

Outdoor Café

General Provisions:

- Landlord approval is required.
- If the outdoor café is contiguous to the licensed premises, it must be enclosed in a clearly delineated area and surrounded by a continuous barrier at least 36 inches high at its lowest point of ingress and egress; and neither on any public property nor on a public right-of-way without the express written approval of the appropriate, State, County or local governmental authority.
- If the outdoor café is not contiguous to the licensed premises, it must be on the same side of the street and extend no more than a combined total of 50 feet beyond the width of the store front of the licensed premises in either direction. “Store front” is defined as that part of the outer wall of any premises which is contiguous to a public sidewalk or right-of-way.
- If the outdoor café extends beyond the width of the store front of the licensed premises, the license holder must obtain written permission to operate the extended portion of the cafe, from all adjoining property owners within the extended café area.
- In addition, the distance between the store front of the licensed premises and the closest point of the café area must be no more than 25 feet; enclosed in a clearly delineated area; and surrounded by a continuous barrier at least 36 inches high at its lowest point with controlled points of entrance and exit.
- All licensees who operate an outdoor café as part of the licensed premises will only do so with the approval of the [Board of License Commissioners](#). The Board may modify, suspend, or revoke the outdoor café privilege.
- Wait staff must be available at outdoor cafes.
- Portable/permanent bars are permitted inside the outdoor café area.
- Apply online at montgomerycountymd.gov/abs/licensure/eforms/.

