

NIGHTLIFE BUSINESS TEMPORARY OVERHEAD WEATHER PROTECTION GUIDELINES

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Nightlife businesses have security staff that manage restricted entry into buildings. If buildings do not have permanent overhead weather protection (OWP), security staff may be outside in inclement winter weather for extended periods of time. Interested businesses and the Office of Film and Music asked the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to review options for addressing these concerns. We have developed these guidelines to address the issue and support nightlife businesses.

These guidelines authorize eligible nightlife businesses to install temporary overhead weather protection (OWP) over the "security staff zone" (see diagram) in a manner that does not impede movement along the sidewalk. These guidelines are not intended to extend OWP over customer queuing areas.



Base of temporary OWP must be within security staff zone.





Pedestrian clear zone: as large as possible, minimum of 5'. Vertical clearance: minimum of 8' from sidewalk grade.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

- Nightlife businesses with security staff are eligible citywide
- Businesses must email publicspace@seattle.gov to provide notice of participation

GUIDELINES

Participating businesses are responsible for meeting these guidelines and assume all maintenance and liability for the OWP. There is no permit or review process to participate in this program. Simply comply with the guidelines below and notify us of your participation at publicspace@seattle.gov SDOT reserves the right to require removal at any time if deemded in the public interest.

Temporary OWP shall:

- 1. Provide 8 feet of clearance above the sidewalk at every point and shall be set back 18" or greater from the curb.
- 2. Be adjacent to the building. OWP is allowed to overhang the pedestrian clear zone, but no posts or bases shall extend into the 5' minimum pedestrian clear zone.
- 3. Not be permanently affixed to the sidewalk.
- 4. Be sited to meet ADA requirements.
- 5. Not have any advertising (the business name, products for sale, etc.)
- 6. Not be placed earlier than 8:00 pm and shall be removed by the close of business or no later than 3:00 am each night and shall be stored on private property.
- 7. Be designed to be stable under all weather conditions, including high winds, or removed as necessitated by severe weather conditions.
- 8. Include no other objects/structure, including but not limited to heaters and cords.





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