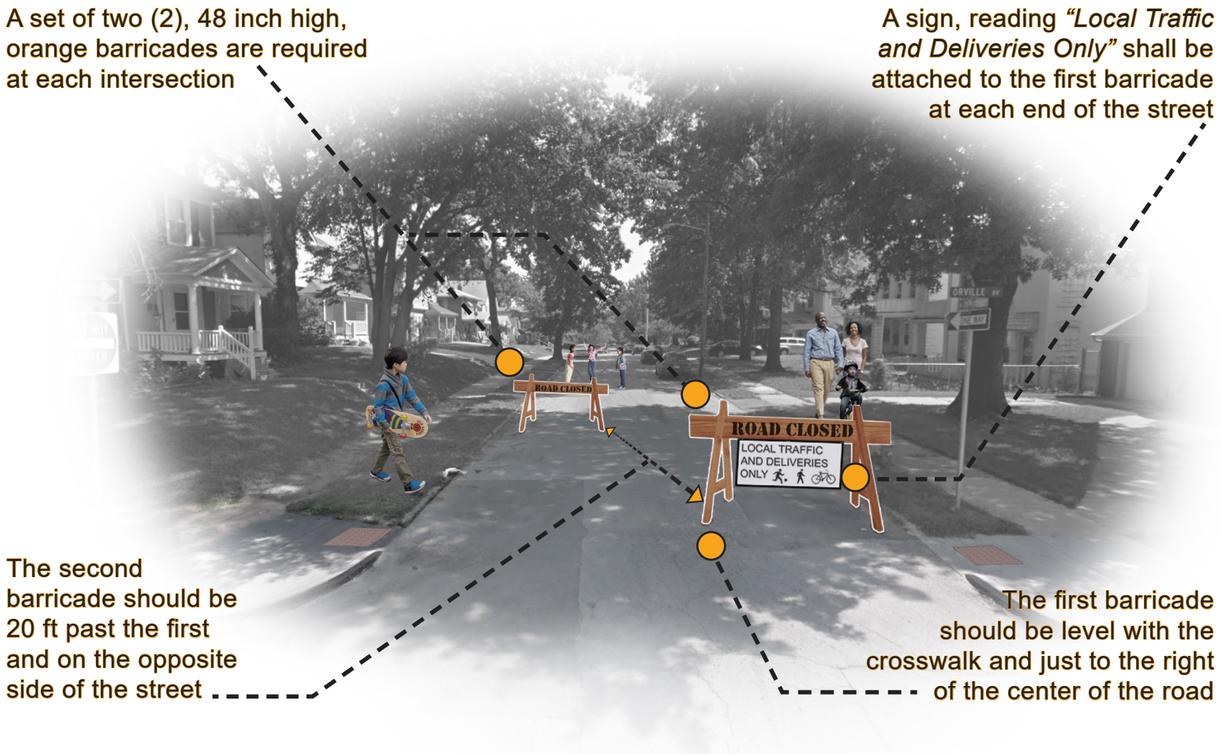
Open Streets

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 for expanded outdoor use and activity. Open Streets are still accessible to local traffic and deliveries throughout their daytime operating hours and are accessible to through-traffic at night.



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.

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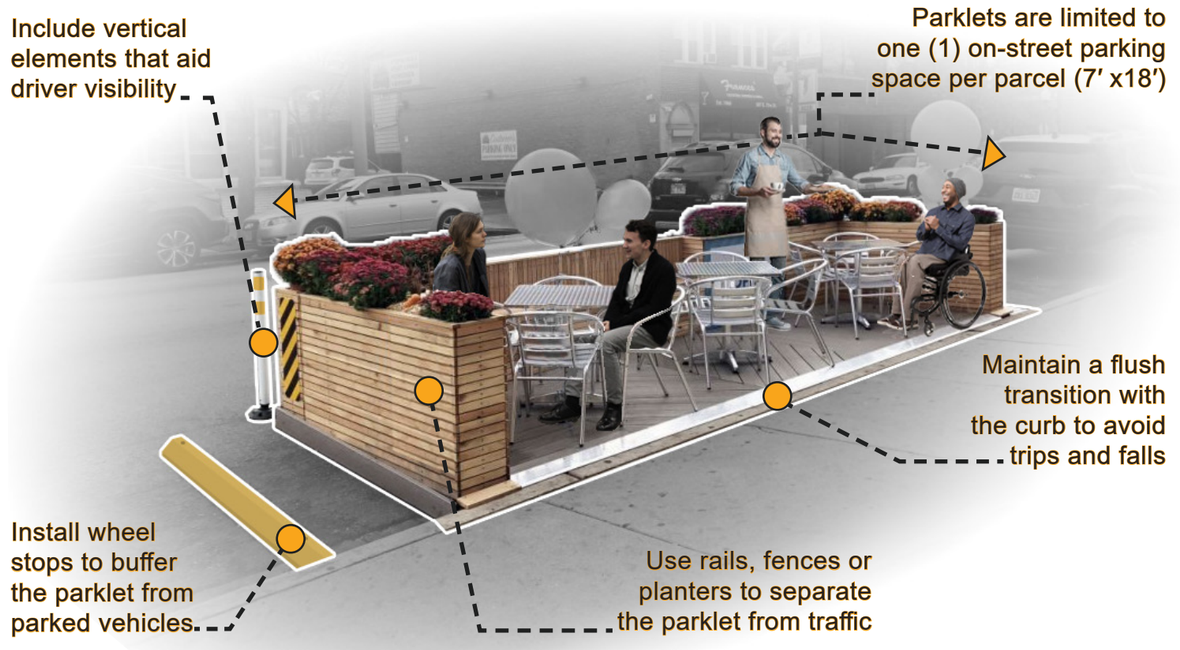
Outdoor Retail, Dining + Recreation: 2022 Design Standards Guide

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County - Kansas City, Kansas allows for certain businesses to conduct sales and services outdoors. By encouraging these activities to move out into the open-air, we can both support the local economy while creating a more vibrant community and prmote public health and 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.



Allowed Businesses

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

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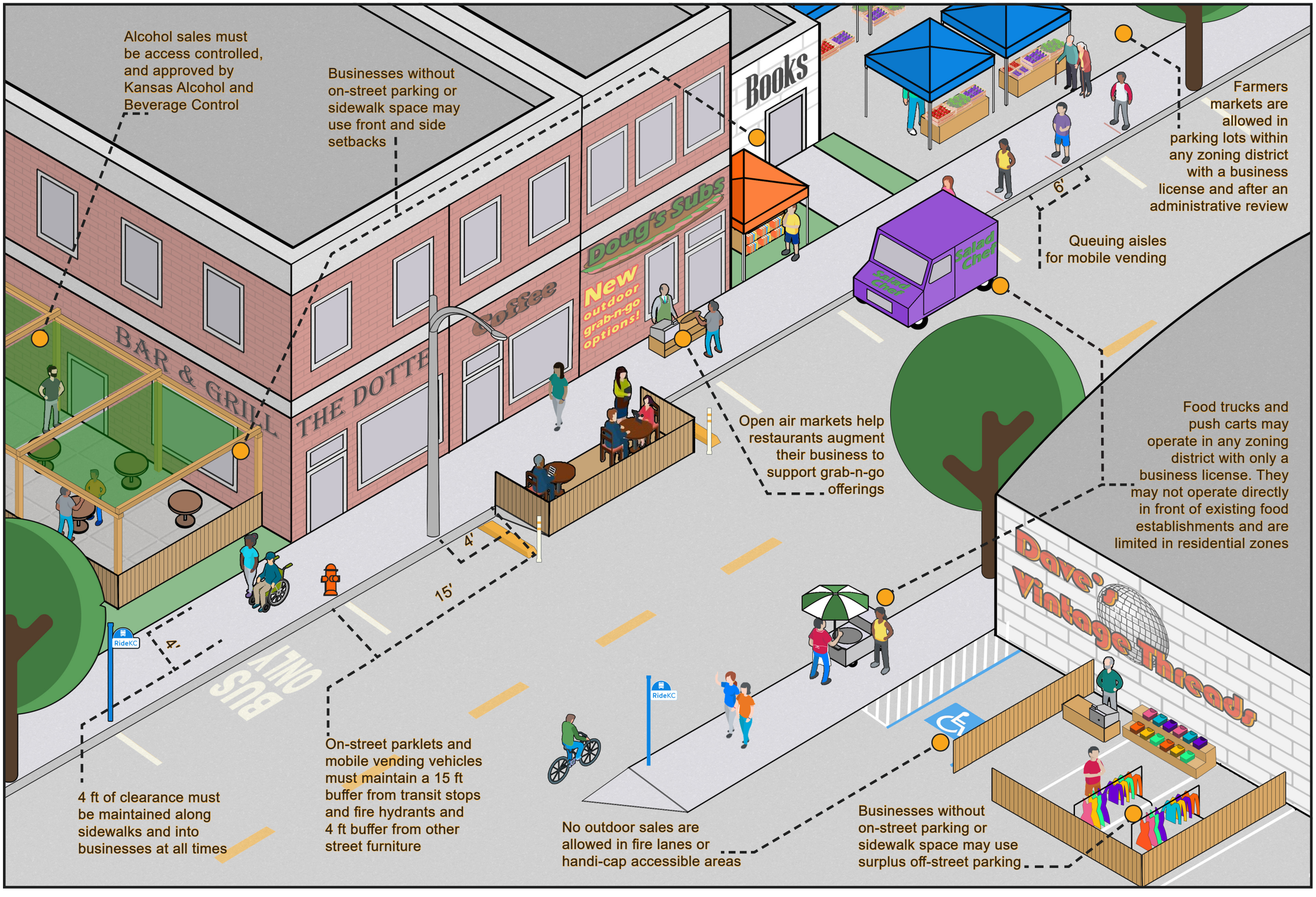
Streets for People



There are many options for businesses that wish to offer a safe, outdoor 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 "Streets for People" 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 improvemnets, such as new patios or awnings, 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 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.