



COVID-19 RESPONSE

Boulder Business Recovery: Temporary Outdoor Expansions – Winter Edition

What We're Doing

The City of Boulder is committed to helping businesses adapt to COVID-19.

Between Oct. 12 and Feb. 28 we are:

- Supporting business operations consistent with the Governor's orders, and
- Continuing to protect the health, safety and well-being of our community.

For more information, visit

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/planning/boulder-business-recovery>



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How Do I Apply?

Step 1: Review Inspection Checklist and FAQ Document

See what is allowed and not allowed in your outdoor space

Step 2: Gather Documentation for Application

Every application requires a project description and the date you'll be ready for an inspection. Depending on the size and location of your expansion you may need to provide more information.

Step 3: Apply Online

Go to <https://bouldercolorado.gov/planning/boulder-business-recovery>, click on the application link to apply and upload your documents

There are Two Options for Applications:

 Immediate Issuance

and

Fast Review Issuance 





Immediate Issuance Requirements

All the following criteria must be met to receive immediate issuance.

- ✓ Enclosure is 900 square feet or less
- ✓ Adding 50-amp load or less to existing electric panel
- ✓ Electric heaters, generators or propane heating elements
- ✓ Meet all requirements on inspection checklist



Fast Review Issuance Requirements

If any of the following criteria is met, your application requires a short review

- ✓ Enclosure is larger than 900 square feet
- ✓ Temporarily enclosing existing spaces
- ✓ Adding more than 50-amp load to existing electric panel
- ✓ Tapping into an existing gas, electric, water or sewer utility line
- ✓ Self-constructed platforms (will require a structural drawing)

**Fast Reviews require a plan of your site (including pertinent dimensions and equipment specifications) and can be issued within 3 business days pending all criteria are met.*

If you have an approved temporary expansion from the spring and would like to continue the use of the same area, you may do so with no changes through February 28, 2021 (if and as that date might be extended in light of the ongoing pandemic). If you would like to include heating, lighting, enclosures, tents and/or changes to the seating area you will need to submit a new temporary outdoor expansion application.

All temporary outdoor expansions currently located in public streets or loading areas will need to contact BoulderBusinessRecovery@bouldercolorado.gov for options to maintain your existing expansion area.

Want to make a permanent change or enclose more than 50 people? If you want to create a permanent structure or make changes to your existing structure such as adding a canopy, new door or window or expanding your HVAC system, you will need to go through our standard permitting process.



What you CAN do: ✓

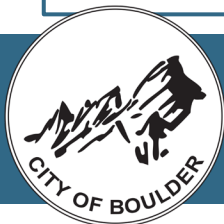
- Temporary and removable tables, benches, chairs and umbrellas
- Limited size enclosures secured at grade
- Moveable planters
- Temporary barriers* such as pallets, fencing and railings
- Amplified outdoor music in compliance with city noise ordinance and emergency orders
- Murals and art on barriers and containment devices
- Propane heater outside of enclosure with duct work into the enclosure
- Electric heaters within enclosure

**must comply with your liquor license if you have one.*

What you CAN'T do: ✗

- Permanent structures
- Tent on rooftop
- Blocking storm water inlets, valve boxes or manholes
- Blocking fire hydrants and building fire department connections
- Outdoor games, movies, etc. that would promote gathering
- Extension cords or yellow jackets that cross or obstruct the ROW
- Pets (service animals in compliance with ADA are allowed)
- Chalk cannot be used for murals or on the street or sidewalk
- Solid fuel burning heaters or fireplaces
- Open flames of any kind (including candles)
- Application of fire retardant to materials
- Portable fuel burning heating elements under the enclosure

See the Inspection Checklist and FAQ Document for more information!



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Liquor Licensing

If you have an existing liquor license and have not yet been approved for a temporary modification, you will still need to go through the [liquor license temporary modification process](#).

If you have an existing outdoor expansion area, amending your footprint or location in any way may require additional liquor licensing application processes.



Compliant Outdoor Expansion Examples



Important Links:

Application:

https://bouldercolorado.formstack.com/forms/boulder_business_recovery_temporary_outdoor_expansions_application

Inspection Checklist:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/links/fetch/49145>

FAQ Document:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/links/fetch/49147>

More Information:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/planning/boulder-business-recovery>

Liquor License Modification:

https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/Online_Liquor_Temporary_Modification_Application_Payments_Packet-1-202005221659.pdf

New liquor license:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/tax-license/liquor-licensing>

