

McKinney COVID-19 Parklet Program Draft Guidelines

The City of McKinney is currently drafting an ordinance amendment that would allow for the closure of on-street parking spaces in Downtown McKinney for business uses, like outdoor dining in front of the business requesting use. This program would be available from enactment of an approving ordinance through expiration of COVID-19 emergency orders, unless extended by the City Council.

Parameters

1. Pilot program only available to businesses that do not front onto the Courthouse Square.
2. Written support from immediately adjacent businesses required.
3. Limited to 2 spaces every 250 linear feet (Consideration given to additional if supported by neighbors).
4. Preferred size of 2 spaces per parklet (1 space may be considered for Pilot Program)
5. Parklet must be located directly in front of business.
6. Preferred location: end of any parking lane (corner or bump out) rather than on the interior of a block.
7. Business must provide required insurance coverage with City named as an Additional Insured and provided a waiver of subrogation.
8. Cannot be in front of fire hydrant.
9. Cannot be located in a handicap accessible parking space or a designated loading zone space.
10. Cannot be on parking space with storm drain.
11. ADA seating and accessibility requirements in the parklet must be met.
12. Alcohol service in Parklet must meet TABC requirements with proof of TABC permitting, City permitting, and liquor liability insurance in favor of City.

Required Elements

- ADA-compliant platform flush (at grade) with sidewalk
- Decorative barrier element on all sides – 30” to 36” in height.
- 2’ clear zone on all sides
- Traffic barriers: approved curb stops or temporary bollards
- Portable fire extinguisher

Optional

- Site Furniture
- Planters
- Heaters that comply with current Fire Code requirements (only during business operating hours)
- Overhead Lighting situated within parklet (additional review/permitting may be required)
- Signage
- Umbrellas
- Lighting, if appropriately placed

Not Permitted

- Tents or Canopies
- Portable generators