



REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES FOR EXPANDING BUSINESS ACTIVITY INTO PARKING LOTS, PARKING SPACES AND STREETS

The City of Salida desires to work with businesses throughout our community to pivot towards operating with safe and healthy best practices during our fight with Covid-19. On Tuesday, May 4th, the Salida City Council approved Resolution 2021-14, which directed City staff to facilitate the expansion of outdoor dining and retail spaces into parking lots, parking spaces, and even public streets.

In order to proceed with expansion, there are a few rules that businesses must apply as part of an application process:

For Restaurants and Bars with a Liquor License

LED Temporary Modification of Premises (MOP) obtained last year are still valid. Any bar or restaurant without an MOP from last year wanting to expand their existing licensed premise into parking lots or streets must apply for a Modification of Premise (MOP) with both the City of Salida as well as the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division (LED). These MOP applications are being reviewed concurrently by both the City and the LED. Application forms can be found at:

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/DR%208442_e_wo_2.pdf

There is a \$150 processing fee payable to the State of Colorado. There is no fee for the City of Salida. Businesses with an approved liquor license may sell to-go beverages that are not to be consumed in public areas.

Private Parking Lots

A maximum of fifty percent (50%) or half of existing private parking lots may be utilized for a restaurant patio extension for a currently-permitted restaurant, subject to the written approval of the owner of the parking lot.

Public Sidewalks

A clear travel path of five feet (5') in width and meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible path requirements must be maintained and is subject to a revocable license agreement approved by the City. The business owner must provide the City an ADA plan if they wish to close or alter a sidewalk space.

Public Streets

Expansion into public streets and rights-of-way shall be at the sole discretion of the City, subject to any additional terms deemed necessary. Use of public streets shall only occur where streets are restricted to pedestrian traffic only for an entire block. The City will pre-determine four (4) areas, two (2) on each block, as sites for a City-installed pergola with seating. The City will work

with adjacent business owners to minimize encroachment into outdoor space being utilized by that business.

A clear travel path of six feet (6') in width must be maintained along the center of the street, three feet (3') on each side of the street centerline. In addition, immovable objects such as patios, planter boxes, boulders, and similar shall be at least five feet (5') from the centerline. The City will put up metal fencing or other temporary means to delineate between the business expansion space and the six-foot clear travel path. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters and similar devices must be walked or carried in any area where vehicle traffic is not allowed. In addition to no physical objects, no performance will be allowed to encroach into this travel path.

The remaining area, extending from the curb to within three feet (3') from the centerline of the public street, at a width equal to the street frontage of the individual physical business, shall be available for expansion by that individual business. A business must have a plan for security (including overnight), trash maintenance and removal, and rehabilitation for any damage or mess that may occur.

Public Parking Spaces

For businesses in the Downtown C-2 district on streets that are not closed to vehicle traffic, the use of the existing public parking spaces adjacent to and in front of the business may be used with the exception of State Highway right-of-way (similar to the City's existing program for patio spaces). In order to use public parking spaces, the business must complete the TOE application with required attachments. In addition, the business must provide a safety plan for patrons utilizing this space, including barriers and fencing, protection from vehicles by physical means, security (including overnight), trash maintenance and removal, and rehabilitation for any damage or mess that may occur due to business activity. The City may have barriers and fencing available for the business if needed.

Temporary Structures and Fences

Any proposed structure or fence shall be secured utilizing weights. Anchors involving drilling or fastening to the roadway infrastructure shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

- Small Tents (<400 s.f.): Small tents of 400 square feet or less are permitted on a temporary basis. Where tents are proposed, the City encourages the use of tents having a total area of 400 square feet or less to streamline review and approval.
- Large Tents (>400 s.f.): Tents that are larger than 400 square feet are subject to additional building and fire code requirements, greater submittal requirements, and a review process that is more extensive than that used for small tents less than 400 square feet in area.
- Temporary Fences: Fences of a temporary nature with a maximum height of six feet (6') may be installed in connection with a patio extension, subject to the written approval of the property owner. All fencing, if installed, shall meet building and fire code access requirements, including for egress.

Temporary Lighting

Lighting of a temporary nature may be permitted in connection with a patio extension, subject to City approval and in compliance with the Salida Municipal Code's dark sky provisions.

Hours of Operation

Temporary patio extensions and all activities authorized under this Resolution are required to close or cease by 10:00 p.m.

Music, Performance Art, and Outdoor Entertainment

Businesses may host live performances including but not limited to musicians, artists, buskers, and speakers as well as outdoor games and entertainment outside of their business. A business must obtain an amplified sound permit from the City for any amplified sound over 65 dB. In no case can the activity or performance area, or audience, encroach upon the six-foot (6') clear travel path down the center of the street, the five-foot (5') clear travel path required on the sidewalks, or any ADA designated paths or appurtenances.

Required Approval and Permits:

In order to take advantage of this program, the business owner will have to use the Administrative Review of Temporary Outdoor Expansion application form and provide the City with the following:

- Applicants must file a signed Revocable License for Use of Public Right Of Way or Public Place.
- A conceptual site plan of the proposed expansion area showing existing and proposed features, such as buildings, fences, roads, alleys, sidewalks and parking lots which are relevant to the application. The business must provide the City an ADA accessibility plan for their space.
- For Businesses with an Approved Liquor License: In addition to the conceptual site plan, the plan must include information related to access to and egress from the patio by both patrons and staff; a layout of tables, chairs, and serving stations; spacing required for social distancing; and sanitation plans and programs.

For Food Trucks and Mobile Vendors

Food trucks, food carts, and other similar mobile vendors are currently not allowed to use expansion areas into the public street at businesses that do not currently serve food. Food trucks and other similar Temporary Commercial Activities on private property are permissible with Administrative Review, per Section 6-2-10(b) of the Salida Municipal Code.

These measures are subject to change at the sole discretion of the City of Salida and may be terminated at any time.