

Open Streets

An Open Street limits through traffic on residential streets by using temporary, permeable barriers. The purpose of an Open Street is to provide extra space for recreational use by residents, business owners, and the public. These Open Streets safely reallocate the public realm to allow people to practice social distancing measures while outdoors. Open Streets are still accessible to local traffic and deliveries throughout their daytime operating hours and are accessible to through-traffic at night.

A set of two (2), 48 inch high, orange barricades are required at each intersection

A sign, reading "Local Traffic and Deliveries Only" shall be attached to the first barricade at each end of the street

The second barricade should be 20 ft past the first and on the opposite side of the street

The first barricade should be level with the crosswalk and just to the right of the center of the road

Further Details*

- Streets must be designated as residential, neighborhood, or local streets to be eligible.
- An individual, designated as the Open Street Block Captain, must register with [Livable Neighborhoods](#), assume responsibility for the maintenance of street barricades, and serve as a point-of-contact for their neighbors and the Unified Government.
- Barricades should be easily moved to allow access by emergency vehicles
- Barricades and the area around them must be well maintained and damaged barricades must be promptly repaired.
- Barricades may not be erected in the right-of-way before 8 AM and must be removed before sunset or 10 PM, whichever is earlier.

Outdoor Retail, Dining + Recreation: 2020 Design Standards Guide

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County - Kansas City, Kansas is temporarily allowing certain businesses to conduct sales outdoors. By encouraging these activities to move out into the open-air, where the spread of the virus is less likely, we can both support the local economy while protecting public safety. This pamphlet illustrates the design standards and requirements that must be met for sidewalk cafes, open air markets, food trucks and farmer's markets in a safe, comfortable, and socially distanced environment.*

Parklet Design

Parklets convert curbside parking into vibrant community space. Parklets are applied where narrow or congested sidewalks prevent the installation of sidewalk cafes or open-air markets.

Include vertical elements that aid driver visibility

Parklets are limited to one (1) on-street parking space per parcel (7' x18')

Install wheel stops to buffer the parklet from parked vehicles.

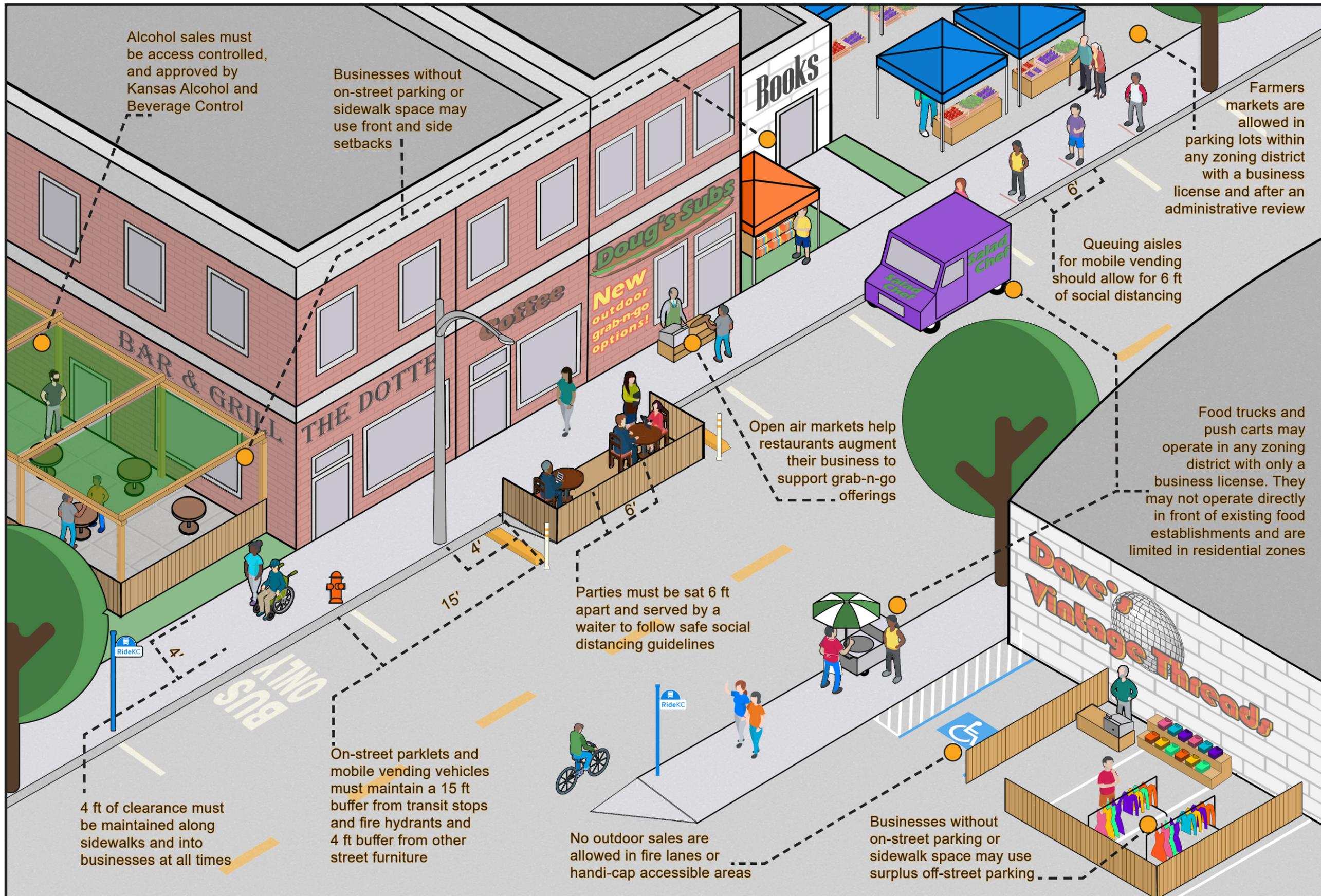
Use rails, fences or planters to separate the parklet from traffic

Maintain a flush transition with the curb to avoid trips and falls

Allowed Businesses

- Restaurants + bars
- Food + beverages (prepackaged)
- Homemade goods + crafts
- Books + other paper goods
- Visual works of art
- Clothing, jewelry + other wearables
- Dry goods (some exceptions*)
- Potted plants, cut flowers + gardening seed
- Office services
- Non-profits

Open for Business



There are many options for businesses that wish to offer a safe, socially-distant customer experience. The diagram to the left lays out some of these guidelines.*

For a complete overview of the regulations and additional DIY resources, visit the Department of Planning + Urban Design's website under "Back to Business" www.wycokck.org/Planning



Temporary improvements, such as portable canopies or outdoor retail displays, are to be removed at the end of each business day.

Semi-permanent improvements, such as new patios or awnings, that are left in place from construction until the end of the emergency ordinance on December 31, 2020, must undergo an administrative site plan review with the Department of Planning + Urban Design.



Safety and security are the Unified Government's greatest concern. Any business that would like a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of their plans by the KCK Police Department should call (913) 573-8715 or (913) 573-6140.

* This is not intended to be an exhaustive explanation of the emergency ordinance. Before starting your project, visit the Department of Planning + Urban Design's website at www.wycokck.org/Planning and review the ordinance language for a complete understanding of the guidelines and regulations. You can also email at planninginfo@wycokck.org or call 913-573-5750.