



Which types of businesses can apply?

Answer: Restaurants, bars and retail shop owners may apply for a permit.

How does the process work?

Business owners begin by filling out the online application. City staff will review the application and if the necessary criteria is met, will schedule an on-site meeting at the business' location. If the onsite inspection is approved, the City will issue a permit to utilize the adjacent outdoor space.

Is there a cost?

No, there is no cost to obtain a permit or participate in this program. Businesses which currently have a sidewalk café permit may contact Anne Chandler at 268-4418 to be reimbursed for any payments between August 1, 2020 through August 1, 2021.

If approved, how much space can I use outside my business?

Generally, the area in front of the business between the street and the business, while maintaining pedestrian access through the area free from any obstruction. Each individual business will be provided with specific requirements related to their location?

Does the City allow businesses to keep tables, chairs etc. outdoors when the business is closed?

No. Items (tables, chairs, etc.) must be removed from the permitted area when business is closed.

Does the City require restaurant owners to use a specific type of tables and chairs?

All items must be maintained in a state of good repair and shall be secured to the ground or be of such design that they are not prone to being disturbed by the wind.

When will the permit expire?

All permits will expire on August 1, 2021. The Wichita City Council may choose to extend or adapt the program. Check back for details as they become available.

Can I serve alcohol in the permitted areas?

Alcohol will be allowed in the off-street private parking and public right-of-way adjacent to the building if the business possesses the appropriate licensure with Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). However, no alcohol will be allowed in the street, including on-street parking, unless the business possesses the appropriate licensure for such and the entire roadway is closed to traffic, which requires special review and approval by the City.

ABC form: <https://www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/abc816.pdf>

Alcohol Beverage Control Express website: <https://www.ksrevenue.org/abcindex.html>

Does this permit override any County or State mandates?

No. All restrictions in place by Sedgwick County or the State of Kansas remain in effect. The permit can only be used if it does not violate any City, County or State restrictions.