

PARKLET

PROCESS GUIDE



PARKLET PILOT PROGRAM

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City of Fresno, CA

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<https://tinyurl.com/dtfparkletguide>

MEDIA COVERAGE

What are parklets and why are they coming to Fresno?

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In any city, downtown curb space is valuable real estate. Some cities do not take advantage of this value by wasting curbs space with right turn lanes or unnecessarily wide travel lanes. Many cities utilize it for on-street parking, which can be a huge benefit to retailers and can even generate revenue for the municipal coffers. However, with the rise in popularity of outdoor dining, many cities have begun to replace some curbside parking spaces with areas for restaurants to fill with tables and chairs. Often, this takes place on a raised wooden or metal deck that is flush with the sidewalk, commonly known as a parklet.

The City of Fresno wanted to capitalize on this trend. Mr. Zack led a staff team from the Planning & Development and Public Works departments to develop a pilot program for outdoor dining parklets which could be installed by business owners in the parking lane adjacent to their establishments. The pilot program created an application and a review process, designated appropriate personnel with approval authority, created guidelines for appropriate placement and design, and developed a brochure and web page to promote the program.

The program received a positive reception and resulted in one initial parklet being installed prior to the Covid -19 crisis. The pilot program was then absorbed into an expanded and expedited program that was designed to serve as a mitigation to the pandemic. The parklets helped many businesses survive the darkest days of the pandemic and became quite popular. Many are still in use.

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DESIGN GUIDELINES

- MATERIALS**
All furniture and structures must be made of durable materials, such as wrought iron, terra cotta, pottery, precast concrete, wood, steel, or cast aluminum.
- STORMWATER**
The parklet cannot impede the flow of stormwater runoff, nor can it block storm drains.
- FIRE HYDRANTS**
Parklet must be 15 feet clear of fire hydrants.
- HEIGHT**
All fences or barriers facing public streets must have a minimum height of three (3) feet; and have no more than 40% of wooded space.
- BUFFERS**
The proposed parklet must be set back five (5) feet from an intersection. A four (4) foot buffer is required on both ends of the Parklet.
- SAFETY FIXTURES**
Durable non-slip safety fixtures shall be placed at both ends of the parklet in order to protect it from vehicles.
- AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**
All elements of the proposed parklet must comply with the ADA.
- MAINTENANCE**
The merchant must keep the parklet clean and well-maintained.

