

Code Requirements for Covid-19 Outdoor Displays, Sales and Dining Use

A. Applicability. The provisions of this section apply to temporary and permanent facilities for outdoor display, sales and outdoor eating areas, where allowed by City Council resolution and approved by the Community Development and Public Works Department.

Outdoor Displays and Sales. The use of public right-of-way, park lands and private parking spaces may be used for outdoor display and sale activities in compliance with the following standards:

1. The outdoor display of merchandise shall not exceed a height of six feet above natural grade, unless a greater height is allowed through individual permit approval.
2. Displayed merchandise shall occupy a fixed, specifically approved location that does not disrupt the normal function of the site or its circulation, and does not encroach upon driveways and maintains a minimum ADA compliant pedestrian walkway (48" width). A display shall not obstruct intersection visibility or otherwise create hazards for pedestrian or vehicle traffic.
3. The outdoor display and sales area utilizing a public or private parking space shall occupy no more than 2 parking spaces (per business utilizing the outdoor space), clearly delineate the perimeter of the outdoor sales area utilizing materials which are a minimum of 48" in height and be directly related to a business occupying a permanent structure adjacent to, or near the outdoor area.
4. The review authority may require that outdoor sales and activity areas be separated to meet ABC requirements and/or be clearly delineated from adjoining public right-of-way (ROW) by decorative features, fences, or landscaping.
5. An outdoor display or sales area may be utilized for a variety of sales and business activities including temporary signage, display racks, food preparation, outdoor seating and other business activities as approved by the Community Development Department.
6. An encroachment permit must be obtained from the City of Cotati and the permit will include a requirement of liability insurance and indemnification of the City. The City of Cotati maintains the preeminent right to use the ROW and suspend the right to encroach whenever the City needs use of the ROW for other public use or for repair.

Design and Construction Requirements.

A. An outdoor sales area shall be soundly constructed of a suitable temporary material and designed in a manner and color to be compatible with the adjacent structures whether the stand is opened or closed.

B. Shelving and/or product displays shall generally not exceed six feet in height.

C. Maintenance. The news and flower stand shall be maintained in a clean and neat condition and in good repair, at all times.

D. Signs. Additional signs beyond those permitted in Chapter [17.38](#) (Signs) of the Cotati Municipal Code. The owner or operator of the outdoor sales area or display shall be located in a place readily visible to the public and shall include a telephone number and address where the owner may be reached.