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Renting outdoor serving areas in summer 2020

The City strives to facilitate the expansion of the current outdoor serving areas and the placement of new areas and make the process as easy as possible. When following the instructions on this page, it is possible to agree on the commissioning of the area directly with the Real Estate Department, whereby a separate permit from Building Control is not required. If necessary, the Real Estate Department will request an assessment of the action's minor nature from the Building Control Centre.

A written application for renting the outdoor serving areas on the City's land is required (by letter or email). The form is available at the end of this page. Please attach the following to your application:

- a site layout plan that depicts the planned area and the placement of fixtures
- the number of new customer seats (or details of whether the area will just be expanded without adding new seats)
- an image and/or description presenting the fixtures, their material and colour
- the Trade Register extract of the applicant's establishment.

The application should be submitted to the City of Espoo's Real Estate Department. Fixed-term land rental agreements will be made for outdoor serving areas.

Pricing

The compensation of the outdoor serving area is based on the number and type of customer seats (€40 for a seat with alcohol serving licence and €25 for other seats, for the entire season). If the area will be expanded only to add space and no new seats will be added, no additional compensation will be charged. The rental invoices will be due only at the end of the season, on 30 September 2020.

Instructions

- The outdoor serving area cannot be placed on rescue pathways, spots reserved for rescue vehicles or in front of exit routes or on accessibility markings on the ground. The outdoor serving area cannot cause noise disturbances or other environmental disruptions to nearby residential apartments.
- Use of the street fixtures, functionality of storm drains, access to distribution cabinets, maintenance operations for lighting equipment, and the use of similar technical systems cannot be inhibited.
- If the entrepreneur wishes to equip the outdoor serving area with wooden grids installed on the ground, accessibility must be taken into account. The access path to the restaurant/cafe cannot be raised using a platform. If possible, the outdoor serving area should also be accessible.

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- The advertising stands and devices of the outdoor serving area cannot be permanent fixtures. If A-stands are used, they should be placed in a way that does not disrupt pedestrian traffic and other traffic. The A-stands must be removed for the night.
- The outdoor serving area with all its equipment and advertising stands cannot take up more than half of the free width of the pedestrian area. However, the width of the free pathway must always be at least 150 cm.
- The area must be fenced off/separated from its surroundings with light rope railings, and the furniture and equipment brought into the area must be well suited to the environment. Parasols can be used as sun shades/rain covers, and they can show the name of the establishment.
- Ensuring a sufficient amount of toilet facilities needs to be taken into account when setting up the area (see [the environmental health instructions in the Espoo region.](#))
- Smoking in the area should be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Smoking cannot have any detrimental health effects on the surroundings.
- The entrepreneur must organise and supervise waste management to ensure that the surrounding areas remain clean.

Building Control must be contacted before setting up the terrace, if

- the plan includes a heavier fence with permanent fixtures, such as screens, canopies or similar structures,
- the plan requires felling trees, or
- the terrace is not located in a City-owned area.