

General Requirements

1. Wheel stops shall be installed one foot from the curbline at the edge of the parking spaces in front of and behind the parklet/streatery.
2. Safety elements (Safet-Hit® Durapost) are required at the outside corners of the parklet/streatery.
3. Maintain curbline drainage. Parklet/streateries shall not block storm water drainage, fire hydrants, transit stops, driveways, manholes, or public utility valves/covers.
4. The parklet/streatery shall be flush with the curb (no more than 1/2" gap), level with the adjacent sidewalk, and must be accessible at several locations by pedestrians.
5. Buffer zone - the parklet/streatery shall be located at least four feet from the wheel stops.
6. The outside edge and railings must not create a visual buffer.
7. There must be one foot setback from the edge of an adjacent bike lane or vehicle travel lane and shall have an edge to buffer the street. This edge can take the form of planters, railing, cabling, or some other appropriate buffer. The height and scale of the buffer required will vary depending on the context of the site.
8. The parklet/streatery frame should be a freestanding structural foundation that rests on the street surface or curb. No features or structural components may be permanently attached to the street, curb, or adjacent planting strip.
9. Parklets/streateries must be designed for ADA compliance and shall be easily removable if/when necessary.
10. Parklets/streateries shall only be installed on streets with a grade no greater than 5 percent.
11. In general, parklets/streateries should be placed at least one parking space from corners. The presence of a bulb-out, an on-street bicycle corral, or some other physical barrier may allow the City to allow placement closer than that.
12. Parklets/streateries shall be placed no closer than 15 feet from catch basins or fire hydrants.
13. In no case shall any portion of the parklet/streatery, or any furniture placed upon it, obstruct the view of a traffic control device.

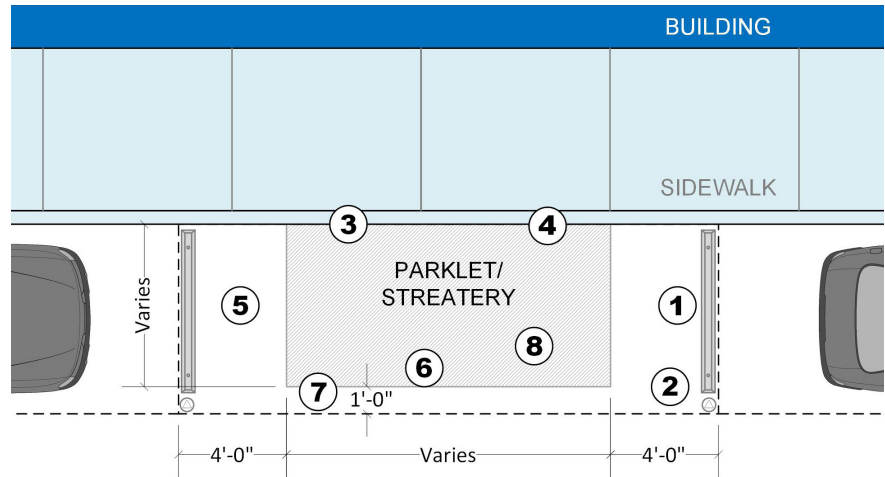


Fig. 1 - SINGLE SPACE PARKLET/STREATERY FEATURES AND DIMENSIONS

Curb Interface

- Parklet/streatery design shall allow for stormwater flow and drainage along the curb.
- The maximum horizontal gap between the curb and the parklet surface shall be 1/2 inch.
- The maximum vertical gap shall be 1/4 inch.
- The parklet/streatery must have a seamless connection to the existing curb to meet ADA requirements.

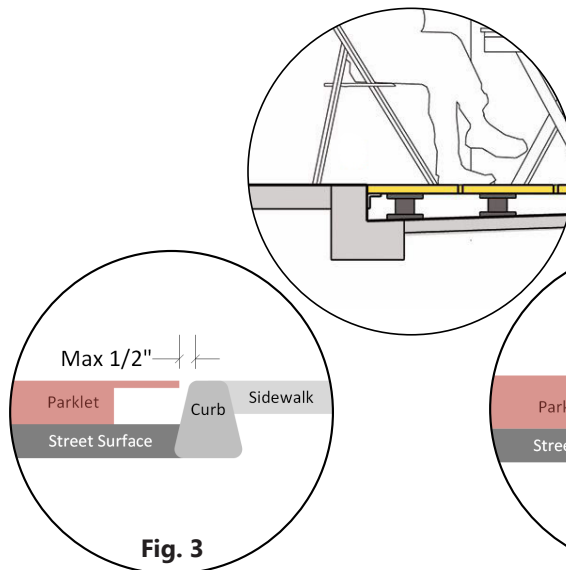


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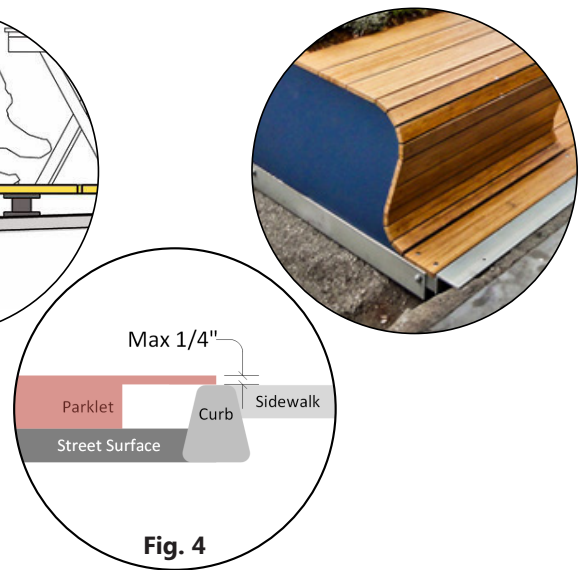


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Required Safety Elements

- Safety is foremost in the City's consideration. As such, all parklets and streateries must be designed so as to maintain clear sight lines both on the street and on sidewalks.
- Wheel stops must be installed at both ends of the parklet/streatery four feet from the parklet/streatery structure and one foot from the curb.
- Wheel stops shall be no less than four feet long and no greater than six feet long, mounted with three butyl pads, preferably made of recycled rubber.
- Reflective delineator posts must be placed at the outer corners of the parking space/loading zone six inches from the wheel stops.
- Delineator posts must be 36 inches tall, cylindrical, white Safe-Hit® Duraposts and must include reflective striping. Posts should follow the City of Spokane standard and be attached to the street with a butyl adhesive pad.



Sight Line Elements and Requirements

- The parklet/streatery design must ensure visibility to passing traffic and pedestrians and not create a visual barrier.
- The parklet/streatery shall maintain a visual connection to the street. Continuous opaque walls above 42" that block views into the parklet from the surrounding streetscape are prohibited. You are allowed to include columns and other vertical elements.
- A minimum overhead clearance of 96" must be provided for any parklet/streatery that includes a canopy (or similar element) in order to avoid creating a visual barrier and to provide adequate clearance for people.
- The parklet should have a notable, defined edge along the side of the parklet facing the roadway and adjacent parking stalls to protect parklet users from moving traffic. This can be accomplished via a continuous railing, planter, fence, or similar structure.
- The height of the outside wall is dependent on the context, but should be between 30 inches minimum on the street side to a maximum of 42 inches.
- A minimum 1-foot buffer should be maintained between the parklet features and the travel lane to increase safety adjacent to moving traffic.

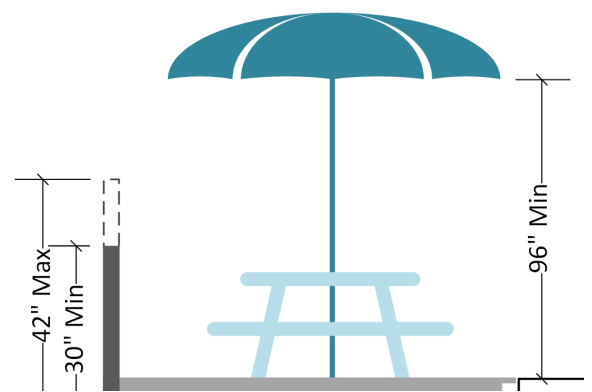


Fig. 5 - SIGHT LINE HEIGHT STANDARDS

Parklet and Streatory Design Standards

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Parklets and Streateries in Loading Zones

If you are considering putting a parklet or streatory in a loading zone or other specialty designated space, the City recommends you first look for a nearby location to move that zone and then notify other businesses on the block of your desire to do so. Consideration will be given to removing the special zone with written acknowledgment from your block's other property managers, owners, street-level businesses, and/or residential property associations.



PARKLET/STREATORY AMENITIES

Seating

All parklets/streateries must incorporate built-in seating, which can be integrated in a variety of creative ways. These seats can be a part of the structure, planters, or creative features within the parklet/streatory. Comfortable places to sit are important to creating welcoming and inviting public spaces.

Additional movable seating is recommended as well. This seating can be removed and stored at the end of the day or locked with cables to the parklet structure.

Furnishings should be distinct from any furnishings used by the hosting business or organization. If the parklet host is a business with a sidewalk café, the tables and chairs must be a different style from the ones used in the café. It is important to remember that the parklet is a public amenity, and as such, should be easily distinguishable from nearby private property. Streateries are exempt from this requirement.

Landscaping

Your parklet/streatory must have some type of landscaping. Landscape plantings help soften the space and can serve as a pleasant buffer along the street-facing edge. Landscape elements may be incorporated as planter boxes, hanging planters, green walls, raised beds, or similar features. Drought-tolerant and native plants are good choices for ease of maintenance. Edible plants and plants with fragrance, texture, and seasonal interest are also recommended.

Signs

All parklets/streateries must feature City of Spokane provided signs indicating the space is public. In the case of Streateries, the sign must explain the hours when the Streatory is for the use of the adjacent business and when it's available to the general public. These signs should be mounted to both ends of the parklet and should be visible from the adjacent sidewalk. Signs acknowledging sponsorship, logos, or designs that "brand" the parklet must comply with the City of Spokane sign code (SMC 17C.240).

Heating and Gas Power

Outdoor heaters and elements that use gas or propane fuel can help to make your parklet more comfortable throughout the year. Heating and gas-powered features are allowed in parklets/streateries but will require an additional permit.

Lighting

Lighting is allowed but may require a permit, depending on what you propose. Self-contained low-voltage systems, such as solar or battery-powered lights, are a good choice. Decorative or seasonal lighting may be allowed in street trees near the parklet, but requires an Urban Forestry Permit.



Plan Submittal - Required Elements

Plans should include sufficient detail as to allow for adequate review. The following items must be shown on the plans you submit with your permit application:

- Location on the street;
- Street and sidewalk utilities (i.e. manholes, water valves, etc.);
- Street poles and signs;
- Parking meters (including any required to be removed);
- Fire hydrants and Fire Department connections on adjacent buildings;
- Street furniture (litter cans, benches, etc.);
- Street trees, including tree surrounds;
- Sidewalk and street grade elevations;
- Bike lanes (if any);
- Parklet/streatery dimensions;
- Parklet/streatery materials and details as necessary;
- Parklet/streatery planting plan;
- Flexible delineator posts and wheel stops; and,
- Materials, design elements, or other proposed features.

Signage

All parklets must feature signs indicating the space is public. All streateries must feature signs that indicate hours of service and that the streatery is open to the public at all other times. These signs should be mounted to both ends of the parklet or streatery and should be visible from the adjacent sidewalk. Signs acknowledging sponsorship, logos, or designs that “brand” the parklet or streatery must comply with the City of Spokane sign code (SMC 17C.240).



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