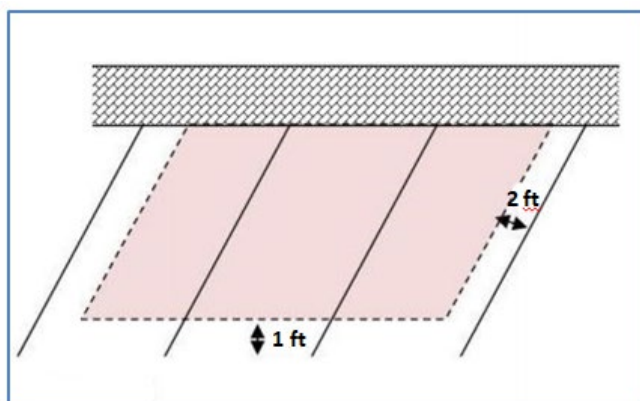
- A minimum 1-foot buffer shall be maintained between the Street Eats/parklet features, including overhangs, and the adjacent bike lane or vehicle travel lane. **(Figure 1)**
- A 4-foot buffer is required at each end of the Street Eats/parklet area. **(Figure 1)**
- Wheel stops shall be installed 1 foot from the curbline at both ends of the Street Eats/parklet area to prevent cars from parking too close to the facility (Street Eats/parklet areas in diagonal parking spaces do not need a wheel stop). Wheel stops shall be no less than 4 feet and no greater than 6 feet long. **(Figure 1)**
- A reflective delineator post shall be placed at the outer corners of the parking space/loading zone, 6 inches from the wheel stops. Delineator posts must be 36 inches tall, cylindrical, white, flexible, and must include reflective striping. **(Figure 1)**

**Figure 1**

*Parallel space*



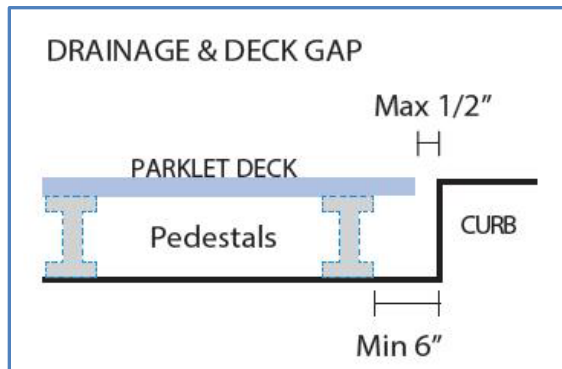
*Diagonal space*



*Wheel stop and reflective delineator post*

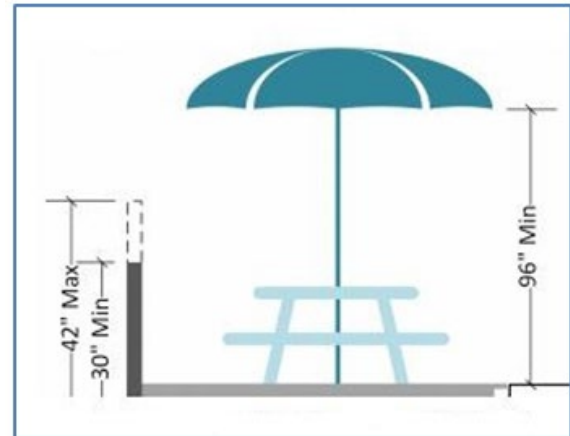


**Figure 2**



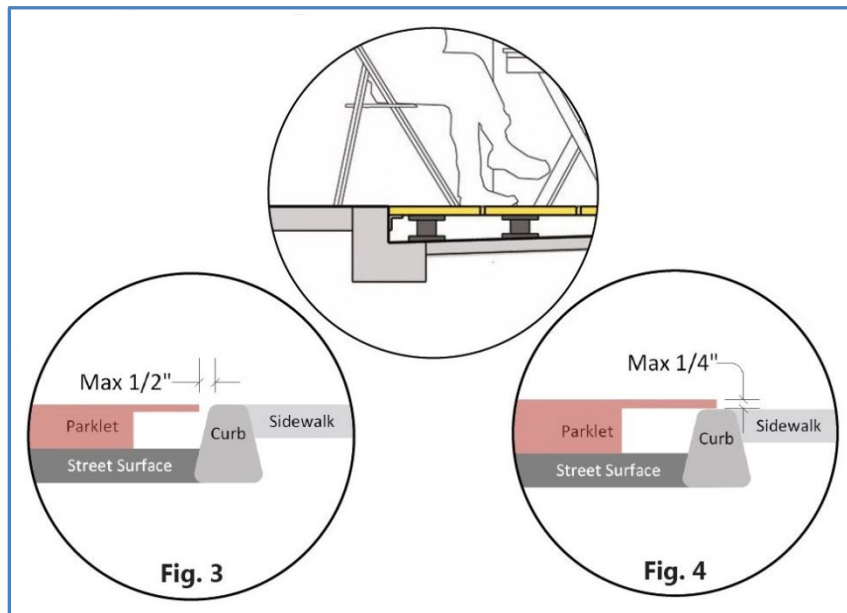
**Figure 3**

*Barrier height and overhead clearance*



**Figure 4**

*Platform to curb horizontal and vertical gaps*



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