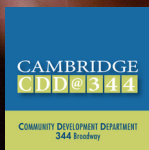


CAMBRIDGE URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES | SPRING 2021

OUTDOOR DINING | LOOKBOOK



Purpose

This lookbook contains many examples of outdoor dining established in 2020 during the Temporary Extension of Licensed Premises to Outdoor Area Due to Covid-19. Over 120 businesses have created or expanded outdoor dining areas under this program thus far.

During the ongoing state-declared emergency and for the following two months, the City of Cambridge will continue this program. On a permanent basis, the City will continue to look to encourage outdoor dining and successful, active, healthy streets under the auspices of Outdoor Seating in the Public Way and development review processes. The success of outdoor dining under Covid-19 may lead to future changes in these programs.

Businesses pursuing outdoor dining are encouraged to consult the lookbook for ideas on how to meet City requirements, common pitfalls establishments have encountered over the last year that should be avoided, and inspiration to establish a successful outdoor dining area.

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“Encourage active street life in Cambridge’s retail districts.”

GOAL IN ECONOMY SECTION OF ENVISION CAMBRIDGE,
THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Attractive
landscaping

Attractive,
sturdy metal
barrier that allows
visibility

Durable
outdoor
furniture

Protect tree well,
avoid placing tables in
unprotected tree wells

Clear sidewalk path,
8 feet minimum

730 Tavern



**VINCENT'S
CORNER GROCERY**
LUNCH DINNER GROCERIES
PATIO TAKEOUT DELIVERY
WINE BEER COCKTAILS

Ensure space for
queuing away from
dining area

Attractive, weather-
resistant furniture

Simple barriers and
landscaping

YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
GROCER
WITH
THE THINGS
YOU NEED
YOUR FRIENDS WERE JUST HERE ♥


Designate host and sanitation station

Incorporate safe lighting and landscaping

Accessible seating is required

Provide adequate spacing for diners and staff to meet physical distancing requirements and accessibility

6'



Umbrellas do not contain advertising and are secured with weighted bases

Tables and chairs may be acceptable without a barrier when no alcohol service is provided

Accessible ramp should be present if corral platform is not level

Landscaped planters can be part of a sturdy corral barrier

Ensure a clear pedestrian path and ensure outdoor dining is visible

Barriers comply with safety requirements

Furniture can be brought inside in inclement weather or when closed

Attractive landscaping and planters

6'

Provides social distance



Sidewalk barriers at minimum clear pedestrian path

Barrier using landscaped planters

Heaters spaced for safety

Level decking provides accessible flooring

Indoor furniture reused; can be brought inside while closed or inclement weather



Landscaping

Barrier required for
curbside corral

Bright outdoor
furniture - can be
brought inside when
not in use or left in
corral

Attractive,
simple set-up



Weather protection and appropriate distance provided by cubes

Attractive outdoor furniture

Planters provide additional security

Ensure lighting and structures are secure




Barriers not required by License Commission

Accessible seating required (not shown)

Attractive outdoor furniture


Maintain a clear pedestrian path



Landscaping and trellises help maintain social distancing

Umbrellas must be secured and weighted

Barriers can be painted and decorated




Electrical permit
required when cords
cross overhead;
require 10 feet

Landscaping as
barrier for closed
street

Elements can be
brought inside when
not in use

Attractive outdoor
furniture

Ensure a clear
pedestrian path
for closed street



Heaters spaced
for safety

Barriers should be
well anchored



Umbrellas
secured by tables
and base

Approval from
neighboring business
to extend outdoor
dining area to their
frontage

Appropriate plastic
barrier—maintains visibility
from sidewalk to dining

Sturdy outdoor
furniture

Felipe's

DAVIDsTEA

Avoid providing electrical service over the sidewalk

Barrier on sidewalk side blocks sightline to outdoor dining

Structure providing level flooring

Ensure umbrellas are well anchored and don't extend beyond the parking corral limits



Umbrellas anchored
and do not extend
beyond barrier

Attractive outdoor
furniture and
landscaped barrier

Safety barrier
deployed due to
high-traffic corner

Transparent
barrier on
sidewalk side

TOW ZONE
**NO
PARKING
LOADING ZONE
24 HOURS**
←

♥CVS
pharmacy
minute clinic



Sanitation station

Ensure barrier is well-anchored

Attractive outdoor furniture that can be stored inside when not in use

Umbrellas anchored at base and do not extend beyond dining area

HONG KONG RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 樓港

樓港香

NOW OPEN
FOR TAKEOUT
& DELIVERY!

12 - 8

Simple sidewalk
barrier—post and
chain—maximizes clear
sidewalk path

Attractive outdoor
furniture

Planters form
stable street barrier,
gaps linked with
chain

Umbrellas anchored
for safety

Simple barrier to divide
sidewalk path from parking
lot outdoor dining area

 **Kendall Pizza**
Subs • Salads • Dinners

SALADS

SUBS

Kendall Pizza



Attractive exterior
barrier

Well-spaced
tables

Extensive
landscaping

La Fabrica



Consult with ISD to determine safe lighting strategy, including permit. Wires must be 10 feet overhead from the sidewalk.

Sturdy parking corral enclosure

Sidewalk barrier allows for visible outdoor dining


Lamplighter



Umbrellas don't extend beyond dining area and are well-anchored

Bench seating provides exterior barrier

Clear access to crosswalk and main entrance

A photograph of an outdoor dining area on a city sidewalk. In the foreground, there are green umbrellas and planters with green foliage. A person is seated at a table. In the background, there are more tables, chairs, and a building with a sign that says "CAMBRIDGE COMMON". A yellow callout box points to the umbrellas. Another yellow callout box points to the outdoor furniture. A third yellow callout box points to a sandwich board sign. A fourth yellow callout box points to the planters. A black callout box points to the location.

Umbrellas anchored for safety—should not extend into clear sidewalk path

Attractive outdoor furniture, safe spacing of heaters

Planter barriers on perimeter provide sturdy buffer

Avoid sandwich board signs in the pedestrian path when constrained by outdoor dining

OPEN
for
Take-Outs
and
Deliveries



Lower Mass Ave (multiple)




Wide sidewalk setting can take advantage of outdoor dining against facade and weather protection from awning

Barrier should include at least two horizontal elements

Attractive outdoor furniture

Mead Hall




Avoid lighting or cords crossing the sidewalk, even elevated

Maintain clear pedestrian path

Reuse of indoor furniture is acceptable on short term, provided it is brought inside when closed or inclement weather

Barrier should include at least two horizontal elements when post and chain style



Parking lot outdoor dining can offer more opportunity for safe tents, lighting, and fans

Landscaped barrier

Picnic tables help provide social distancing



Landscaping and
attractive lighting

Tables placed for
social distancing

Level,
accessible
flooring

Sturdy perimeter
barrier on three sides
of parking corral

Pammy's



Outdoor dining positioned to protect trees

Major structural canopy is part of permanent design

Appropriate furnishings and umbrellas

Landscaped barrier

State Park




Accessible table

Attractive outdoor
furniture

Landscaped planters
as sidewalk barrier

Sulmona

A photograph of an outdoor dining area at 'The Abbey' restaurant. The patio is enclosed by a wooden lattice fence and a dark metal barrier. Several tables and chairs are set up, with large beige umbrellas and tall silver heaters providing shade and warmth. People are seated at the tables, some wearing masks. A sidewalk and parking area are visible outside the barrier.

Height limited
to 48 inches

Sturdy outdoor
furniture,
appropriate
umbrellas, safely
spaced heaters

Sidewalk and parking
corral combined into
single outdoor dining
area

Sturdy attractive
perimeter barrier

Sidewalk barrier
provides visibility from
the pedestrian path

Notable Curbside Corral Examples from Other Communities

The following images of outdoor dining in New York City, Boston, and other communities during Covid-19 are provided to offer additional inspiration.



Attractive barrier
that does not impede
sightlines, incorporates
landscaping

Avoid umbrellas that
cannot be secured or
removed in inclement
weather

Durable outdoor
furniture, variety of
styles



NEGRIL BK

Attractive outdoor furniture and anchored umbrellas

Corral includes metal-framed awning, lighting

Curbside corral design utilizes bench and table seating integrated into barrier

NEGRIL BK

Signage integrated into barrier

Planters as corral barrier

NEGRIL BK

Corral utilizes open source design
<https://dineout-nyc.org>



Awning integrates signage, sufficient opening between barrier and canopy to provide sightlines

Parking corral structure through open source designs:
<https://dineout-nyc.org>

Mix of fixed bench and movable chair seating

Landscape planter as barrier

Ensure level access and flooring

