The City of Atascadero supports outdoor dining opportunities on sidewalks adjacent to existing restaurants or other food or beverages businesses. The outdoor seating permit is meant to increase opportunities for outdoor dining on public and private property including the placement of chairs, tables, umbrellas, bar counters, and barriers to be placed outside of the business on public or private property.

There are 3 types of outdoor seating permits:

1. **Long Term** outdoor seating area within a public way (sidewalk, etc.)
2. **Short Term** outdoor seating on public property with movable tables, chairs, and barriers valid until July 2021
3. **Short Term** outdoor seating on private property valid until July 2021

### How to Apply?

An application for an Outdoor Seating permit can be made at Atascadero City Hall, 6500 Palma Ave. If you are proposing area within the public right-of-way, you will also be issued an encroachment permit.

**General Application Requirements:**

- A site plan showing dimensions of the area proposed for seating; the proposed number and location of tables, chairs, and other furniture; and all sidewalk obstructions within the vicinity. At least one table will need to meet ADA standards.
- If barrier fencing or railings are proposed or required by the ABC or the City, details of the barrier design, size, location, materials, and color.
- Signed consent of adjacent property owner.
- Proof of liability insurance.

### COVID-19 temporary outdoor seating incentives:

- Temporary outdoor dining is allowed until July 2021.
- While the space must be delineated and controlled if serving alcohol, no barrier structure is required by the City of Atascadero.
- The City is committed to reducing review time for temporary outdoor dining. Most applications can be issued within 2 business days of submittal of a complete application.
- City staff is available to meet on-site to discuss options and requirements unique to your location.
- For questions, inquiries, or to schedule an on-site meeting, please call (805) 461-5000.

**Please note that all sidewalk seating within the public sidewalk is subject to removal at any time at the request of the City or any utility company.**
Outdoor Seating Expansion

Long Term Outdoor Seating: Permanent Barrier on Public Property

Guidelines:
- Tables shall be typically located against the building. The City Engineer may approve tables and chairs at the curbside where street parking is prohibited or upon other special circumstances.
- A clear pedestrian path of travel of 6 feet minimum is required. This width may be increased or decreased by the City Engineer dependent on site specific conditions including any existing obstructions.
- The applicant shall maintain $1,000,000 General Liability insurance policy naming the City of Atascadero as an Additional Insured.
- All barriers shall be a black metal framed transparent design and bolted to the sidewalk (see below example images)
- All sidewalk components shall be easily removable.
- Building entrances and utilities must be unobstructed.

Movable Outdoor Seating & Barriers: Public sidewalk

Temporary outdoor seating will be permitted until July 2021. This may be extended if full reopening has not occurred.

Guidelines:
- Tables shall be typically located against the building.
- All tables, chairs, and barriers shall be removed daily at the close of business.
- A clear pedestrian path of travel of 4 feet minimum is required. This width may be increased or decreased by the City Engineer dependent on site specific conditions including.
- The applicant shall maintain $1,000,000 General Liability insurance policy naming the City of Atascadero as an Additional Insured.
- Building entrances and utilities must be unobstructed.

Short Term Outdoor Seating: Private Property (not previously approved for seating)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is allowing for a reduction in parking standards to provide for the expansion of dining into parking spaces in private parking lots.
Temporary outdoor seating will be permitted for until July 2021. This may be extended if full reopening has not occurred.

Guidelines:
- An accessible path must be provided from the building to the temporary eating area. Applicants are encouraged to designate spaces adjacent to existing ramps.
- All components shall be easily removable.
- Building entrances and utilities must be unobstructed.
- ADA spaces may not be used for outdoor dining space unless otherwise approved by the Building Official.