Parklets convert curbside parking into vibrant community space. Parklets are applied where narrow or congested sidewalks prevent the installation of sidewalk cafes and other retail and can be temporary for daily use or more permanent.

For more information on parklet design visit: https://nacto.org/ or https://www.betterblock.org/.

Parklets have a desired minimum width of six (6) feet and should have a flush transition at the sidewalk and curb to permit easy access. They are limited to one (1) on-street parking space (standard 7” x 18” stall) per building. Temporary parklets must be removed at the end of each business day.

Parklets should have vertical elements that make them visible to traffic such as posts or bollards and should be buffered by a wheel stop. Parklets should also include a guardrail or other defining features (i.e. planters and/or fencing) to define the space and provide added separation from traffic.

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Enumerated Businesses

01 Food and beverages (prepackaged)
02 Books and other paper goods
03 Potted plants, cut or arranged flowers, or gardening seed
04 Visual works of art that have been transcribed on to a physical backing
05 Office Services
06 Jewelry and other wearable accessories
07 Homemade goods and crafts
08 Clothing
09 Dry goods, excluding machinery and electronics/appliances
* No repair work of any kind
The following information was developed to provide illustrative guidance of the standards by which local businesses can use the public right-of-way, setbacks, on-street parking, and surplus off-street parking while also maintaining social distancing guidelines. For More Information on the specific standards please see Ordinance #2720.

Safety and security is the Unified Government’s greatest concern. So, in addition to social-distancing, any business that would like a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review by the KCK Police Department as it relates to these standards should call (913) 573-8715 or (913) 573-6140.

Parklets cannot be located adjacent to transit stops or be within the buffer of existing street furniture, including fire hydrants. For those businesses who have a front and/or side yard setback, this space can be used for dining or retail sales as well.

Four (4) feet of clearance must be maintained for pedestrians along the sidewalk and into the business at all times. It is the responsibility of businesses to maintain a clean and safe path of travel for pedestrians, including a four (4) foot buffer for transit stops and street furniture.

Many businesses may not have usable sidewalk space or on-street parking. For those businesses, they can expand their business into the front and/or side yard setbacks, as well as any surplus (i.e. not required) off-street parking. No outdoor sales are allowed on fire lanes or in ADA required areas.

All alcohol sales moved outside must be fully enclosed, access controlled, and approved through the Kansas Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC).