



City of Brockton

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CITY OF BROCKTON OUTDOOR DINING RULES

1. Covid-19 Safety Standards: All restaurants must comply with the Commonwealth's [Mandatory Safety Standards](#) issued in conjunction with Phase 2 of the Commonwealth's Reopening Plan.
2. Trash/Pest Control: Restaurants must maintain adequate cleanliness, trash control, and rodent/pest control in the outdoor dining area. Combustible waste must be disposed of and placed in appropriate dumpsters.
3. Alcohol Service: All alcoholic beverages must be served with food. Food must be prepared on-site under a retail food permit previously issued by the Brockton Board of Health for the establishment. Prepackaged snacks are not sufficient.
4. Protective Barriers: Any outdoor dining space exposed to vehicular traffic must be protected by jersey barriers, bollards, or alternative barriers that will withstand a vehicular impact of at least 15 mph.
5. Noise Control: Restaurants must take adequate steps to maintain proper noise control in the outdoor dining area. The playing of music is not permitted.
6. Heaters: Any restaurant planning to use LP-Gas (propane) fueled space heaters, fireplaces and decorative heating appliances in the outdoor dining area must obtain a permit from the Brockton Fire Department. Such unit(s) must be used in accordance with 527 CMR 1, Chapter 69 and manufacturers specifications. Patio heaters must not be within 5 feet of exits. LP fueled appliances shall only be used and stored outside unless the fuel is removed. LP fuel cylinders awaiting replacement or use shall only be used and stored outside in a locked ventilated enclosure of metal exterior construction, which shall be shielded from potential vehicular impact.
7. Open Flames: Open flames are not permitted unless a permit is obtained by the Brockton Fire Department.
8. Outdoor Lighting: Any electrical lighting or wiring around or within the outdoor dining area must be permitted and inspected by the City of Brockton Wire inspector.
9. Fire Department Regulations: The outdoor dining area must comply with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148 "The Massachusetts Fire Code", 527 CMR 1, "Massachusetts Fire Regulations", and Chapter 7 of the City of Brockton Ordinances - "Fire Prevention Code". A minimum of two 20lbs BC Fire extinguishers are required in the outdoor dining area at the exits.
10. Smoking Areas: No smoking is allowed in the outdoor dining area. "No smoking" signs shall be posted. Smoking areas shall be established and approved by the Brockton Fire Chief or his designee. Metal receptacles shall be provided for smoking waste.
11. Tents/Coverings: Outdoor table service may be provided under awnings, umbrellas, and tents; however, at least 50% of the perimeter of any covered dining area must remain unobstructed. Restaurants must confer with the Brockton Building Department prior to the erection of any tent. Any membrane structure, tent or canopy shall be flame resistant.