

# How to Obtain a Temporary Use of Land Permit for Restaurant Outdoor Seating due to COVID-19

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Temporary uses include activities, events or signs, which occur on an intermittent basis or for a specific period of time. Temporary uses are not intended to become permanent.

## **Is a Permit Required for a Temporary Use?**

Yes. A Temporary Use of Land Permit is required for all temporary uses unless a Land Use process is otherwise required for a permanent outdoor seating area. An application fee is required.

*Obtain an application from:*

City of Salinas  
Community Development Department  
65 West Alisal Street,  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Or  
[www.ci.salinas.ca.us](http://www.ci.salinas.ca.us)

## **What is the Maximum Duration of a Temporary Use for Outdoor Seating?**

The length of time that temporary use may be allowed is 180 days.

## **Can an Extension of Time be Granted for a Temporary Use?**

The City Planner may find that special circumstances warrant an extension of time. In such cases, the City Planner may consider an extension for one additional increment of time.

## **Are there Limitations on Outdoor Seating Areas?**

Yes. Temporary outdoor seating areas shall only be permitted for established restaurant uses. Temporary structures and uses shall conform to the structural strength, fire safety, means of egress, accessibility, light, ventilation and sanitary requirements of this code as necessary to ensure public health, safety and general welfare. Seating areas in parking areas shall be separated from vehicular traffic with physical barriers.

Identify the furniture, trash receptacles with lids and other amenities on Site Plan. If serving alcohol in outdoor seating area, need to provide written approval from ABC with submittal of application. Barriers for alcohol service are required.

## **Are Temporary Signs Allowed?**

Temporary signs may be considered including, but not limited to banners, flags, decorations and other advertising devices provided the total temporary and permanent sign area does not exceed 150 percent of the permitted permanent sign area. Temporary signs may not create safety hazards or block signs identifying adjoining establishments.

## **Are any other Permits Required for a Temporary Use?**

For Temporary Uses located on public property, please contact the Public Works Department at (831) 758-7241 for further information.

## **How to Obtain More Information**

For further information regarding a Temporary Use of Land Permit, please contact the Community Development Department at 758-7206, by e-mail at [currplanwebmail@ci.salinas.ca.us](mailto:currplanwebmail@ci.salinas.ca.us).

## **Related Information Bulletins**

| Information Bulletin | Description                |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 8                    | Standard Permit Conditions |
| 14                   | Fee Schedule               |

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