

NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER. APPLY FOR A SIDEWALK CAFÉ PERMIT TODAY!



Everybody's Coffee



Tweet Cafe



Bar on Buena

Join the Club!

Many Uptown businesses already enjoy the benefits of sidewalk cafés. Restaurant owners have reported that the cafés are a key driver of revenue that help overcome slower sales during winter months. Plus, they help beautify the neighborhood, adding to its vitality and vibrancy, while letting business owners showcase their businesses to passersby. The cafés also put additional eyes on the street, contributing to a safer and more active Uptown.

Permit Details:

Any business with a valid Retail Food Establishment License may apply for a Sidewalk Café Permit to serve food outside their restaurant on city sidewalks. Applicants intending to serve liquor at a sidewalk cafe must also have a valid liquor license. Applicants must prepare a beautification and landscaping plan for the railing, barriers, and seating arrangement, as well as proof of insurance naming the City of Chicago.

Six feet must separate the outer edge of the barrier from the edge of the sidewalk, not including the curb.

Sidewalk Café Permits have a 9 month term, from March 1 to December 1, and must be applied for and issued every year. Sidewalk cafés cannot operate earlier than 8:00 AM nor later than midnight. Applicants must prepare a beautification and landscaping plan for the railing, barriers, and seating arrangement of their cafe space – with at least one of the tables in the seating area accessible to people with disabilities. Consult the City's department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection web page for complete listing of regulations and requirements, as well as sample layout plans.

Uptown United Financial Incentive:

Uptown United offers a Curb Appeal Rebate Program that can reimburse 50% of the cost of storefront improvements up to \$5,000. This includes the costs of new or replacement café corrals, but not café furniture such as tables and chairs.

The rebate cannot be used for improvements started prior to being approved and must be approved by the SSA Commission before construction can begin.

Act Now!

Sidewalk Café Permits can take up to 90 days to process! It's never too early to submit your application to take full advantage of café season.

Cost:

The fee varies depending on the size and location of the sidewalk café. The minimum fee is \$600.

Sidewalk Cafe Application must include:

- ✓ Completed forms with Alderman signature
- ✓ Business License Certificate
- ✓ Photographs of proposed site
- ✓ Plans with proposed layout, seating, and entrance
- ✓ Certificate of insurance

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