

About the Program

Sidewalk cafes build customer loyalty, provide enhanced visibility for your business, and add to your bottom line. The opportunity to activate your outdoor space allows you to expand your business at a lower cost while cultivating a lively retail atmosphere that attracts visitors and further promotes a walkable, safe, and vibrant Downtown.

In an effort to encourage more outdoor dining activity and placemaking, a Sidewalk Enhancement Forgivable Loan – a type of DIA Food and Beverage Retail Enhancement Program funding – may be awarded to qualified restaurant operators.

Sidewalk cafes may be operated by restaurants or other businesses that are licensed to serve food and/or beverages. The cafe space is privately managed by the business, open for use only by its customers, and separated off with barriers. Table service may be provided.



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Sidewalk Enhancement Forgivable Loan

*Activate Your Outdoor Space
Bring More Business to Your Doorstep*



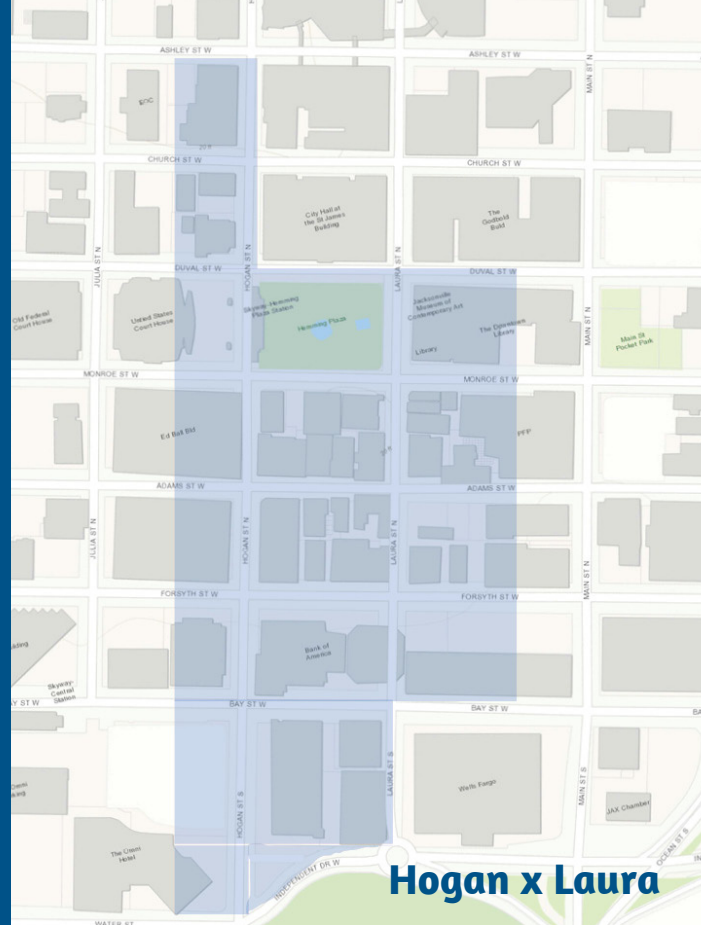
Learn more about the
Sidewalk Enhancement Forgivable
Loan at <http://dia.coj.net/Sidewalk>

Requirements for Obtaining a Sidewalk Café Permit*

- \$250 annual payment
- Applicant name and address
- Address and legal description of business
- Copy of business license and valid liquor license, when applicable
- Certificate of Insurance
- Meet requirement for a 12-foot sidewalk
- Drawing of business showing:
 - width of business facing sidewalk
 - location of doorways
 - width of sidewalk
 - distance from curb to building face, if different
 - location of trees
 - location of parking meters
 - location of bus shelters
 - location of sidewalk benches
 - location of trash receptacles or any other obstructions
- Drawing of:
 - area requested to be used
 - proposed location of tables, chairs, and umbrellas
 - items used to separate from the pedestrian area (fencing, planters, etc.)

*List not exhaustive. You are strongly encouraged to visit <http://dia.coj.net/Sidewalk> to review all program documents, applications, etc.

*Please submit all required documentation to the DIA.



Requirements for Receiving a Sidewalk Enhancement Forgivable Loan*

- Must be located within the Hogan/Laura or Elbow boundary
- Sidewalk café permit required
- Copy of Lease (5 years minimum)
- Description and budget of proposed furniture, fixtures, equipment, and construction, if any
- Drawing (same as needed for sidewalk café application)
- Proof of paid property tax bill to confirm payment of Ad Valorem taxes
- Property owner approval and copy of deed
- Loan is 80% of total cost (\$5,000 maximum)

