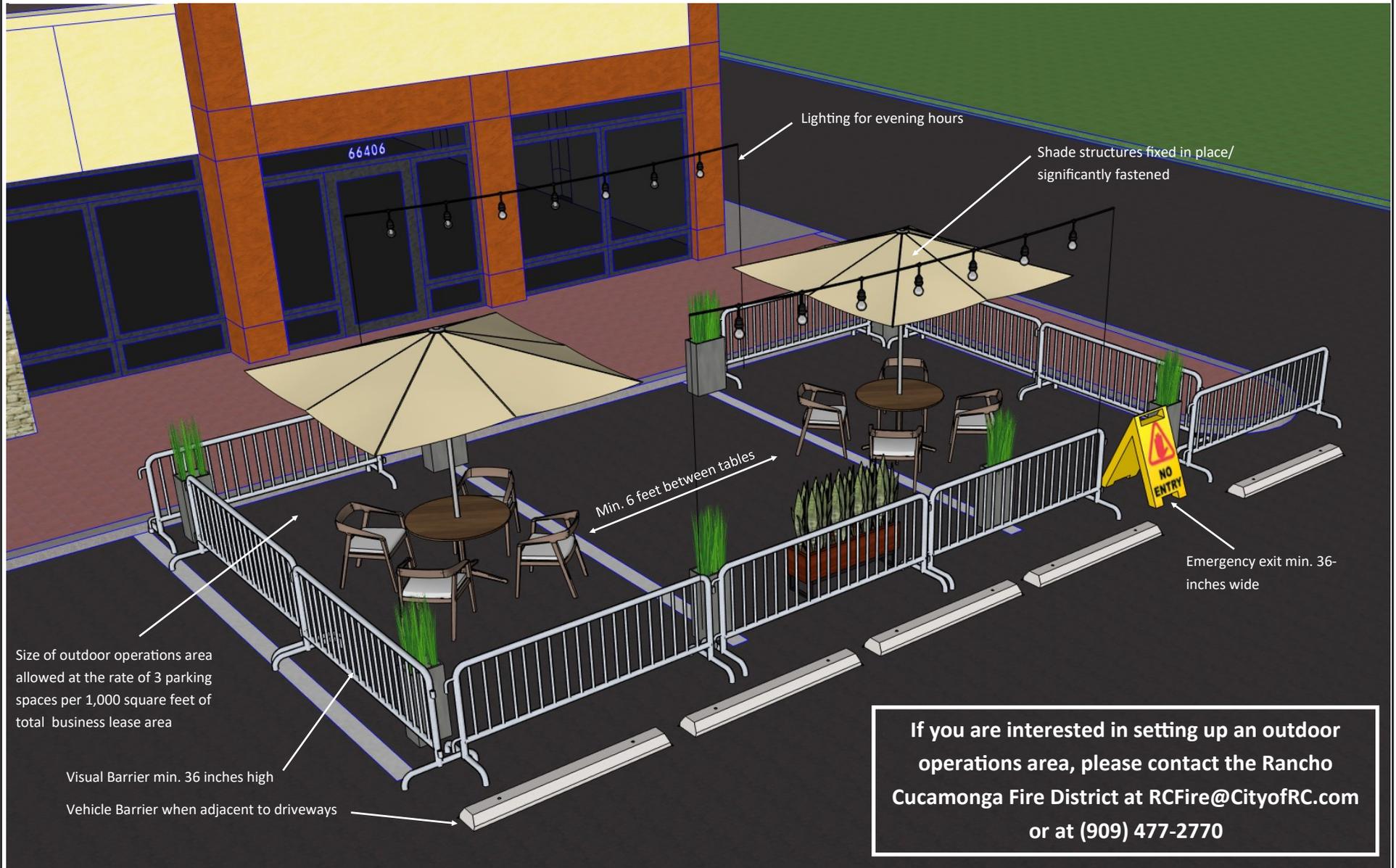


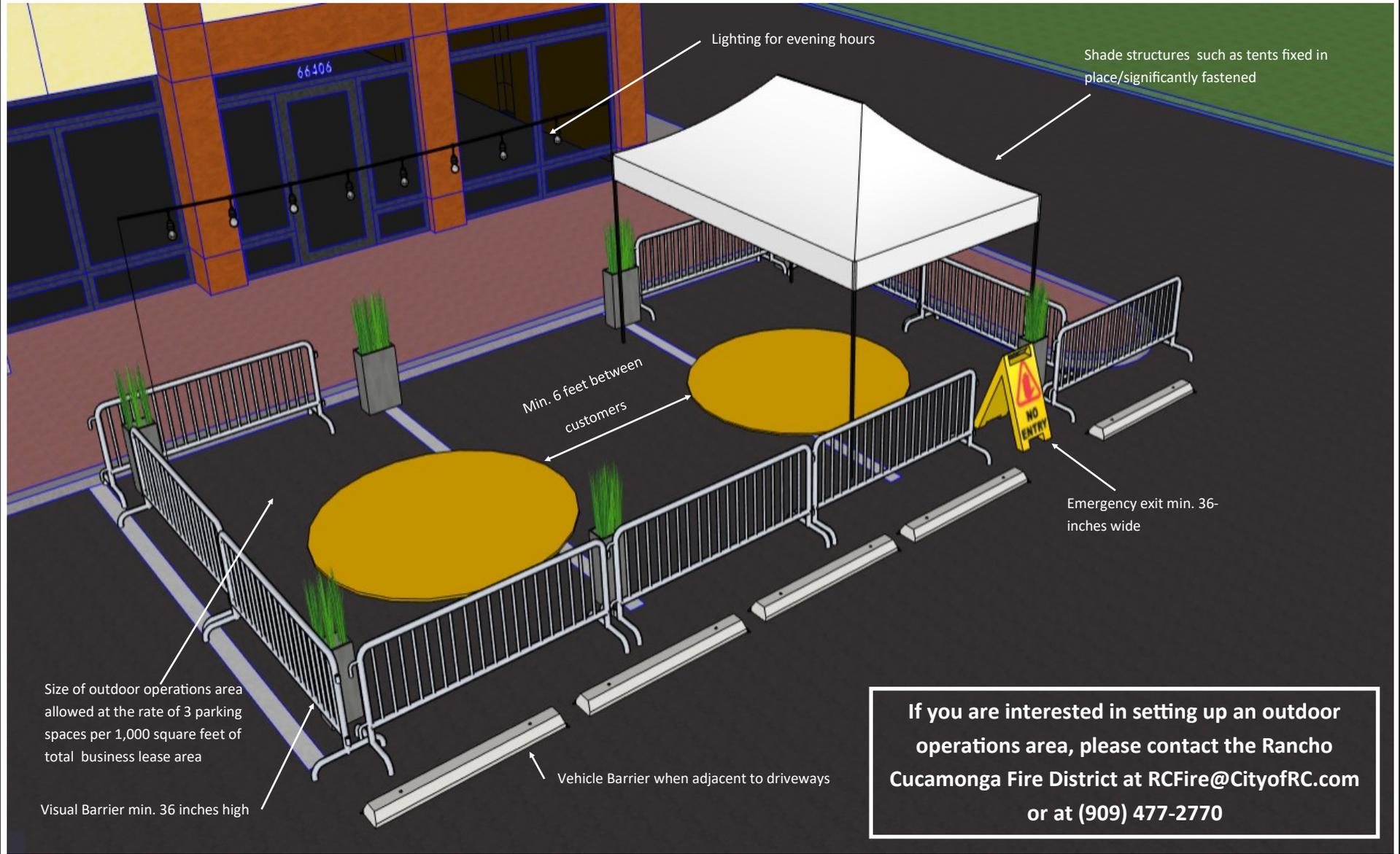


# Typical Outdoor Operations Area Example 1





# Typical Outdoor Operations Area Example 2





# Outdoor Operations Area - FAQs

<b>What is it?</b>	State and county health department regulations have limited the interior operations of most businesses in response to COVID-19. Outdoor operation areas are <i>temporary installations</i> that may be proposed by existing restaurants, retail stores, and other businesses depending on City approval in order to allow for patrons normally handled in interior areas.
<b>Where can they be located?</b>	Any parking space normally utilized by a business, with the exception of handicap spaces.
<b>How Big Can They Be?</b>	Three (3) parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of <b>total</b> 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 as an outdoor operation area.
<b>Does it Need to be Enclosed?</b>	Outdoor operation areas must be protected by <i>both</i> 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, such as iron or vinyl fences, must be at least 36 inches high for visibility. Temporary signs may be placed on the fence (or similar barrier) without a Temporary Sign Permit.
<b>Entrance and Exits?</b>	Aside from the main entrance and exit into the space, an emergency exit with a minimum width of 36 inches is required.
<b>Can I put shade structures?</b>	Shade structures are allowed. They are required to be substantially open to allow for the free flow of air. One side of the covered area can have a vertical screen or sidewall to provide shade from the morning or evening sun. Tents, canopies, and other constructed shade structures must meet all safety provisions and guidelines such as proper anchoring. Tents, canopies, and other constructed shade structures over 2,400 square feet require a Building permit and submittal of engineered plans, with a permit fee of \$450.00.
<b>Is Heating/Heaters Allowed?</b>	Yes, please refer to the document on Heating for Outdoor Business Operations During COVID Restrictions. The use of heating devices requires inspection and approval from the Building Department and the Fire District.
<b>Can I serve alcohol in this area?</b>	Businesses that serve alcohol are required to provide evidence of approval for outdoor alcoholic beverage service from the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC).
<b>Can I cook in this area?</b>	Outdoor cooking and/or food preparation are not allowed. This restriction comes from the State and County Departments of Public Health.
<b>Is Lighting Required?</b>	Any outdoor operations 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.
<b>How Long is it Allowed For ?</b>	Parking lot outdoor areas are allowed until the State and/or County Health Department orders regulating interior spaces in response to COVID-19 have concluded or until December 31, 2021, whichever date is sooner.
<b>How do I apply ?</b>	Businesses are required to submit a written business plan for the outdoor operation, a site plan showing where the outdoor operation will be located, and a property owner authorization form. You can get started by contacting the Fire District at <a href="mailto:RCFire@CityofRC.us">RCFire@CityofRC.us</a> or <b>909-477-2770</b> .