

Sidewalk Cafes



Sidewalk cafe means a temporary, easily removable extension of an established restaurant, consisting of movable tables and chairs that are arranged directly upon the sidewalk paving as an adjunct and directly adjacent to a restaurant, serving various refreshments such as beverages or food items. Restaurants shall serve beverages and food items on nondisposable service ware via traditional waiting staff. Elements of “sidewalk cafes” cannot obstruct barrier-free access or passage along such sidewalk nor any building ingress, egress, stairways, doorways, or other accessways.

****Operating a sidewalk cafe on city-parish sidewalks shall be unlawful without a permit from the city-parish.**

The director of the department of public works shall submit a report and recommendation on each application for review and approval by the metropolitan council.

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Details of the *Sidewalk Cafe* ordinance is found in **The Code of Ordinances of the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Title 15- Miscellaneous, Chapter 6, Sec. 15:325-15:338** which is available at <http://brgov.com/> under *Government*.

An outline of the ordinance's contents is as follows:

Chapter 6. Sidewalk cafes

- Sec. 15:325. Definitions.
- Sec. 15:326. Permit required.
- Sec. 15:327. Permit requirements.
- Sec. 15:328. Authority to issue permit.
- Sec. 15:329. Application for permit; fee.
- Sec. 15:330. Design drawings.
- Sec. 15:331. Standards and criteria for application review.
- Sec. 15:332. Permit fee.
- Sec. 15:333. Permit forms, conditions of and restrictions.
- Sec. 15:334. Umbrellas, canopies and awnings.
- Sec. 15:335. Liability and insurance.
- Sec. 15:336. Denial, revocation or suspension of permit; removal and storage fees; emergencies.
- Sec. 15:337. Suspension or revocation of permit.
- Sec. 15:338. Denial of permit.