



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
OUTDOOR DINING & SEATING

City of Murrieta – Development Services Department
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Information
Bulletin

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This information bulleting, along with Technical Detail TD-210, provide standards for the location and appearance of outdoor dining and/or seating areas in the City.

I. INTENT

The intent of these standards is to maintain a quality and consistent appearance of outdoor seating areas in keeping with existing Development Code standards.

These guidelines are intended to save time and expense by pre-establishing standards that must be followed for all outdoor dining set-ups.

The City encourages the use of outdoor dining and seating areas, provided that business operators are mindful of two important considerations:

- A. The safety and flow of pedestrian traffic.
- B. The visual appearance of the outdoor dining and/or seating areas.

These design guidelines are also intended to ensure that outdoor dining / seating is done in a way that is both safe for pedestrians and appropriate for the surroundings.

II. APPLICATION PROCESS

Outdoor seating may be allowed on private property as an accessory use associated with a legally approved eating and/or drinking business.

If the proposed outdoor seating complies with the identified standards and regulations, the use can be allowed with a Development Permit, approved at the staff level.

Larger outdoor areas (more than 8 seats) which may significantly intensify the restaurant use, change the exterior of the building, or otherwise not comply with the identified standards, are referred to the Administrative Hearing Officer for decision as a Minor Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Floor Plan

A plan showing the layout of the indoor business space, the proposed outdoor dining/seating area with appropriate setbacks indicated. Must identify center name, business name and street address

**Documents Referenced in this
Information Bulletin**

- Outdoor Dining Standards, [TD-210](#)
- Murrieta Municipal Code, [§16.44.120.C](#)

B. Site Plan & Vicinity Map

A drawing showing the location of the restaurant/business within the entire shopping center. The center name and surrounding streets should be noted. Plans must identify if landscaping is removed or modified as part of proposal.

C. Hold Harmless Agreement

Only for dining / seating areas immediately adjacent to the public right-of-way. In these cases, a Hold Harmless Agreement shall be recorded releasing the City from any liability related to the outdoor dining/seating area.

D. Submittal Requirements

All proposed outdoor dining areas require a Development Plan application or a Minor Conditional Use Permit. For dining areas requiring CUP approval, please refer to the Conditional Use Permit Submittal Requirements handout for additional items.

E. Processing Fee

- Development Plan-Minor (\$672)
- Development Plan-Minor SC (\$1,200)
- Minor Conditional Use Permit (\$3,855+noticing fees)