



Design Requirements for Curbside Belfast Outdoor Seating Areas

The Curbside Belfast outdoor space program will continue through the winter season in 2025-2026. Businesses are encouraged to be expressive and have fun with this opportunity. Keeping these outdoor areas looking good is a great benefit to our Downtown as it increases positive interactions for the local community and visitors of the city. Aesthetic requirements for the Curbside Belfast program are listed below so that we can continue to keep Belfast looking good as we carry the program into this season.

- 1) All outdoor seating and tables must be as flat and level as possible. The Curbside program does not include any sidewalk areas, and all seating shall be installed in the area identified on the approved site plan.
- 2) Continuous opaque walls taller than 42” that block views are prohibited. Individual elements such as posts, plantings, lighting etc. may be taller.
- 3) Green elements, or other enhancements such as flowers, shrubs or artwork must be incorporated into the design. No traffic safety features such as jersey barriers or large cement blocks shall be on display without decorative enhancements such as paint, decorative live vegetation, or wooden coverings. Reflective elements for traffic safety shall be incorporated for times of low visibility.
- 4) A visually penetrable barrier around the perimeter of the space, such as a guard or handrail, must be incorporated into the design.
- 5) All spaces shall be constructed of high-quality, durable, and aesthetically-pleasing materials. Outdoor areas shall not be unsightly. Painted or stainless metal, finished woods, and other materials intended for outdoor use are all allowable.
- 6) Adding overhead weather and sun protection to your space is permitted so that your services will not be weather dependent.
- 7) Artwork can enhance the attractiveness of your space and create identity for your business.
- 8) Outdoor spaces shall be kept simple, free of clutter, and well maintained to provide an inviting space that will welcome customers and enhance our lively downtown. No waste receptacles or unused equipment/materials shall be located in the outdoor areas.