



Outdoor Dining Quick Reference Guide

This quick reference guideline summarises the more common requirements for an Outdoor Dining area. The full version of the City of Perth Outdoor Dining Guidelines can be accessed through the Outdoor Dining Guidelines and is available in other formats on request.

Outdoor dining applicants must be a registered food business within the City of Perth and have a tenancy fronting the public place where the outdoor dining area will be situated, with clear and unobstructed access and views to the area.

Clearances and setbacks

- **Pedestrian clearances** - A minimum continuous clear width of 2m for pedestrian circulation is required for footpaths throughout the city. Additional clearances apply to specific streets, as outlined in Figure 1.
- **Table and chair positioning** – standard pedestrian clearances apply from the building wall however in low pedestrian flow, and with approval, table and chairs are permitted adjacent to the building. Figure 2.
- **Kerb setback** – 600mm minimum parallel to the road. Figure 2.
- **Clearance between outdoor dining areas** – 400mm minimum for each outdoor dining area, 800mm total minimum between two outdoor dining areas. Figure 3.
- **Long outdoor dining areas** – there shall be a central 800mm clearance between tables and chairs if the length exceeds 8000mm. Figure 4.
- **Building entry** - minimum 1200mm clearance between table and chairs at the entry to the building or business. Figure 5.
- **Street corner setback** – 45-degree sightline clearance from the corner of the building. All other infrastructure outside the 45-degree clearance but within 20m of the intersection must be less than 1000mm in height. Figure 6.
- **Street furniture and pit clearance** – Fixed items must be setback 1200mm from in-ground services such as fire hydrants, sewer, telecommunications and electricity pits, manhole lids and stormwater grates and inlets. This is to allow emergency and maintenance access to service contractors. Figure 7
- **Public art clearance** - minimum 1000mm. Figure 7.
- **Street tree clearance** – minimum 500mm from the edge of the grate. Figure 7.

Umbrellas and planter boxes dimensions

- **Umbrellas** – must be a minimum of 1200 in width or diameter. The clearance under an umbrella type structure must be a minimum of 2400mm. Figure 8.
- **Umbrella location** – under an awning may not exceed 300mm. The umbrella may not extend into the kerb setback and shall be placed a minimum of 1000mm in all directions of existing infrastructure. Figure 9.
- **Planter Boxes** – shall be no greater than 1800mm long x 800mm wide x 1000mm height and made of metal or timber. Total height with plants shall no higher than 1200mm. Figure 10
- **Canvas screens** – shall be made of canvas and have a metal frame maximum 900mm height. Positioned with weighted footings, that do not pose a trip hazard. Additional weights to secure the footings, such as sand bags are not permitted. Figure 11.

Removal and storage of furniture and fixings

Outdoor dining areas shall not be set up prior to the time specified on the permit. All furniture, including umbrellas, canvas screens and planter boxes, must be removed from the outdoor dining area and stored inside at the close of business each day, unless otherwise permitted by the City.

Consumption of alcohol in outdoor dining areas

The City has no objection to the consumption of alcohol in the outdoor dining areas subject to compliance with requirements of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI).

Applying for an outdoor dining permit

An applicant interested in obtaining an outdoor dining permit must complete the prescribed outdoor dining application form, available on the City of Perth website.

Application Link: [Outdoor Dining Permit](#)

Application assessment requires approximately 10 days.

Additional information

Refer to the full guidelines for more information on:

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Diagrams and examples

Figure 1: Pedestrian Minimum Clearances

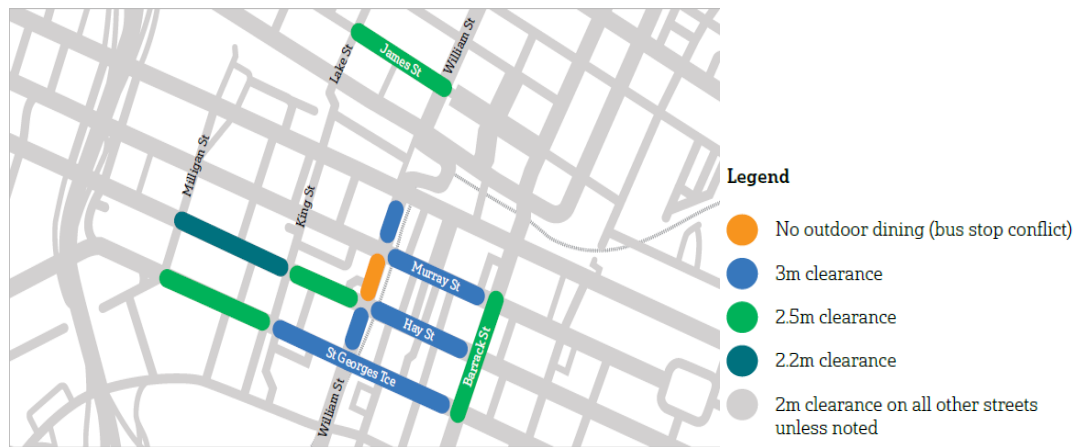
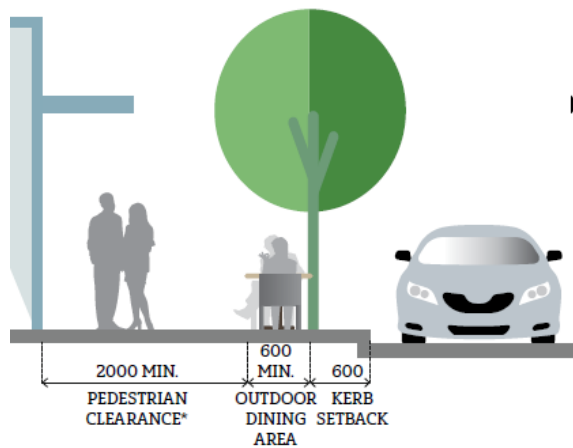


Figure 2: Standard positioning



Alternative positioning with special approval

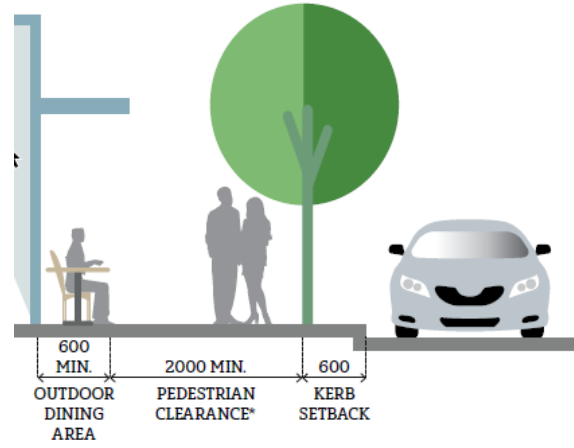


Figure 3: Clearances between businesses with adjacent outdoor dining areas

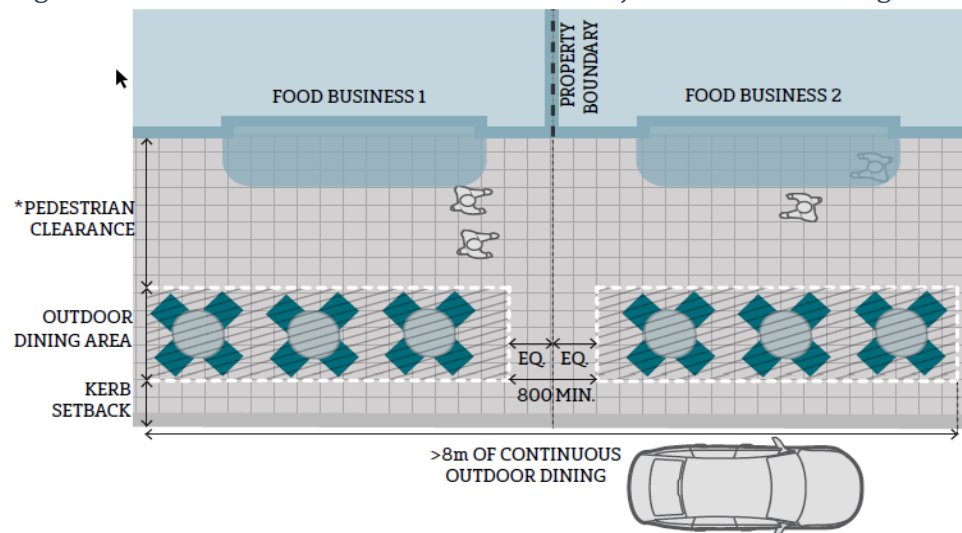


Figure 4: Breaks within outdoor dining areas

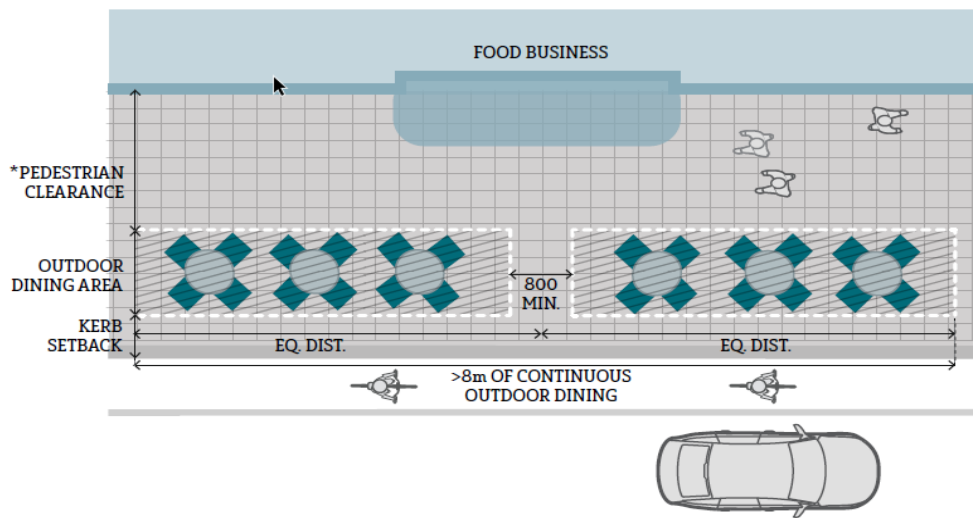


Figure 5: Clearance into the business entry.

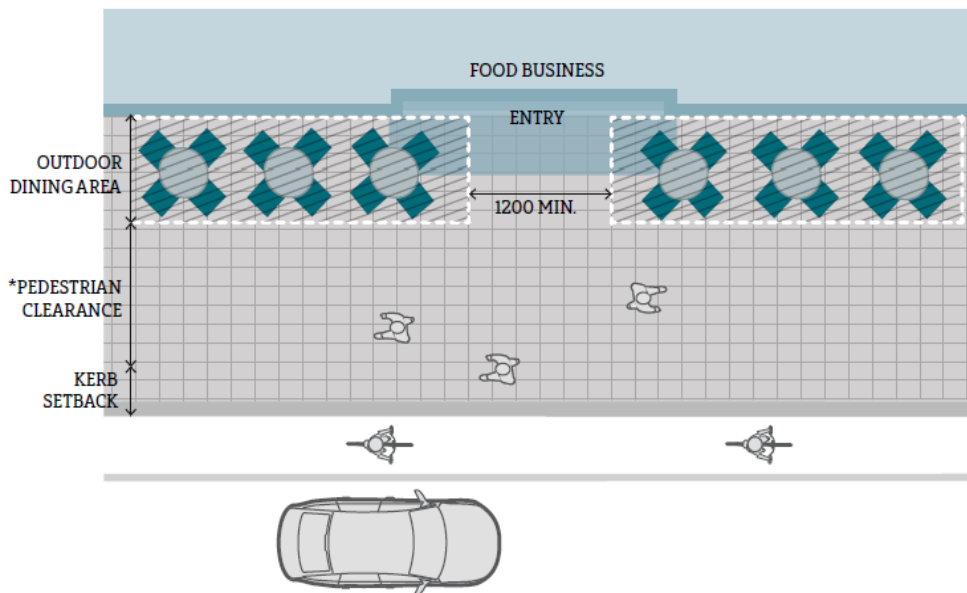


Figure 6: Intersection setbacks

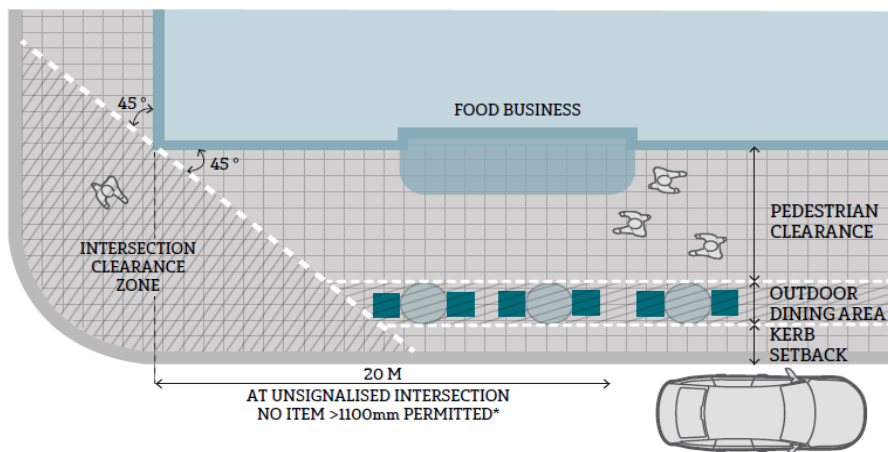


Figure 7: Street furniture, public art, and street tree setbacks

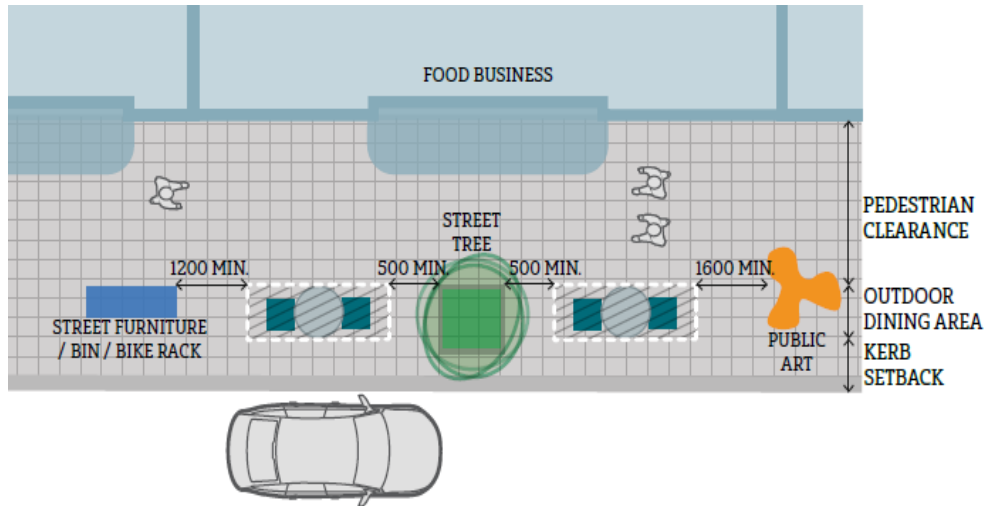


Figure 8: Umbrella dimensions

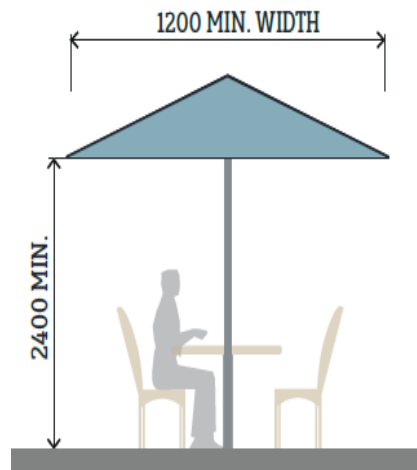


Figure 9: Umbrella clearances

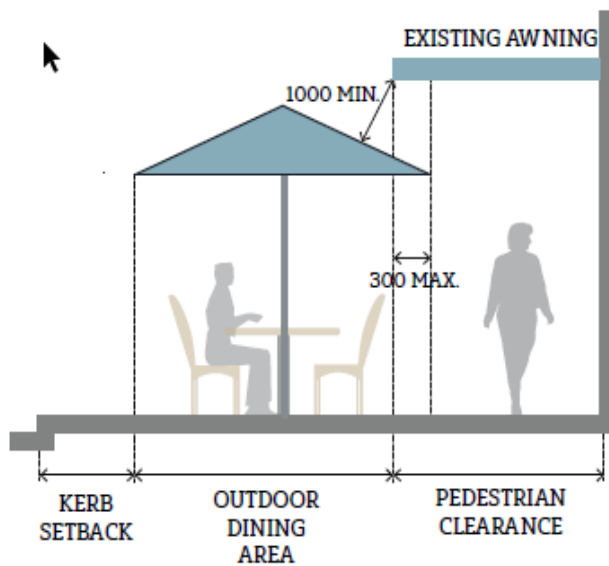


Figure 10: Planter boxes

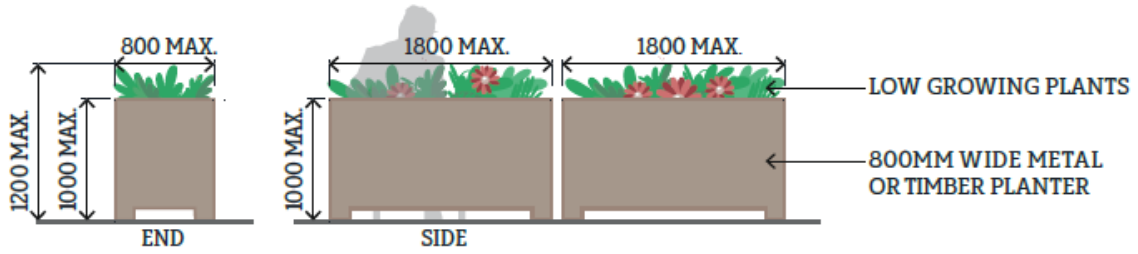


Figure 11: Canvas screens

