

OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM

Creating accessible and vibrant outdoor dining options in Chicago

Chicago's Outdoor Dining Program reimagines outdoor dining spaces across the city. The program supports Chicago's hospitality and food industries by fostering the creation of inviting outdoor dining spaces.

The program is administered by the Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and the Chicago Department of Transportation. This multi-department collaboration creates outdoor dining options that add to the character of a neighborhood.

OUTDOOR DINING TYPES

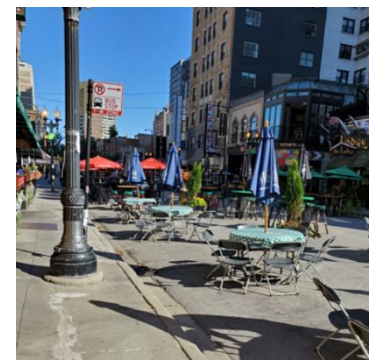
SIDEWALK CAFE



CURB LANE CLOSURE



FULL STREET CLOSURE



SIDEWALK CAFE

The sidewalk café permit allows brick-and-mortar retail food establishments and tavern licensees to place tables and chairs on the sidewalk to serve patrons directly in front of or adjacent to their establishment.

Permit-Issuing Department: *Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection*

CURB LANE CLOSURE

Curb lane closures allow brick-and-mortar retail food establishments and tavern licensees to place tables and chairs in the portion of a street between the sidewalk and the first lane of traffic, otherwise known as the curb lane, in order to serve patrons.

Permit-Issuing Department: *Chicago Department of Transportation*

FULL STREET CLOSURE

Full street closures allow brick-and-mortar retail food establishments and tavern licensees to fully close a street to motorized vehicular traffic and place tables and chairs in the closed street to serve patrons.

Permit-Issuing Department: *Chicago Department of Transportation*

Visit [Chicago.gov/OutdoorDining](https://www.chicago.gov/OutdoorDining) for complete details and eligibility.