

Outdoor Dining Program

Design Guidelines

Report to City Council

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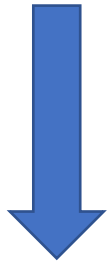


Streets are our city's **largest public space.**

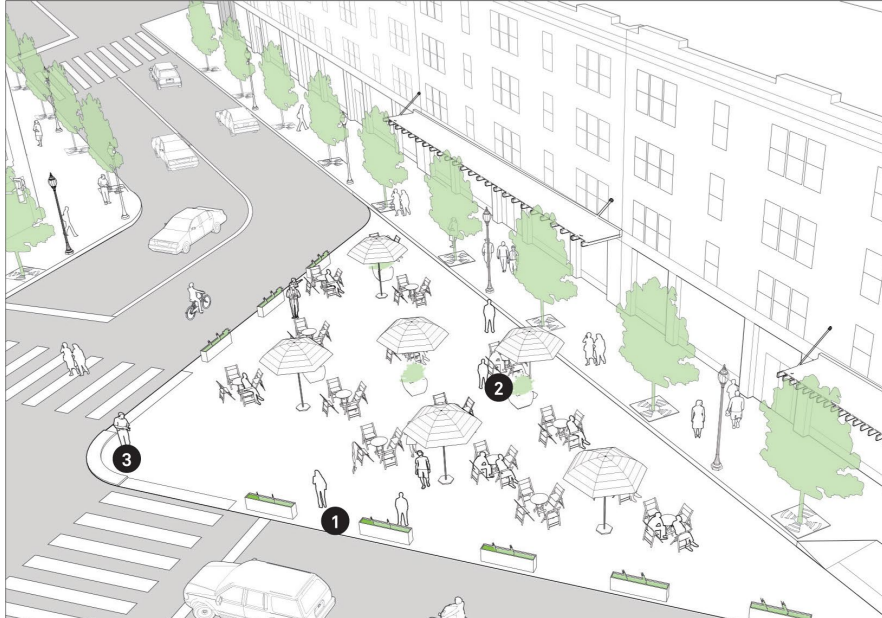
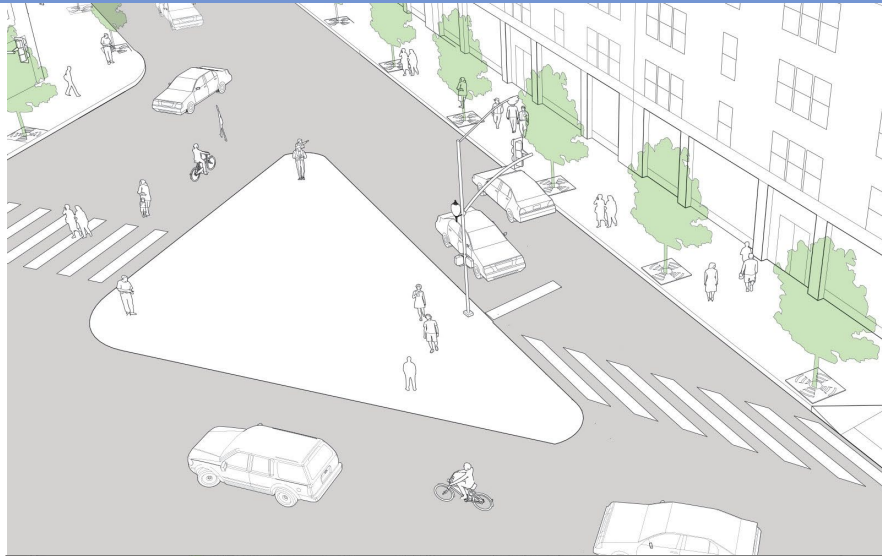
Typically, they make up 40% of our land.

Public Space Is a Key Attribute of Complete Communities

Transportation
Asset



Community
Place



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Portland Needs
Many "Living Rooms"

Street Plaza Program



Dream Street, NE Sumner & MLK Jr Blvd

Outdoor Dining Program



Smith Tea Company, NW 23rd

Portland is a leader in outdoor dining pilots

City and PBOT policy call for supporting community and business uses using public right-of-way

Sidewalk café seating has been a standard permit since 1982 and received an overhaul in 2008

Street Seats began as a pilot project in 2012

Livable Streets Strategy (2017) formalized a PBOT policy around prioritizing people and placemaking in the right-of-way



A Changed World

The existing programs and curbside use policies allowed PBOT to act swiftly in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

~800 Healthy Business permits issued

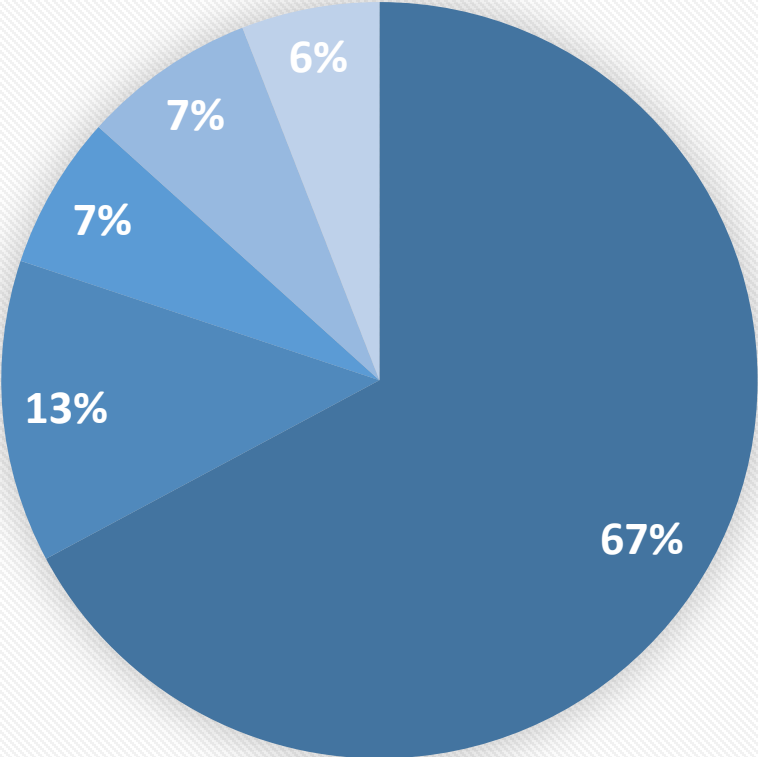
Today, Portlanders continue to overwhelmingly support the program.



Paadee, SE 28th Ave

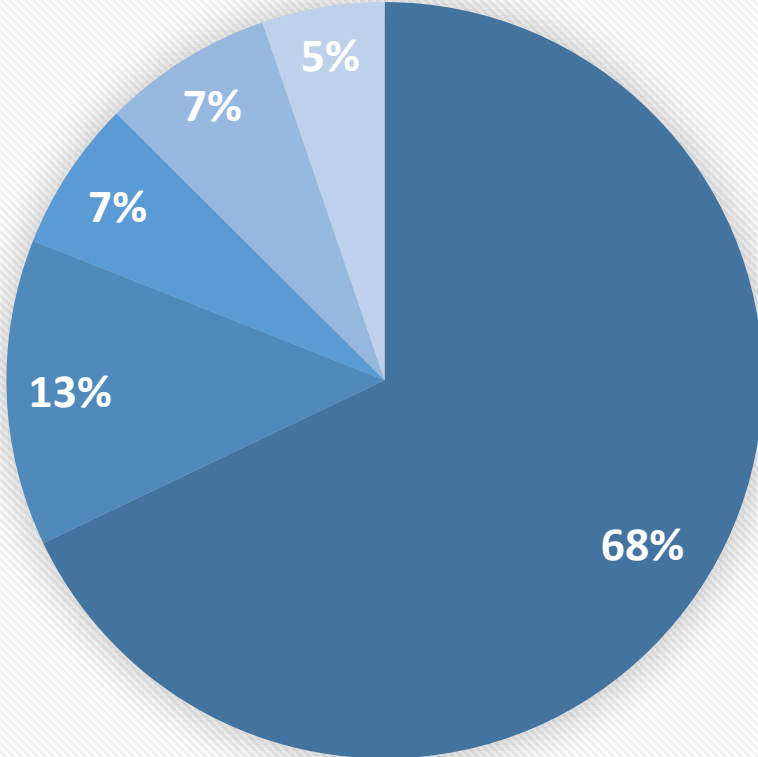
Community believes this program is good for Portland

Is the Healthy Business Permit Program good for **neighborhoods**?



■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Neutral ■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

Is the Healthy Business Permit Program good for **business**?



■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Neutral ■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

Formalizing what works; changing what doesn't

A Permanent Outdoor Dining Program

- Updated Design Guidelines
- Revised permit holder responsibilities
- Education and compliance strategies
- New fee structure (Sept 2023)

Focused on public feedback:

- Support safe streets for all users
- Improve accessibility
- Articulate clear maintenance and operations standards
- Improve design and aesthetics
- Permit options and fees that encourage business participation



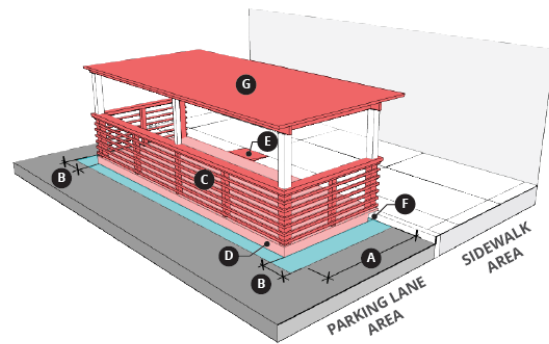
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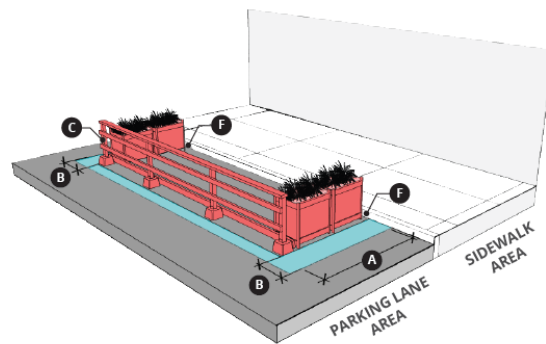
Creating clear and predictable guidelines

Street Seat Year-Round and Seasonal Guidelines

Year-Round Installation



Seasonal Installation



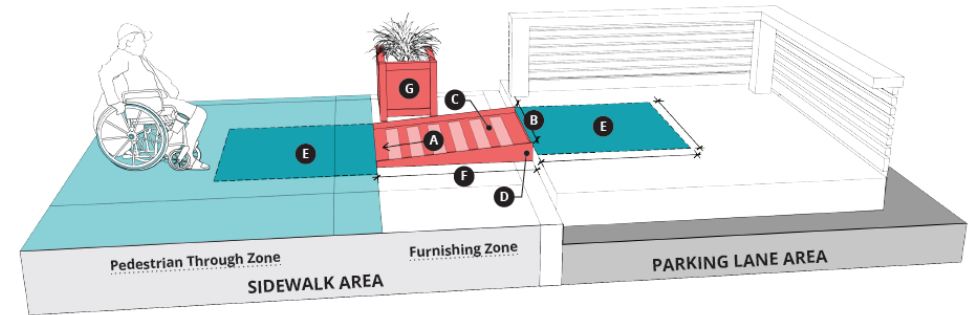
Required

- A Width**
7 feet from curb face. Additional 1 foot granted for traffic control devices only (cones, candle stick delineators, wave delineators).
- B Clearance dimensions**
2 feet clearance at each end of the installation.
- C Walls and fences**
Required for all Street Seat permits to separate people using a permitted area from vehicular traffic. [See requirements on page 21.](#)
- D Platforms**
Required for year-round installations. **Platforms are not required for seasonal installations.** *If providing, see requirements on page 20.*
- E Ramps**
May be required for some platform installations. [See requirements and specifications on page 23.](#)
- F Stormwater**
A clear area 6 inches wide by curb height must be maintained along the curb gutter line for water to flow. No part of the installation may obstruct the flow of water along the gutter.

Optional Features and Recommendations

- Roofs**
- G** If providing roofs, [see requirements on page 22.](#)

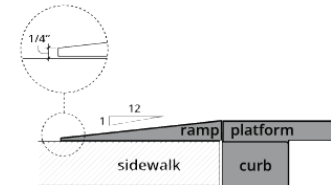
Street Seat Ramps



Requirements

Ramps must comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards. Where the vertical separation between the platform deck and sidewalk is more than 1/2 inch, at least one ramp is required for access.

The edge of the ramp meeting the sidewalk must not exceed 1/4 inch vertical or 1/2 inch beveled at 1:2 (50%) slope.



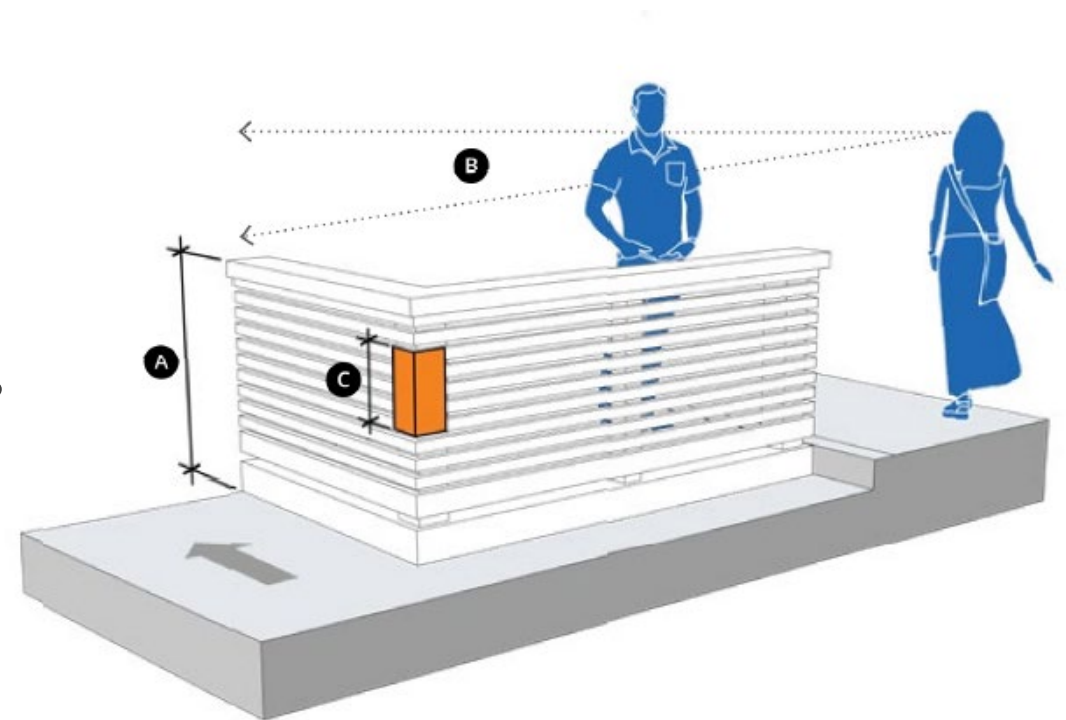
- A Slope** 1:12 maximum
For more information on measuring slope, [see Appendix B.](#)
- B Width** 36 inch minimum
- C Surfacing** Slip-resistant surfacing required
- D Height** 6 inch maximum rise for ramps
- E Landing dimensions**
48 inch x 48 inch clear area at top and bottom of ramp. Landing may overlap with Pedestrian Through Zone.

- F Overlapping furnishing zone**
Ramps may extend up to 4 feet onto sidewalk, but not into the Pedestrian Through Zone. Where the furnishing zone is not paved, the ramp may extend to the edge of the paved sidewalk. If it does not, a hard, stable surfacing must be installed between the bottom of the ramp and the paved sidewalk.
- G Safety elements**
Ramps on the sidewalk must include a 32–42 inch tall vertical element, such as a planter, on both sides at the edge of the ramp to avoid tripping hazards.

Centering safety and accessibility in our design priorities

Key changes:

- Reducing height of walls to increase sight lines
- Transparent wall coverings only
- Clear setbacks from intersections
- Prohibiting covered installations approaching stop signs. *Low-height (uncovered) installations are allowed.*
- Requiring accessible platforms or ramps for new installations
- Prohibiting over-sidewalk structures



Program permanence can improve aesthetics & quality

Consistent feedback from restaurant owners is that many are looking for program permanence before investing in upgrades.

- Formalizing program
- Clear stormwater/gutter guidelines
- Clear owner maintenance responsibilities
- Applicant tools such as contractor lists and example design plans

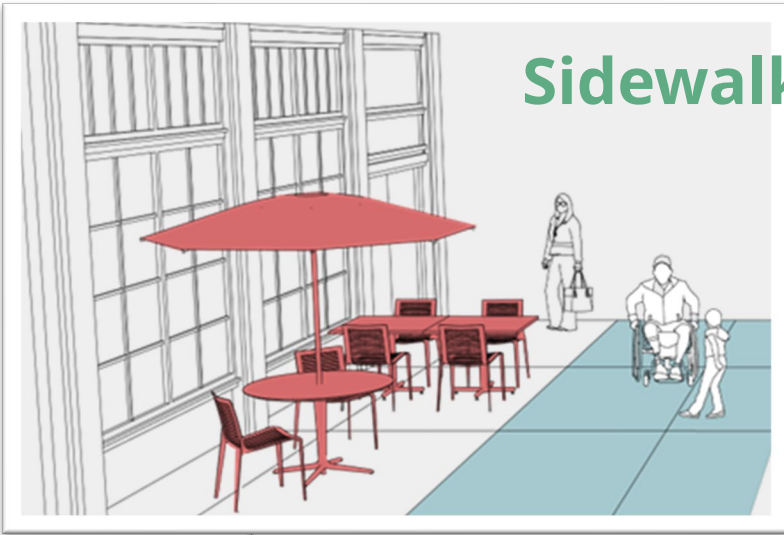


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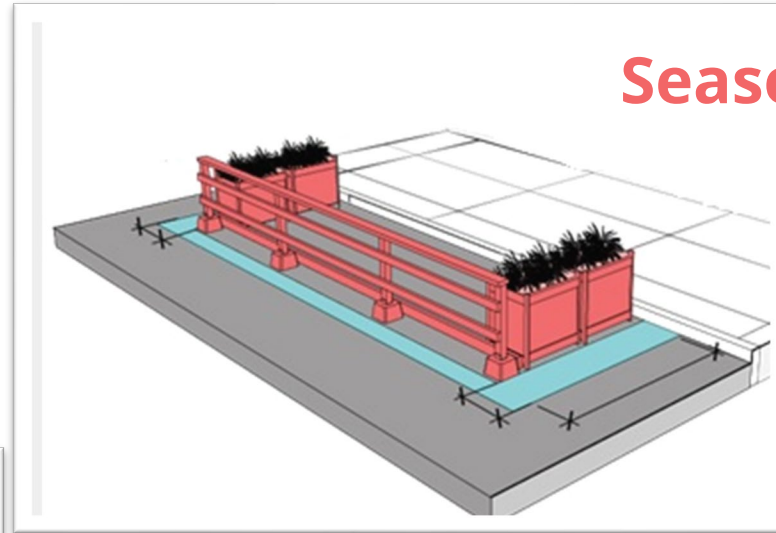
Providing a range of permit and fee options

Four new permit types will flexibility in design and permit fee costs.

2024 fees will range from \$360 to \$2,000 per year, for a typical 40 ft, depending on permit type.



Sidewalk Café

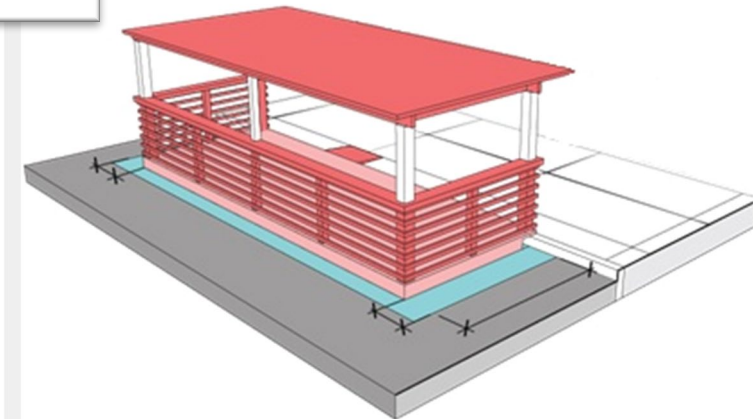


Seasonal Street Seats

Street Seats with Platform



Street Seats with Platform and Roof



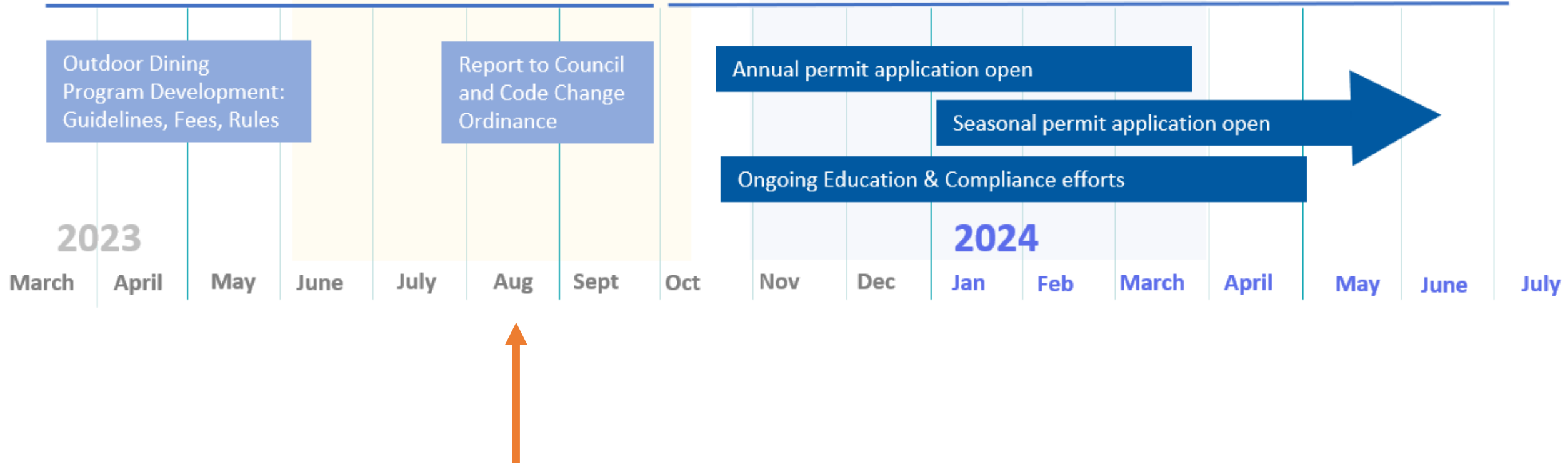
Permitting & Compliance



TIMELINE

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & ADOPTION

APPLICATION OPENS - ONGOING EDUCATION & COMPLIANCE



Strategies to encourage compliance

- Education and outreach
- Design resources for businesses
- Fee subsidies in first cycle
- Financial support program



Business Support Program

~200 businesses to receive \$2,500 (ARPA funded)

- Priority for BIPOC-owned businesses
- Funds for creation of new year-round installations or to bring existing installations into compliance



Bollywood Theater, NE Alberta

Meeting the moment

- Exception process to allow some flexibility for existing structures
- Allowing locked spaces as a temporary exception during the Emergency Declaration for Coordinated Cleaning of Public Spaces



DRAFT Typical Outdoor Dining Fees 2024-2025

	Pre-Pandemic FY 2019-2020	COVID Subsidized	2022-2023 Subsidized	2024 * Subsidized	2025 Renewal	2025 New Application
Sidewalk Café <i>40 linear feet 12 months</i>	<i>New \$1,070 Renewal \$770</i>	<i>FREE</i>	<i>\$390</i>	\$360	\$710	<i>\$1,160</i>
Seasonal Street Seats <i>Two parking spaces (40 ft) 7 months</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	\$800	\$1,150	<i>\$1,600</i>
Street Seats with Platform <i>Two parking spaces (40 ft) 12 months</i>	<i>\$4,800 (plus lost meter revenue)</i>	<i>FREE</i>	<i>\$1,150</i>	\$1,500	\$1,850	<i>\$2,300</i>
Street Seats with Platform and Roof <i>Two parking spaces (40 ft) 12 months</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>FREE</i>	<i>\$1,150</i>	\$2,000	\$2,350	<i>\$3,100</i>

Note: 2024 Application and Base Permit Fees to be subsidized with America Rescue Plan Act funds.
Businesses participating in 2024 will pay Renewal Rate in 2025

Next Steps: Fees and Code Updates return in September

- **TRN 3.450 - PBOT Fee schedule**
- **TRN 10.04 - Sidewalk Café Permit & PCC 17.25 Sidewalk Cafes** to reflect program changes
- **City Code 17.60 Underground Wiring Districts** to allow for ornamental lighting over outdoor dining installations, as well as to provide power for electric heaters (propane not allowed)



Navarre, NE 28th Ave

Invited Testimony



Design Commission:

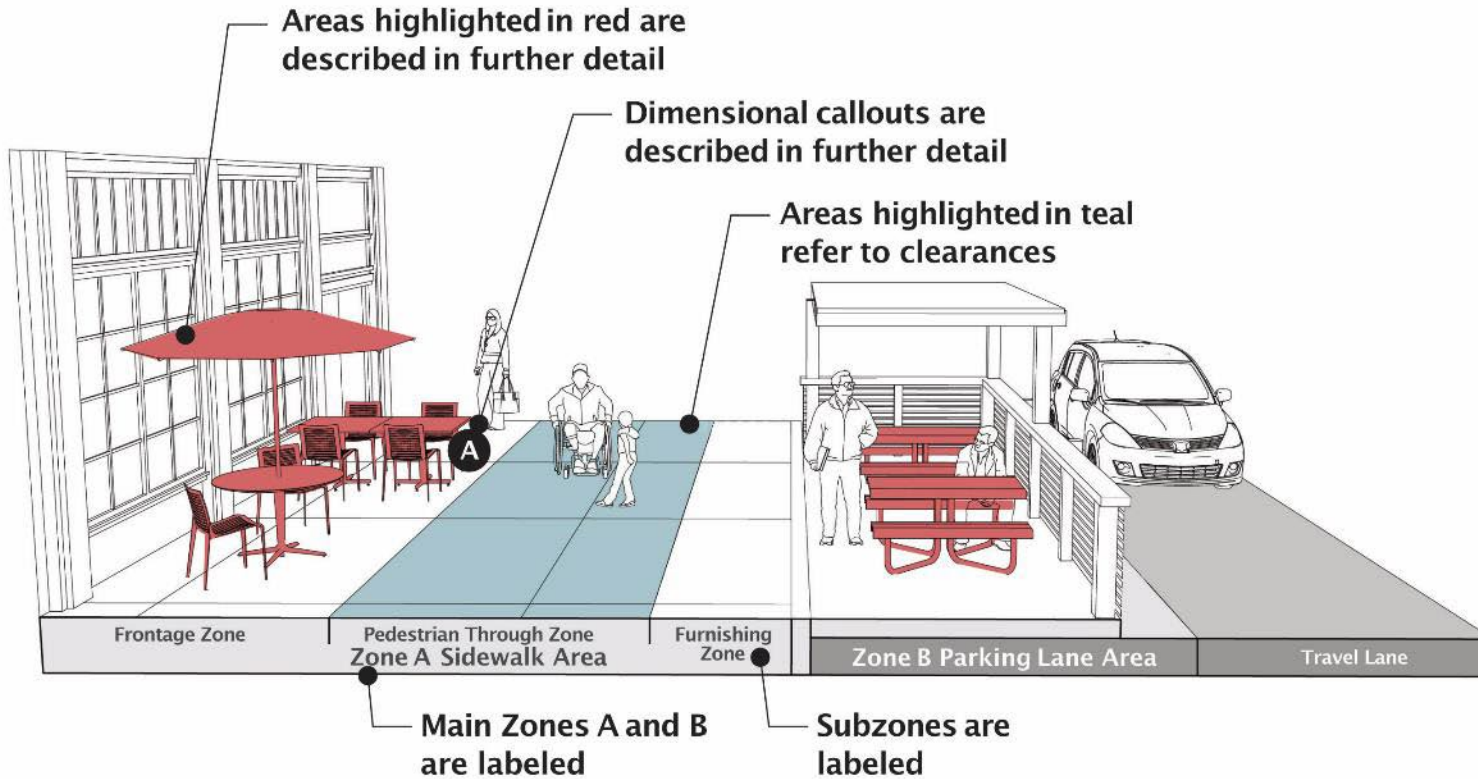
- Commissioner Brian McCarter (in-person)
- Vice-Chair Chandra Robinson (virtual)

Invited Testimony:

- Bryan Steelman, owner, ¿Por Qué No? Taquería
- Kurt Huffman, owner, ChefsTable
- Jessica Silverman, co-owner Grassa
- Jasper Shen, owner/chef XLB
- Jay Clark, Director, Public Affairs, Portland Metro Chamber

Using the Design Guidelines

Throughout the Design Guidelines, diagrams will help illustrate requirements and recommendations to obtain a Zone A or Zone B permit.



Required

Conditions required for a permit are listed under the “Required” headline.

Optional Features and Recommendations

Conditions recommended for a permit or optional features are listed under this headline.

PBOT Outdoor Dining Program Design Principles

Accessible for all

Design for maintenance

Keep it simple

Easily removed

The Design Guidelines include:

- Universal Guidelines for both Zone A and Zone B requirements
- Zone A requirements—Sidewalk Guidelines
- Zone B requirements—Street Guidelines
- Appendix with glossary, resources, and samples of applications and compliant designs (to be included in Final Design Guidelines package)



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