

Outdoor Dining

Outdoor food and beverage service is permitted by site plan as an accessory use to an existing food establishment provided the following criteria is met:

1. Sufficient space exists at the site provided there is a 4' pathway along the length of the building where the restaurant is located. The pathway must be unobstructed at all times and the required width shall not include any area on a street or highway.
2. Bollards or other safety measures designed to protect patrons from vehicles may be required.
3. The square footage of the area allocated for outdoor dining may be used to compute the number of parking spaces required, Litchfield Parking Standards, Appendix A, to accommodate patrons of the restaurant.
4. All food and beverage service shall be by restaurant staff with no outdoor food preparation, busing stations or amplified sound permitted.
5. All trash shall be removed to the food establishment's garbage facility, however, an approved receptacle may be placed within the outdoor dining area provided it is removed at the end of the service day and located on the submitted site plan.
6. Any outdoor lighting shall comply with the General Standards and Requirements, F. Outdoor Lighting, Litchfield Zoning Regulations.
7. Outdoor dining areas on a lot shall meet all yard setback requirements for the zone but shall not contribute to the overall lot coverage unless the outdoor dining space includes a permanent structure associated with the use (such as a permanent terrace).