

# City of Santa Barbara PARKLET GUIDELINES

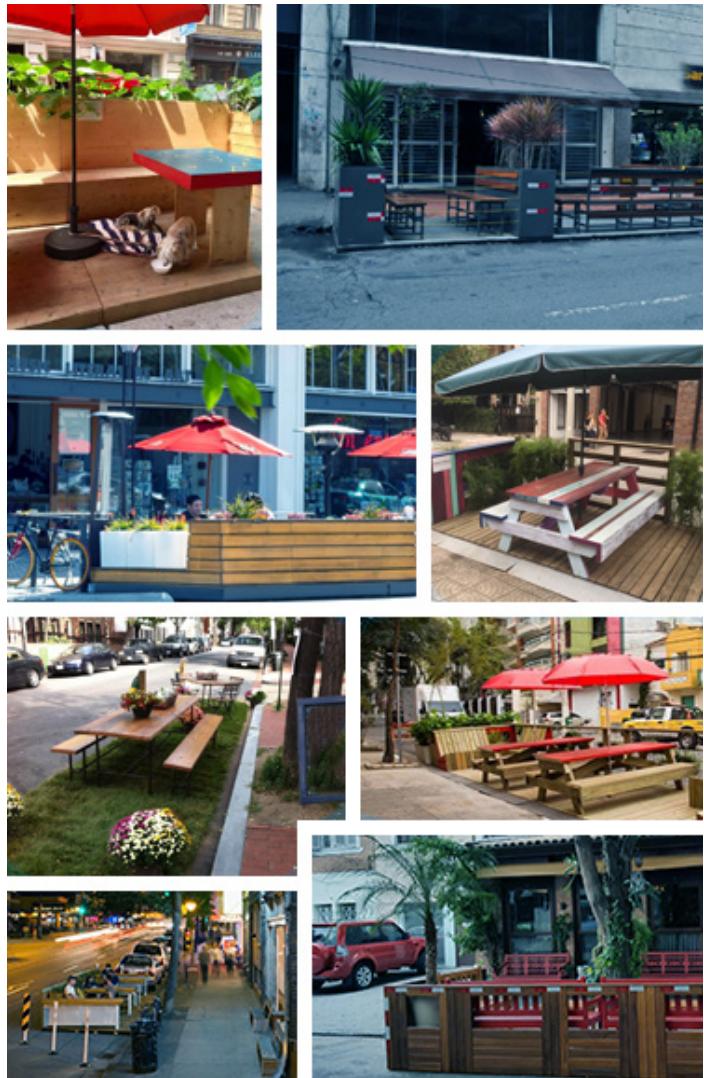
## What is a parklet?

A parklet is an innovative way to add (physically distant!) gathering space to public streets. Built and maintained by neighboring businesses, parklets are located in the parking lane adjacent to the curb and designed as an extension to the sidewalk.

## Site selection

Any food service business permitted to operate under State and local public health directives may create a parklet, provided the location meets the following criteria:

	ALLOWED	CONTACT CITY FOR GUIDANCE	PROHIBITED
<b>Parking lane at least 7 feet wide</b>	X		
<b>Unrestricted (grey) parking zones</b>	X		
<b>Red (no parking) zones</b>			X
<b>Blue (disabled parking) zones</b>			X
<b>Yellow (loading) zones</b>		X	
<b>White (passenger loading) zones</b>		X	
<b>Green (time-limited parking) zones</b>	X		
<b>Bike lanes</b>			X
<b>Travel lanes</b>			X
<b>Roadways with more than one travel lane per direction</b>		X	
<b>Roadway with speed limit <math>\leq</math> 25 mph</b>	X		
<b>Roadway with speed limit <math>&gt;</math> 25 mph</b>		X	
<b>Public parking lots</b>		X	
<b>Within 40 feet of a bus stop</b>			X



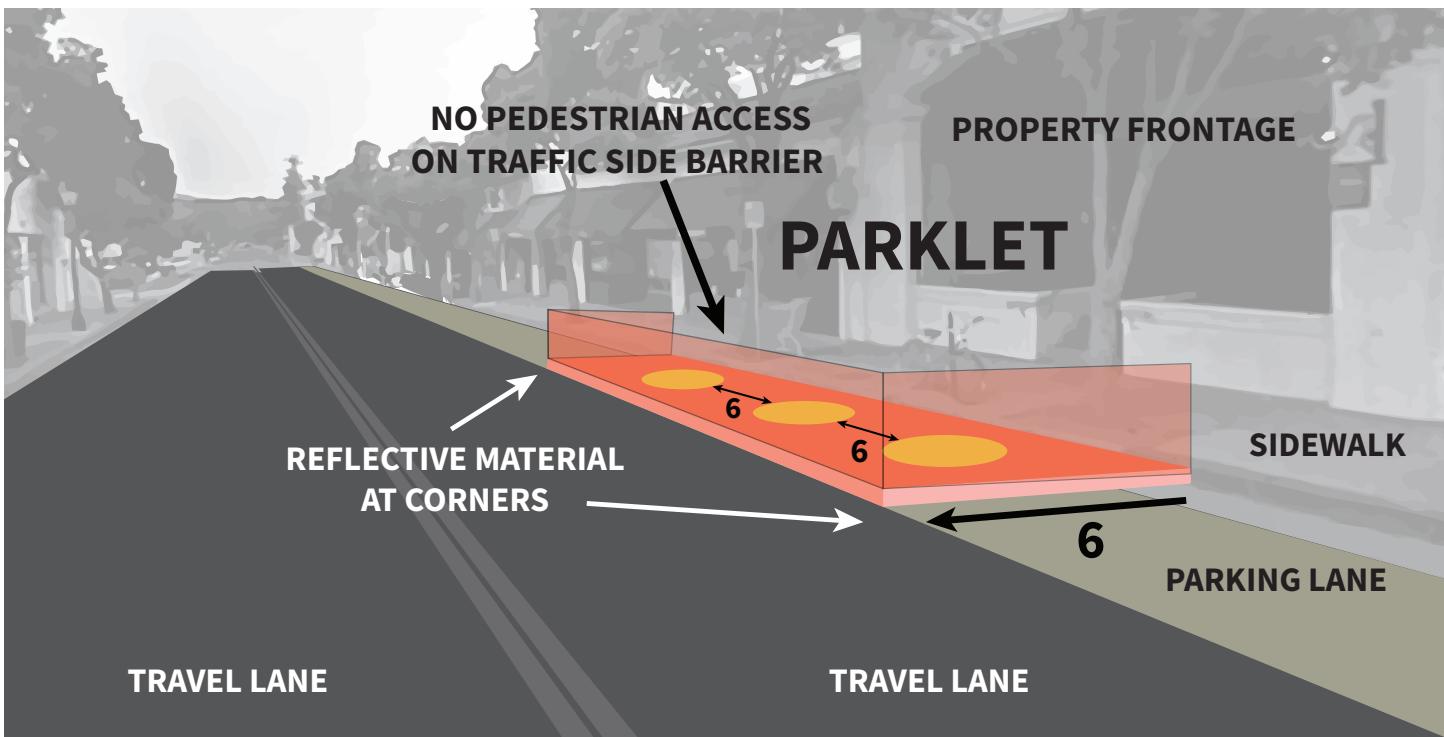
*The novel coronavirus pandemic has caused unprecedented disruption in our community and created significant challenges for businesses required to close for indoor dining and reduce their services to take out and delivery. As of May 21, 2020, City of Santa Barbara food service businesses can reopen with limited indoor dining service. The City invites businesses who wish to operate safely under public health restrictions to create temporary outdoor dining areas, known as parklets, in curbside, on-street parking spaces. Parklets provide food service businesses with additional outdoor seating capacity while maintaining physical distancing requirements. Under later phases of reopening, parklets may no longer be necessary and may be discontinued.*

*For more information about public health directives for reopening businesses, please review the County's [Reopening in a Safe Environment \(RISE\) guide](#): [recoverysbc.org/the-rise-guide](http://recoverysbc.org/the-rise-guide) and the State's [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Dine-In Restaurants](#) at [covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf](http://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf).*

*Note: Additional steps are required prior to reopening. Please follow the instructions in the RISE guide and submit the [Business Attestation Form](#) and the [Industry Checklist](#). These forms are required for ALL businesses, even if you have already been open and operating.*

*If you have questions or need additional guidance, please send an email to [OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).*





## Parklet specifications

### SIZE

Parklets are a maximum of 6 feet wide and may extend the length of a business's property frontage. Please work closely with your neighbors if you plan to construct a parklet. Adjacent businesses may collaborate to create joint parklets!

### CONFIGURATION

Each parklet must be surrounded on the three street-adjacent sides with a barrier to establish the boundaries of the parklet. The barrier on the traffic side should not allow pedestrians to pass through directly into traffic. Contact the City if your parklet is near a driveway or intersection so critical sight lines can be maintained. Tables and seating in the parklet must be spaced at least six feet apart to maintain physical distance. If a neighboring business also has a parklet, please work with them to ensure your tables are at least six feet apart.

Parklets must have reflective materials at each corner, at a minimum, to ensure nighttime visibility.

Parklets are not required to have platforms or match the sidewalk grade. However, parklets cannot obstruct public utilities or interfere with drainage or storm drains.

Portable heaters and lighting are permitted, however, please ensure proper clearance to trees, awnings, and umbrellas to avoid fire hazards. Heaters and lighting

must be self-contained, with no wires or other trip hazards in the sidewalk.

Parklets must be easily removed, and may not cause any permanent changes or damage to the right-of-way; all fixtures must be temporary.

### MATERIALS

Be creative! A variety of materials may be used to construct parklets. Here are some examples:

EXAMPLE BARRIER MATERIALS	EXAMPLE SURFACE MATERIALS
Wood	Wood
Planters	Artificial turf
Railings	Temporary cornstarch paint
Ropes	Chalk
K-rail/Jersey barriers	
Hay bales	
Fencing	

### PARKLETS ARE TEMPORARY

The City of Santa Barbara reserves the right to remove parklets and clear the right-of-way at its sole discretion. **No pre-approval of a parklet is necessary, but once the parklet following the above guidelines is completed, take photos from different angles and send to [OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov) with the business address in the subject.**