



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
CITY OF CHICAGO

Official Notice of Changes to Chicago Municipal Code Section 10-28-800

Sidewalk Café Permit Term – Full Year

As part of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Small Business Plan, the Sidewalk Café (SWC) permit season has been expanded. Now, restaurant operators will have the option of providing sidewalk café dining year-round, when the weather permits, replacing the seasonal term of March 1st – December 1st.

Under this new, business friendly initiative, current permitted SWC operators will have the ability to extend their permit to February 28, 2019, at no additional cost. Extended SWC permits for this winter season will be granted based on the originally approved and permitted SWC site plan—changes of any kind are not allowed. Should you choose to change your approved and permitted SWC layout, a new SWC permit application and associated fee are required.

We will contact you by the end of September and provide you with information on how to formally extend your originally approved SWC permit to February 28, 2019. At that time, we will also inform you of updated insurance requirements and weather related operational regulations.

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