

NYC Open Restaurants

COMMON ISSUES CHECKLIST

Summer 2021



As NYC works to develop a permanent outdoor dining program, we want to be sure your business understands and follows the compliance rules. Below is a helpful checklist of common and recurring issues the City is seeing.

To ensure your existing outdoor dining structures are in compliance and for the safety of employees, customers, and pedestrians, please review this checklist and ask yourself...

Does my outdoor dining structure meet these requirements? Check the following boxes:

- ☐ Clear path for pedestrians that is 8 feet wide.
- ☐ Required clearance from bike lanes, bus lanes, Citibike racks, fire hydrants, crosswalks and other critical sidewalk/roadway infrastructure.
- ☐ Clean seating areas to ensure vermin-free conditions.
- ☐ Roadway barriers on all three sides to separate seating from the travel lane that are 18 inches wide and 30-36 inches in height with no gaps, solid bottoms and completely filled with soil or sand.
- ☐ Reflective tape running along the full street-facing parameter of the roadway barrier.
- ☐ Minding all ADA compliance standards in outdoor seating areas, including placement of ramps at curb for full access to roadway seating areas.
- ☐ No amplified sound, or other sound that exceeds the noise code.

The information in this document is intended as a helpful reminder to look out for the most common issues, but is not complete – your business is subject to additional requirements that are not on this checklist.

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