



Typical Parking Lot Dining Concept





Parking Lot Dining - FAQs

- What?** State and local Health Department regulations have limited the capacity of interior dining areas in response to COVID-19. Outdoor parking lot dining areas are *temporary installations* that may be proposed by a business in order to allow for increased capacity to serve patrons normally handled in an interior dining area.
- Where?** Any parking space normally utilized by a business, with the exception of handicap spaces.
- How Big Can They Be?** Three (3) parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of **total** business lease area, including any dining rooms, kitchens, bathrooms, etc. For example, a 2,000 square-foot restaurant may use up to 6 parking stalls for parking lot dining.
- Does it need to be Enclosed?** All parking lot outdoor dining areas must be protected by *both* a vehicle barrier (to prevent cars from intruding into the space) and a visual barrier (to allow people to clearly see the space). A vehicle barrier can be a concrete wheelstop, or a K-rail. Visual barriers must be at least 36 inches high for visibility. wrought iron or vinyl fences are some of the few materials that are considered visual barriers.
NOTE: Temporary signs may be placed on the fence (or similar barrier) without a Temporary Sign Permit.
- Entrance and Exits?** Aside from the main entrance and exit into the space, an emergency exit with a minimum width of 36 inches is required.
- Can I put shade structures?** Any shade structures such as umbrellas or tents must be significantly anchored and fixed in place. Please contact us with your proposal.
- Is Lighting Required?** Any parking lot dining area that is used during the evening hours require lighting. Power may be obtained from a variety of sources such as running a power line from inside your business, or connecting to a parking lot light. Please contact us with your proposal.

The City cares about the well being of your business! We understand that each space is unique and may require a unique set of solutions. If you are interested in setting up an outdoor dining area, please contact the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District at RCFire@CityofRC.us or at (909) 477-2770