Active Streets for Businesses

A pilot program to support local businesses by promoting the safe reopening of restaurants and bars through expanded options for increased physical distancing and dining in outdoor, well-ventilated areas.

Cincinnati, OH

Active Streets for Businesses will –

1. Suspend certain code and permit requirements so restaurants can apply for and receive expedited permits to expand outdoor dining options
2. Allow for creative and expanded uses of the right-of-way for safe dining; including **sidewalks, parking spaces, and travel lanes**
3. Ensure all applicants comply with state and local health requirements to slow or prevent the transmission of COVID-19, including, but not limited to 6’ physical distancing requirements
4. Enable the City to gain experience and lessons learned in identifying issues, evaluating traffic safety and circulation, and monitoring public health impacts

Active Streets for Businesses are not –

1. Block parties, bar crawls, or street festivals

Indianapolis, IN

Tampa, FL

Active Streets for Businesses is based on best practices and guidelines from Cities around the US

- Cities with similar initiatives (active or announced)
  - Boston, Boulder, Charlotte, Chattanooga
  - Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Indianapolis, Madison
  - Miami, NYC, Philly, Portland, Richmond
  - SF, San Jose, Tampa, West Hartford
- Setup and execution varies
- Milwaukee has received requests and support from numerous BIDs and restaurateurs to expand outdoor dining

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1. Applicant requirements – existing occupancy and food dealer license, etc.
2. Access considerations – vehicle traffic, curbside uses, ADA clear path, transit, etc.
3. Site plan – dimensioned plan showing proposed layout, delineation type, etc.
4. Varying requirements depending on application type (sidewalk, curbside, street)
5. City maintains sole discretion to approve, suggest revisions to, or revoke permit
6. All expenses borne by the applicant – setup, maintenance, operation
7. Insurance, Indemnification, etc.

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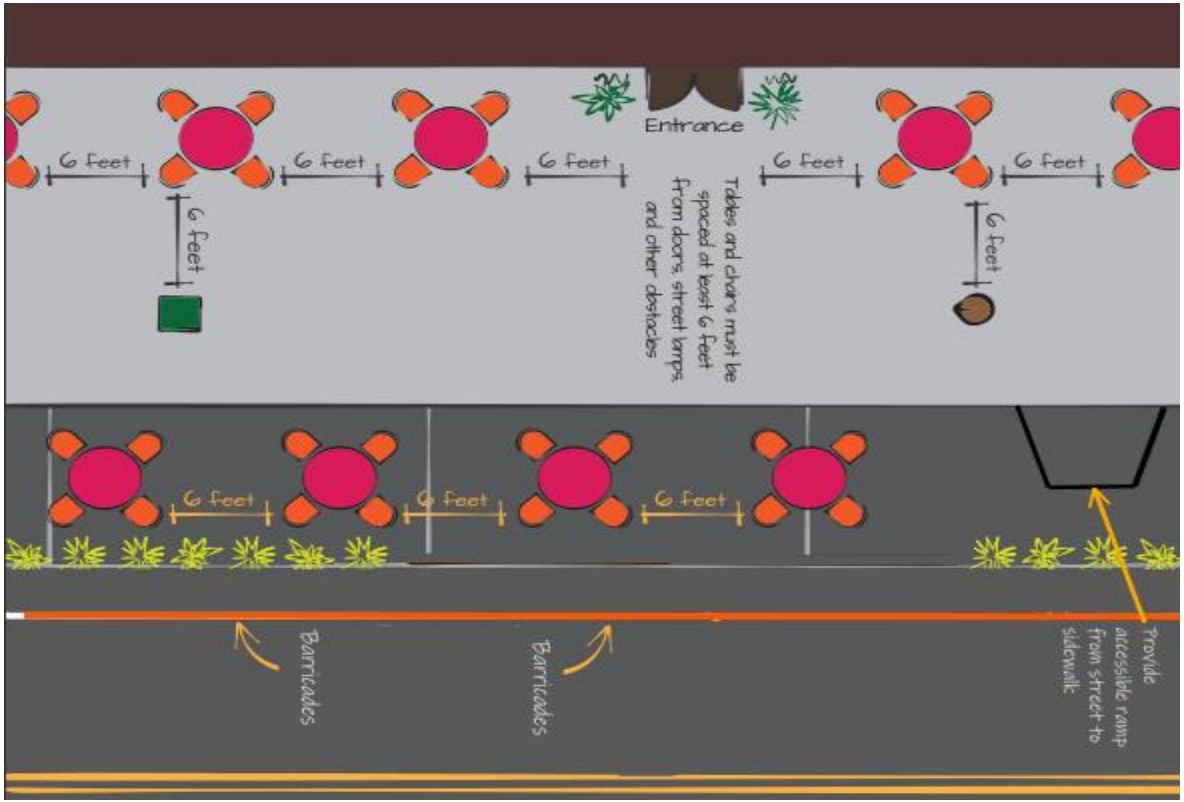
Example Site Plan



Next Steps

- Continue coordination with Health Dept., DNS, and MPD
- Work with BIDs / interested parties to identify pilot areas
- Be prepared for rollout upon notification of restaurants being allowed to open

Savannah, GA