Outdoor Dining Options

Outdoor Dining on Private Property



Outdoor dining/seating can be added to your private property through an easy application at the City. Interested in serving alcohol? Your liquor license can be amended to add the outdoor dining area.

Contact us at planning@crystallake.org or 815-356-3605 and we will help you through the approval process.



Outdoor Dining on Public Sidewalks

Outdoor dining/seating can be added to public sidewalk through an easy application. There must be a three-foot clearance around the seating area so pedestrians can continue to use the sidewalk. Interested in serving alcohol? Your liquor license can be amended to add the outdoor dining area.

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Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Areas (DORAs)

Is your business located in Downtown Crystal Lake? Everyone is invited to enjoy these public seating areas. Also, these areas are designated so businesses can sell to-go alcoholic beverages to be consumed in the three designated DORAs. Your business must have a valid liquor license for on-premise consumption to participate.

Contact the City Manager's Office at 815-459-2020 ext. 4084 or mnebel@crystallake.org and we will help you through the approval process.

