



DOWNTOWN ANOKA OUTDOOR SIDEWALK SEATING TEMPORARY SIDEWALK PLATFORM POLICY

I. Purpose & Goals

Temporary Sidewalk Platforms are allowed only in conjunction with an Outdoor Sidewalk Seating Permit for food and/or drink businesses, which provide multiple benefits to the City. The Goals of the Downtown Sidewalk Seating Temporary Sidewalk Platform Policy are as follows:

- A. Support Local Business** - Outdoor seating attracts the attention of pedestrians and increases their stay. Not only does outdoor seating promote the adjacent business, but increases other businesses' visibility when customers choose to be seated outside.
- B. Continue City's Shopping/Entertainment Culture** - It fosters a creative and innovative spirit that furthers the identity of the area as a shopping and entertainment destination.
- C. Encourage Human Interaction** - The aesthetically pleasing and nontraditional setting provides an additional option where pedestrians can relax, enjoy, and interact with their fellow community members.
- D. Create Public Space/Sidewalk Area** - By repurposing City on-street parking spaces to expand outdoor seating, it addresses the need for additional sidewalk space where space is currently limited. It promotes and reinvents new views on the streetscape.
- E. Encourage walking** - Outdoor seating encourages more pedestrian activity by livening up the street, creating more things to look at, and making the businesses appear more active.

II. SITE LOCATION SPECIFICATIONS:

- A.** Temporary Sidewalk Platforms are limited to food and/or drink businesses along Jackson Street between 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue, along 2nd Avenue between Jackson Street and East Main Street, and along the east side of 1st Avenue between Jackson Street and East Main Street. Businesses must have building frontage on Jackson Street, the east side of 1st Avenue, or 2nd Avenue.
- B.** Temporary Sidewalk Platforms are limited to food and/or drink businesses along 2nd Avenue between East Main Street and Monroe Street. Businesses must have building frontage on 2nd Avenue south of East Main Street.
- C.** Placement of Temporary Sidewalk Platforms shall be limited to the public parking stall area abutting the frontage of the business to which they are associated.
- D.** Temporary Sidewalk Platforms may not block parking lot access, sidewalk curb cut, or alley access.

- E. Temporary Sidewalk Platforms must not block site lines at intersections as determined by the City.
- F. The City maintains the right to review and make final determination as to the location of each Temporary Sidewalk Platform based on the unique circumstances related to each business and location.

III. **DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS:**

- A. The structure shall be constructed of metal and/or composite material or other weather resistant, durable, high quality material.
- B. Design consideration must be compatible with the historic architectural influence of ~~Downtown Anoka~~. Final materials, color, and design will be approved by the City.
- C. Annual/perennial flowers and plants shall be incorporated into the plan to enhance the streetscape aesthetics as part of the overall design through the use of planters and flower boxes.
- D. No commercial signage may be placed on the railings of the Temporary Sidewalk Platform.
- E. Reflective bollards or strips must be located at either end of any portion of the structure located within the right-of-way.
- F. A decorative barrier or railing between 32 and 42 inches in height is required on both sides of the Temporary Sidewalk Platform.
- G. Temporary Sidewalk Platforms must meet ADA (American Disability Act) requirements. A 5 foot clear walkway must be maintained at all times along with appropriate turning radius at corners as determined by the City.
- H. Maximum length of the Temporary Sidewalk Platform shall not exceed the length of the frontage of the business to which it is associated.
- I. Maximum width of the Temporary Sidewalk Platform shall not exceed 8 feet extending outward from the face of the curb towards the street.
- J. Maximum height of the Temporary Sidewalk Platform surface must be level with the existing sidewalk surface within 1/4 inch, unless otherwise determined by the City.
- K. Maximum distance between the Temporary Sidewalk Platform structure and the face of the curb shall be no less 1/4 inch, unless otherwise determined by the City.
- L. Maximum distance between boards making up the Temporary Sidewalk Platform surface shall be spaced no less 1/4 inch apart, unless otherwise determined by the City.
- M. The Temporary Sidewalk Platform may not impede water flow and drainage. The Temporary Sidewalk Platform must be designed to allow water to flow along the curb line.

IV. MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATIONS

- A. The Temporary Sidewalk Platform shall be moveable, washable, constructed of high quality material, and maintained in a safe condition.
- B. The Temporary Sidewalk Platform must be free of cigarette butts and debris at all times.
- C. Temporary Sidewalk Platforms may be placed May 1st and removed no later than November 1st or as weather permits as determined by the City.

V. APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

The Applicant may submit an application for a Temporary Sidewalk Platform only in conjunction with an Outdoor Sidewalk Seating Permit. The Application process shall follow requirements of **CHAPTER 50. STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES ARTICLE IX. Outdoor Seating Areas On Public Sidewalks of the City Code.**

- A. Application is submitted to City and reviewed by:
 - 1. Community Development Department; and
 - 2. Public Services Department
- B. A permit is administratively approved subject to the conditions as approved in this document. Any significant changes to these conditions will require review and approval by the City Council. The City does have authority to bring an application to the City Council for review and final approval.
- C. During the review process the City has the right to request additional information, material samples, color samples or other related documentation when considering a permit
- D. Field inspections and final approval of the Temporary Sidewalk Platform will be conducted by the Community Development Department and Public Services Department.

VI. Application Fee

A permit fee shall be charged as determined by the City Council.

Policy History

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