

Policy P402 Alfresco Dining

Responsible Business Unit/s	Development Services
Responsible Officer	Coordinator Environmental Health Services
Affected Business Unit/s	Coordinator Environmental Health Services

Policy Objectives

Under the City's Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law can licence Alfresco Dining areas. This policy sets down the guidelines for officers considering applications for Alfresco Dining licences under delegated authority.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to all owners of premises with alfresco dining on public property and users of these facilities.

Policy Statement

The City recognises that the available area for Alfresco Dining within road reserves is dependent upon the width of the footpath and the location of other infrastructure within the road reserve.

The City acknowledges the need to ensure that there is adequate space available for pedestrian use. In particular the City recognises the need to ensure that people with sight impairments are aware of the areas of the road reserve available for pedestrian use. For this reason, the City prefers to provide unobstructed pedestrian access directly adjacent to the shop front.

Wide Footpaths

Where the width of the footpath is more than 5 metres, the City may approve Alfresco Dining where the eating area is located in an area of the road reserve that is:

1. at least 0.5 metres from the carriageway; and
2. at least 1.8 metres from the shop front.

Narrow Footpaths

Where the width of the footpath is less than 5 metres, the City may approve Alfresco Dining where the eating area is located in an area of the road reserve that is:

1. directly adjacent to the shop front; and
2. at least 1.8 metres from the carriageway.

Corner Blocks

Where an application applies to a corner block, Town Planning Policy P350.7 and Guide to Road Design – Part 4A: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections, 3.2.2 Safe Intersection Sight Distance applies. Each application for corner block trading will be assessed on a case by case basis. The City reserves the right to request the applicant engage an appropriately qualified person to ensure that these requirements are met to the satisfaction of the City’s Assets & Design Department.

Separation from the Footpath

The City will require that the licensed area is separated from the rest of the footpath by:

1. appropriate temporary or permanent barriers;
2. tactile paving; or
3. another method to the satisfaction of the City.

The licensed operator must pay the cost of installing the treatment that will separate the Alfresco Dining area from the rest of the footpath.

Pedestrian Access

1. The City will not approve an Alfresco Dining eating area on a footpath unless there is a straight and unobstructed pedestrian carriageway at least 1.8 metres wide past the eating area.
2. 2m clearance is required for access to pedestrian crossings to allow for safe, unobstructed pedestrian access.

Car Parking

Where the eating area is proposed in an area of a footpath adjacent to kerbside parking the City will not approve Alfresco Dining unless the eating area is at least 1.2 metres from the kerbside parking.

Other Street Infrastructure

The City will not approve an Alfresco Dining eating area within 1.5 metres of a telephone booth, bus stop, bicycle rack, public seat or other street infrastructure. The City may move street infrastructure to satisfy this requirement if an applicant pays for the cost of moving the street infrastructure.

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

City of South Perth Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2011

Other Relevant Policies / Key Documents

City of South Perth Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031