

## PROPOSED TEMPORARY PARKLET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**March 10, 2021**

Chapter 20 PARKLETS

Sec. 20-11. The City Council will enact a temporary parklet ordinance for the purpose of providing additional business expansion opportunities during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. Sections 20-1 through 20-10 of this ordinance shall be suspended from May 1, 2021 through October 25, 2021.

- a) Existing parklets as of the effective date of this amendment may remain in place and have one year of their permitted time extended.
- b) The City Manager will be authorized to issue permits for parklets in public parking spaces on Main Street (from Barre St. to School St.), State Street (from Main St. to Taylor St.) and Langdon Street. The Manager is authorized to reserve spaces, if needed, to preserve public safety, accessibility, deliveries and curbside pick up. Parklets outside of the designated area will be considered on a case by case basis.
- c) All parklets must comply with guidelines issued by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development in conjunction with the Vermont Agency of Transportation.
- d) Parklets will be limited to two parking spaces per business. Parking spaces must be proximate (within two parking spaces) to the main business location. Business may share parklets if permitted by their business type.
- e) Business use of parklets must comply with any licensing requirements associated with their particular business. Smoking is prohibited in all parklets.
- f) Businesses may establish parklets on city sidewalks but must maintain a minimum consistent five foot open width for public use of the sidewalk. If such width is not attainable, use of the sidewalk is prohibited.
- g) New permit applications will be accepted between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month with decisions made no later than the last day of that same month. All permits issued will continue until October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- h) Permit applications will generally be approved if they meet all conditions. Reasons for denial may include pre-existence of another parklet in a particular parking space, a public safety conflict, an ADA conflict, or conditions stated in (b).
- i) No application fee will be assessed. The parklet owner, including those referenced in (a), will not be assessed a monthly fee equal to any foregone parking revenue for the space.

Sec. 20-12. Sections 20-11 and 20-12 of this ordinance will expire on October 25, 2021. Sections 20-1 through 20-10 will be automatically restored.