

## Sidewalk Cafes

[Public Act \(PA\) 300 of 1949](#), as amended, authorizes the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to permit the use of State highway Right-of-Way for the purposes of establishing sidewalk cafes.

Applicants may be granted an individual permit, subject to the following requirements:

- The business applying for a permit shall occupy private property located adjacent to the site requested for the duration of the permit.
- The municipality, having jurisdiction over the site, shall pass a resolution authorizing the use requested in the application. The municipality shall also agree to enforce compliance with each MDOT sidewalk café permit within their jurisdiction.
- The issuance of a permit shall not confer any property right.
- The permitted activity shall not block, obstruct, or impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- The permit may be limited or revoked if a permit holder conducts activities that create an unsafe situation or interferes with transportation along the State highway Right- of-Way, or if the permit holder is in violation of the conditions of the permit.

Applicants must submit an individual permit application package through the Construction Permit System (CPS) including the following:

- A sketch identifying the layout and portion of the proposed sidewalk café that will be located within the State highway Right-of-Way.
- Resolution from the local governmental agency
- Electronic Certificate of Insurance

**All construction permit applications are submitted and purchased through the [Michigan Business OneStop](#) online service.**

For more information on the Construction Permit process or Michigan Business OneStop, please visit:

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9623\\_26662\\_26679\\_27267\\_48606-182161--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9623_26662_26679_27267_48606-182161--,00.html)