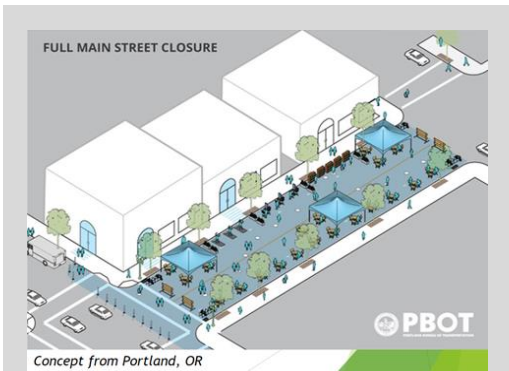




# TEMPORARY STREET CAFES

**Street cafés.** A great way to increase business capacity, encourage visitors and add vitality to our downtown. Street cafes function as an extension to an existing restaurant’s seating area and are permitted during regular operating business hours of the host establishment. Street or alley closures (full or partial) are required and approved on a case-by-case basis through a site visit. A Special Events Permit is required. The intent of the City’s OPEN(Air) Pilot Program is to increase capacity for businesses so that they can continue to operate during under COVID-19 restrictions, while ensuring public safety and continued adherence to state guidelines. **The Pilot Program launched on June 30, 2020 and has extended to October 31, 2022.**



## HOW DO I GET STARTED?

1. Review site location to determine if a street café is appropriate.
2. **Consider your site plan:** Determine which street would need closing and during what hours. Dimensions of dining area location or other area to be used, proposed type of seating, proposed markings/barricades used and proposed signage.
3. Businesses serving food are responsible for meeting the requirements of the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD). Contact: [food@tpchd.org](mailto:food@tpchd.org) or (253) 798-4711.
4. Contact Economic Development Manager, Meredith Neal with questions or to get started. Email: [MNeal@puyallupwa.gov](mailto:MNeal@puyallupwa.gov)

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Apply for a temporary Special Events permit [here](#). **Note that all permit fees related to this temporary pilot program have been waived for the duration of the program.** Completed applications should be submitted to: [specialevents@puyallupwa.gov](mailto:specialevents@puyallupwa.gov)
2. Ensure all required documentation is attached to application.
3. Cafes cannot be on major arterial roadways (see roadway classification map [here](#)).
4. The City may donate staff time to set up and take down the street closure signage and blockades as part of the pilot program. The applicant is responsible for providing and setting up/taking down all tables or other street furniture, planters, marketing, programming with music or pop-up vendors, etc.
5. All Special Events permit requests are reviewed and approved by City staff. The City of Puyallup has the right to revoke a temporary permit at any time during the pilot program.



**NOTE:** This tip sheet does not substitute for codes and regulations. The applicant is responsible for complying with all codes and regulations as relevant to their business and permit type. **Rev. 3 / November 24, 2021**