PURPOSE

The intent of the design guidelines for outdoor dining is to ensure quality outdoor seating area, the appropriate use of the public sidewalk for outdoor dining and safety for pedestrians in Salt Lake City.

APPLICATION MATERIAL

Applicant must submit the following:

Written letter. A brief description that includes the name of the restaurant, a description of proposed outdoor dining space and number of seats.

Site Plan. A plan showing the proposed outdoor dining space, to scale, including the sidewalk clearance requirement, elevations, furniture.

Photos or Drawings. Submit color photos, renderings or graphics showing the set up, type of furniture and materials of barriers.

PROCESS

The demarcation of outdoor dining space must meet these design guidelines and is permitted through an administrative approval process led by the Planning Division, the Transportation Division, the Engineering Division and the Property Management Division.

STEPS FOR APPROVAL

1) Schedule a DRT meeting at (801) 535-6629 or at 451 S State St Room 215.

2) Contact the Engineering Division for permit application at (801) 535-6396 or at 349 South 200 East, Suite 100.

3) Contact the Property Management Division to obtain lease agreement at (801) 535-7133 or at 451 S State St Room 406.
BARRIERS

DESIGN OF BARRIERS
Barriers are meant to demarcate the section provided for tables, chairs and umbrellas, for both temporary and permanent use. Barriers may include but not limited to removable fences, freestanding fences, hedges, planters, trees, removable columns, and other. See figures 1-3 for acceptable barrier styles.

PROHIBITED BARRIERS
No fabric inserts, chain link fencing, plastic, vinyl, chicken wire or cyclone fencing. No fabric or advertising on canvas allowed on barriers. See figure 4 unacceptable barrier style.

Figure 1. Acceptable metal barrier.

Figure 2. Wood and metal planters as a barrier.

Figure 3. Freestanding glass & metal fence.

Figure 4. No fabric, canvas inserts or chicken wire.
BA R R I E R S

HEIGHT OF BARRIERS
The height of any barrier may not exceed 36 inches. The bottom of the rope/chain barrier must not exceed 27 inches above the sidewalk surface.

PLANTERS
In the case of planters, the planter itself shall not exceed 36 inches; the plant (live or artificial) height shall not exceed 6 feet measured from the ground. See figure 4 & 5.

ENCLOSED OUTDOOR DINING
The City reserves the right to review final design for requests that include vertical elements, awnings, canopies and removable side walls covering the outdoor dining space.
ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
The Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control requires that the outdoor dining space be “well defined, properly secured, and delineated by some type of physical structure”. In order to comply with State requirements, outdoor dining area barriers for these establishments shall:

a. Clearly define the designated area with sturdy barrier such as freestanding sectional fencing, rope or chain.

b. Have one clear entrance to the outdoor dining area and it must be located directly in front of the egress doors. See figure 6.

ESTABLISHMENTS THAT DO NOT SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
These establishments are exempt from providing specific demarcation of outdoor dining space.

Figure 6. Clearly defined outdoor dining entrance.
SIDEWALK

MINIMUM WIDTH OF SIDEWALK CLEARANCE
Depending on the area of the city where the outdoor dining space is proposed, there are three minimum sidewalk clearances for continuous pedestrian access along the public sidewalk that must be provided. See the following figures for minimum requirements. Measured from the restaurant façade to the start of outdoor dining barrier (See figure 7) or from the edge of the parallel barrier to the curb (See figure 8).

SIGHT DISTANCE TRIANGLE
Outdoor dining space located on corner lots shall not obstruct the sight distance triangle.
UMBRELLAS
Umbrellas must be free of advertisements and contained within the outdoor dining area. Advertisements are allowed only if it is to advertise the name of the restaurant. No fluorescent or strikingly bright or vivid colors. Market style umbrellas, designed specifically for patio or outdoor restaurant use are preferred. Umbrellas are to maintain a minimum height clearance of 8 feet. See figures 9 & 10.

MATERIAL
All furniture material should be preferably of durable materials such as wood or metal. See figure 11.
STORAGE

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE
Business owner or outdoor dining operator shall maintain the outdoor dining space clean. Outdoor dining furniture or appliances are not allowed to be stored in the public right-of-way.

PARKING

REQUIREMENTS
Parking requirements for outdoor dining addition are indicated in Section 21A.40.065F of the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance.