



# GARLAND

## Private Property Parklet Tips

Temporary parklets are a great way to provide public seating platforms by transforming urban streetscapes into vibrant gathering spaces to promote local businesses and attract customers. Eye-catching parklets increase foot traffic, encourage pedestrian safety and activity, and provide potential overflow space for businesses.

As we recover from the shutdown caused by the pandemic, the City Council supports the use of temporary parklet structures through the Labor Day weekend. There will be no formal permitting process or fees; however, the City reserves the right to address any issues that may arise due to vehicular or pedestrian safety, maintenance, etc., and all applicable City of Garland codes should be followed. The Planning Department provides these tips for Garland businesses interested in setting up a parklet on their private property:



### Safety

- Use barriers or buffers, such as poles, bollards, large pots and railings, to create space between people and vehicles
- Parklets should not block required exits or sidewalks



### General

- Should be visually permeable to enable people to rest and experience the street/lot off the sidewalk
- Should feel public
- Be courteous of neighbors and communicate/coordinate with surrounding businesses/users
- Be mindful of not blocking infrastructure or amenities such as fire hydrants, fire lanes, bike lanes, visibility triangles, curb inlets and bus stops
- Avoid including unsightly or dangerous objects such as large speakers or bundles of cords



### Accessibility

- Should be easily accessible from the sidewalk with a flush transition
- Should conform to ADA access guidelines



### Furnishings

- Portable and quick and easy to set up and tear down – tables, chairs, plantings and other furnishings should be removable



### Site maintenance

- Businesses are responsible for providing and maintaining all elements of the parklet including furniture and amenities
- Businesses provide daily maintenance of the parklet and surrounding area