



STREATERY WINTER READY

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Streatery Winter Ready Grant Program

The onset of COVID-19 was swift and unpredictable, severely impacting DC's nightlife industry. Phase One of reopening in the District allowed restaurants and other food retailers to offer outdoor dining, while indoor dining remained prohibited until June 22, 2020, the start of Phase Two. Due to the reduced capacity of indoor dining space, under the leadership of Mayor Muriel Bowser, District agencies collaborated to create guidelines for new and expanded outdoor seating to allow for businesses to reimagine their outdoor operations. As of September 25, 2020, the District approved 624 temporary outdoor dining permits (Streateries/Parklets), including 497 restaurants with new or expanded outdoor dining on public space, 20 retailers, 5 plazas, and 4 alleys. The District currently has 435 Summer Gardens.



The poster features a background image of an outdoor dining area with blue umbrellas and tables. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background. The main title 'STREATERY WINTER READY GRANT PROGRAM' is in large white and green letters. A callout box on the left says 'Application period begins September 21, 2020'. The main text describes the grant amount and eligible retailers. At the bottom, there are logos for DCHOPE, DMPED, and the Mayor's Office.

Application period begins **September 21, 2020**

STREATERY WINTER READY GRANT PROGRAM

The Mayor's Office of Nightlife & Culture will provide grant recipients **\$6,000** to assist with winterizing their outdoor dining spaces. The utilization of funds can include, but will not be limited to tents, heaters, propane, lighting, furniture, etc.

Eligible food retailers & non-food retailers must have at least one of the following:

- An active Sidewalk Cafe Permit
- A Temporary Sidewalk Cafe Permit (also known as a Streatery)
- An ABRA Summer Garden or Sidewalk Cafe Endorsement

Apply at coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business

Please submit questions to nightlife@dc.gov #DCHOPE    MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

The Mayor's Office of Nightlife & Culture (MONC), along with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), will provide grant recipients with \$6,000 to purchase winterization materials such as tents, heaters, propane, lighting, furniture, advertising cost, and more. The funds will be available to both food retailers/restaurants and non-food retailers that have an active Sidewalk Cafe Permit (public space), Temporary Sidewalk Cafe Permit (also known as a Streatery or Parklet), or an Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) Summer Garden (private space) or Sidewalk Cafe Endorsement. The Streatery Winter Grant Program will help businesses defray outdoor dining winterization costs during what remains a very challenging time for small businesses.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business>

BUSINESS RELIEF

Insurance Coverage For Outdoor Dining

On Monday, September 21, 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced that the District's current insurance requirements for Sidewalk Cafes, Streateries, and Parklets will be extended through January 1, 2022. The Office of Risk Management's (ORM) new insurance requirements for outdoor cafes and retail businesses were originally slated to go into effect on January 1, 2021.

Insurance Requirements for Sidewalk Cafes, Streateries, Parklets, and other Public Space Rentals for Retail and Food and Beverage Service

Effective Through December 31, 2021

- General Liability: \$1 million per occurrence / \$2 million aggregate
- Workers' Compensation: \$500,000 per accident for injury, per employee for disease, and for policy disease limit
- Automobile Liability (for food trucks): \$1 million per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage
- Execute Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement.

To find updated outdoor dining insurance requirements, visit <https://orm.dc.gov/page/requirements-cafes-retail>.

Tent & Portable Heater Permit & Safety Guidelines

Given the public health benefits of keeping diners outside as the District works to halt the spread of COVID-19, and the importance of finding ways for food establishments to continue conducting business in the colder months, several District agencies have come together to streamline the process for food establishments to obtain tent and portable heater permits. This document provides an overview of the new and simplified process, which includes some waived restrictions and fees.

Eligibility

A streamlined process was created for food retailers with an approved outdoor public or private space that wish to apply for either a portable heater permit and/or a tent permit. Businesses may apply through the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Transportation Online Permitting System (tops.ddot.dc.gov). Once submitted into TOPS, the application will be processed and responded to within 3 business days. The overall goal is to conveniently issue tent and portable heater permits within this timeframe. However, additional information may be requested in order to receive permit approval. If generators will be used, a supplemental permit is required. For more information, please contact Sydney.Lester@dc.gov.

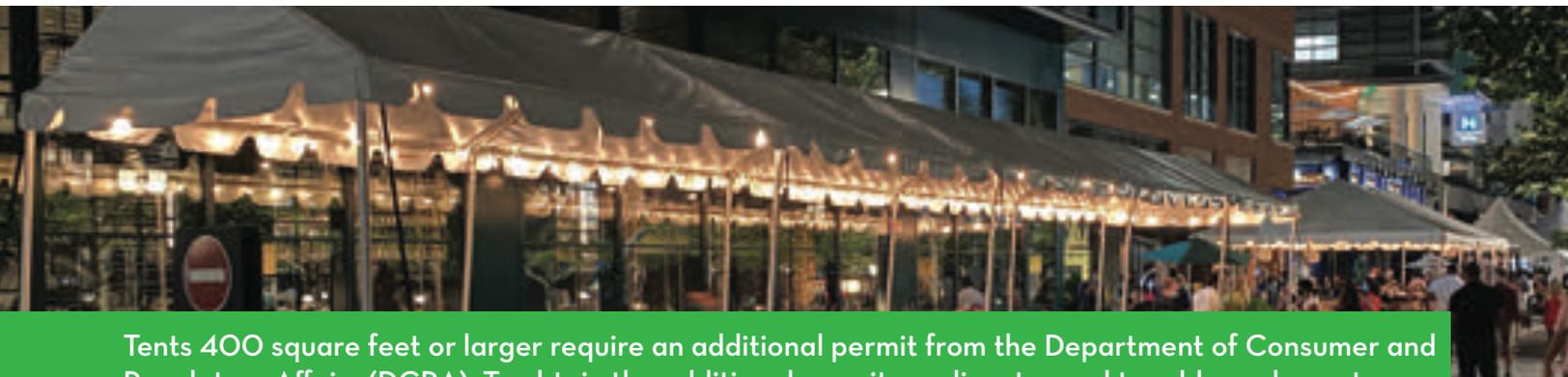
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Application Process

- **Permit Type:** Construction
- **Work Types:** Fixture; Winter Tent and/or Winter Portable Heater
- **Description:** This permit provides Outdoor Dining Relief for winter months with safe social distancing during the District's ReOpen plan. (See the DDOT guide for step by step application instructions)

Tent Requirements

- ✓ Tent/canopy should be made of fire-resistant material.
- ✓ Tents must have a minimum height of eight (8) feet from grade (ground level).
- ✓ Cooking and food preparation and open flames under tents are prohibited.
- ✓ Tents will be inspected in the general course of business by the DC Fire and EMS Department (FEMS); applicants should also review information about the requirements associated with using/storing portable heaters.
- ✓ Tents are only for temporary use during the declared public health emergency.
- ✓ Plans must clearly indicate the tent's square footage and a clear pathway for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.
- ✓ Plans must clearly indicate elevation and structural tie down/anchoring
- ✓ Approved plans should be kept onsite at all times.



Tents 400 square feet or larger require an additional permit from the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). To obtain the additional permit, applicants need to add supplementary information to their application in the TOPS system, including the following:

1. Drawings of the layout (elevation, a section drawing showing a vertical cut of the proposed structure, structural tie down/anchoring, seating arrangements, etc.).
2. Location and site plan, including possible obstructions posed by the location, the layout inside the tent, whether it's enclosed, the time of day/night it will be used, and the Fire Resistance Certification of the tent material.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLING TENTS AND HEATERS FOR FOOD SERVICE DURING THE WINTER

(Includes both public space and open air section of private property such as courtyards and rooftops)

Eligible Businesses	Food service establishments Community organizations that have streatory permits for use of public space		
Eligible Equipment	TENTS		PORTABLE HEATERS
	Tent(s) up to 399 sq ft	Tent(s) 400 sq ft or greater	Certain propane and electrical portable heaters are required. See the Fire/EMS guide for more information.
Limits	Tent/canopy ceiling must be a minimum of five feet (5') from any fuel fired heater.		Fuel fired heaters are restricted from being used inside of fully enclosed tents. Electric portable space heaters are permitted inside of outdoor structures/igloos (page 7). Permit required.
Permit	TOPS (tops.ddot.dc.gov)	TOPS (tops.ddot.dc.gov) and Project Dox (https://acaproduct9.dcra.dc.gov/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx)	Fuel Fired Heaters TOPS (tops.ddot.dc.gov) Electrical Portable Space Heaters & Extension Cords (8 or 10 Gauge only) fems.dc.gov (Inspections & Permits: Select "Mayor's Emergency Order-Heating-Portable Outdoor")
Fire/EMS	No review required		Review required
DCRA	Review required		No review required
DC Health	Review required. Must meet airflow requirements (5 air changes and not more than 50% recirculated air in an hour).		No review required
Public Space	Must have one of the following public space permits: Sidewalk Café, Temporary Sidewalk Table Service, Parklet, or Streatory.		
Private Property	Must have a food service Certificate of Occupancy.		
Site Plan	<p>A site plan is required. It can be hand-drawn but should be to scale (use graph paper as a simple way to draw a plan to scale). Show the existing layout and all new equipment/fixtures being installed.</p> <p>Show the manner by which the tents are secured to the ground, the minimum clearance from the grade, total height of the tent, the materials, and the structural support system. Include manufacturers cut sheet and plans.</p> <p>If lighting is included it must plug into a standard outlet without using extension cords.</p>		
Other Required Documents	If using public space, the existing approved public space permit for sidewalk/curbside food service use must be provided.		

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DC Health Tent Guidance

Canopies, tents, and other shade or shelter-providing structures, even those with removable or retractable walls, may be used for both indoor and outdoor dining. To be considered “outdoor” dining, only such shade or shelter-providing structure with one or fewer walls or flaps erected or otherwise assembled may be in place.

Structures with more than one (1) side flap or wall (even if retractable or otherwise removable) must adhere to DC Health Restaurant Guidance for indoor dining when the wall or flap is in place.

“Indoor” for dining purposes shall be defined as a space consisting of 2 or more walls and a roof. All indoor spaces shall adhere to the Subtitle A (Food and Food Operations) of Title 25 of the DCMR and all requirements for the safe operation of indoor restaurants during the public health emergency. This includes meeting air change rates as described in 25 DCMR 3009.3 and 3009.4.

- **3009.3** Each room in which food or drink is prepared, or in which utensils are washed, shall be provided with facilities for at least eight (8) air changes per hour. Recirculation of air is not permitted.
- **3009.4** Each room in which food or drink is served shall be provided with facilities for at least five (5) air changes per hour, and not more than fifty percent (50%) recirculation of air shall be permitted.

Effective Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 10:00 p.m. through Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5:00 a.m., outdoor dining structures, tents and/or canopies are permitted to have up to two (2) side flaps or walls and a roof. Enclosed structures, such as plastic domes or “igloos” for individual parties of six (6) guests or less, are permitted. These structures must be cleaned and sanitized between parties.

Ambient temperatures inside of temporary structures are encouraged. All rooms shall have sufficient tempered make-up air and exhaust ventilation to keep them free of excessive heat, steam, condensation, vapors, obnoxious odors, smoke, and fumes.

For additional guidance regarding tents and other temporary structures, questions should be submitted to coronavirus@dc.gov.

Portable Fuel Fired Outdoor Heater Guidelines

Business operators are reminded that it is their responsibility to follow the conditions of the permit issued by DDOT and all applicable fire code requirements relating to safety and fire prevention. The use of heating appliances shall be guided by the manufacturer’s instructions and the following fire code safety requirements:

- **Prohibited Locations**- Portable outdoor fuel fired heaters shall not be located or used inside of a fully enclosed structure or membrane tent. If underneath a canopy or tent with no sides, all portable outdoor fuel fired heaters must maintain at least 5 feet of clearance from the tent/canopy ceiling. Tents/canopies must be anchored.
- **Clearance from Buildings**- Portable outdoor fuel fired heaters shall not be located within 5 feet of a building.

- **Clearance from Combustibles-** Portable outdoor fuel fired heaters shall not be located beneath combustible decorations, overhangs, awnings, or within 5 feet of combustible surfaces.
- **Proximity to Exits-** Portable outdoor fuel fired heaters shall not be located within 5 feet of the entrances and exits of a building.
- **Guard against Contact-** The heating element of portable outdoor fuel fired heating appliances shall be permanently guarded as to prevent accidental contact by persons or material.
- **Tip over Switch-** Fuel fired heating appliances shall be equipped with a tilt or tip-over shut-off that automatically shuts off the flow of gas if appliance is tilted more than 15 degrees from the vertical position.
- **Fuel Container Capacity-** The propane tanks capacity fuel fired portable heater shall not exceed 20lbs.
- **Container Replacement-** Fuel container replacement fuel fire portable heaters shall not take place while the public is present.
- **Indoor Storage Prohibited-** Propane gas containers shall not be stored inside of buildings.
- **Protection of containers-** LP-gas containers shall be stored within a suitable enclosure or otherwise protected against tampering. Lockable, ventilated cabinets made of metal construction are highly recommended.

Electric Portable Space Heaters

Establishments considering the use of portable electric space heaters for heating an outdoor space shall be guided by the manufactures instructions in addition to the following applicable fire code requirements:

- **Listed and labeled** - Only listed and labeled portable, electric space heaters shall be used inside of tents, canopies, or outdoor structures.
- **Power supply** - Electric portable space heaters shall be plugged directly into an approved electrical receptacle. At the close of business, all electric portable space heaters shall be unplugged and stored.
- **Extension cord** - If extension cords are used, either an eight (8) or ten (10) gauge extension cord is needed to power electric portable space heaters. The extensions will not be considered as permanent wiring. A permit is required to use electrical portable space heaters and extension cords. For more information, visit fems.dc.gov or send inquiries to fems.fireprevention.dc.gov.
- **Note: These appliances draw high amperage which can cause an extension cord to overheat and fail, causing a fire.**
- **Prohibited areas** - Portable, electric space heaters shall be operated only in locations for which they have been approved by FEMS.

Fees

- The normal fees charged by DCRA, DDOT and FEMS have been temporarily waived for the Streatery Winter Ready Program.

PERMIT	FEE	STATUS
Tent	\$36.00	Waived by DCRA
Portable Heater	\$100.00	Waived by FEMS
Temporary Sidewalk Café Permit (Streatery/Parklet)	No Fee	Waived by DDOT

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For questions regarding propane and or outdoor heating, please contact (202) 727-1614 or you may send an e-mail to info.fems@dc.gov.

Alcoholic Beverage Administration Regulation (ABRA) Temporary Programs

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ABRA is offering three temporary programs that have been created to assist ABC licensees in re-opening for business and to safely serve customers.

They include:

- ***New and Expanded Outdoor Dining Seating***
Allows licensees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption in newly created and expanded outdoor dining space on public and private property.
- ***Carry-out and Delivery from Licensed Location***
Allows licensees to sell beer, wine, and spirits for carry-out and delivery from their licensed premises—the address included on their alcohol license.
- ***Carry-Out and Delivery from a Pop-Up Location***
Allows licensees to sell beer, wine, and spirits for carry-out and delivery from a location in DC other than their licensed premises.

There is no fee to participate in any of the relief programs. For more information please visit abra.dc.gov/page/temporary-programs or contact ABRA's Community Resource Officer, Sarah Fashbaugh at sarah.fashbaugh@dc.gov.

SHOVEL YOUR STREATERY!

Streateries and Parklets shall not be used during a Snow Emergency.

**During the "Holiday Pause" (December 23, 2020 to January 15, 2021), Sidewalk Cafes shall not be used if a Snow Emergency is declared.*

Streateries and Parklets shall not be used during a snow emergency. At such time, businesses/permit holders should bring in all furniture and other elements within the outdoor dining areas, except for the barriers. Notifications will be sent out as soon as possible when road pretreatment (salt or brine/beet juice mixture) could occur prior to inclement weather. Restaurants on impacted streets should adjust their outdoor operations accordingly.

In the event of inclement weather, business owners are asked to clear their sidewalks, Streateries and/or Parklets of snow within eight (8) hours of a storm's end. If the weather prediction indicates a significant accumulation of snow, the Mayor may declare a snow emergency. An announcement of a snow emergency declaration will be made prior to the snow emergency going into effect to give businesses to prepare their expanded outdoor spaces for inclement weather.



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