



STRATHROY-CARADOC TEMPORARY OUTDOOR PATIOS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY GUIDELINE

The following is a series of guidelines to follow for the establishment of Temporary Outdoor Patios on Private Property only to ensure public health and safety is maintained.

1. Temporary covered or uncovered patios shall only be permitted for existing restaurants (including food trucks), bars/clubs, arenas/halls, recreation facilities or places of entertainment.
2. An application for a temporary patio is to be made, free of charge, to the Building Department on an annual basis. The patio must not be occupied until an inspection is completed and passed by the Building Department.
3. The Chief Building Official (CBO) or his designate is authorized to inspect all temporary patios and require adjustments to the patio in order to address compliance with these Guidelines.
4. Owners shall provide their liquor license, if requested by the Chief Building Official (CBO) or his designate.
5. The temporary use of the patios is not to exceed seven (7) consecutive months between April 1st and October 31st annually.
6. No public outdoor patio, temporary shall accommodate more than 50% of the capacity of the establishment with which the patio is associated.
7. No public outdoor patio, temporary shall be permitted where said patio abuts a residential zone.
8. Existing and temporary patios must adhere to all provincial and local public health guidelines including the arrangement of tables and chairs on the patio.
9. Temporary patios permitted under this guideline remain subject to the regulations within the Strathroy-Caradoc Zoning By-law.
10. The business owner is responsible for obtaining all relevant permissions, including but not limited to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and their landlord.
11. The required number of designated Accessible Parking Spaces must remain available for parking use and designated fire routes and site triangles must be avoided.

12. Accessibility must be maintained to, and throughout, the temporary patio.
13. Temporary patios must not extend in front of adjacent tenant spaces, exits, or beyond business frontage without written permission from affected adjacent property owners and tenants; this includes any overhanging elements.
14. Umbrellas must stand at least 2.1m (7ft.) above the walking surface.
15. Temporary patios must be open to the air.
16. Platforms, decks, stages and portable toilets are NOT permitted. Optional temporary patio perimeter fencing, planters, or barriers approximately 1.2m (4ft.) high are permitted, provided they are secured without endangering any underground utilities.
17. A solid barrier approximately 1.2m (4ft.) high shall be installed where a patio is adjacent to any vehicle movement areas.
18. The cooking of food and drink preparation is NOT permitted on temporary patios.
19. A minimum 1.5m (5ft.) clearance from fire department (siamese) connections and hydrants must be maintained on a temporary patio.
20. A fire extinguisher (minimum 2A-10BC) must be available within 15.2m (50ft.) of any part of the temporary patio.
21. CSA-certified electric or propane patio heaters (with max 20 lb. tank) are permitted where located at least 3m (10ft.) away from tree branches, operated per the manufacturer's directions and not stored on the road right-of-way when not in use. Solid – gel or liquid – fuel fire features are not permitted.
22. For non-licensed establishments, the capacity of the temporary patio shall not exceed the posted occupancy of the main building.
23. For licensed establishments that do not have an existing licensed patio, the capacity of the temporary patio shall not exceed the posted occupancy of the indoor area indicated on your liquor license or 1.11m² (12.0 ft²) per person, whichever is the lesser.
24. For license establishments that have an existing licensed patio, the capacity of the combined area of the existing and temporary patios shall not exceed the posted occupancy of the indoor area indicated on your liquor license or 1.11m² (12.0 ft²) per person, whichever is the lesser.