Design Requirements for Curbside Belfast Outdoor Seating Areas

The Curbside Belfast outdoor space program will be launched in Spring 2022 for the third year. As the Downtown Belfast community prepares for the busy warmer seasons, the City of Belfast is looking forward to this ongoing annual outdoor seating program that permits businesses to utilize adjacent outdoor space. Businesses are encouraged to be expressive and have fun with this opportunity. Keeping these outdoor areas looking good is a great benefit to our Downtown and adds to the vibrant energy that is part of first impressions for visitors of the city. Design requirements for the Curbside Belfast program are listed below so that we can continue to keep Belfast looking good as we carry the new program into this season.

1) Continuous opaque walls taller than 42" that block views are prohibited. Individual elements such as posts, plantings, lighting etc. may be taller.

2) Green elements, or other enhancements such as flowers, shrubs or artwork must be incorporated into the design. No traffic safety features such as barricades or cones shall be on display without decorative enhancements.

3) A visually penetrable barrier around the perimeter of the space, such as a guard or handrail, must be incorporated into the design.

4) All spaces shall be constructed of high-quality, durable, non-reflective, and aesthetically-pleasing materials. Outdoor areas shall not be unsightly. Painted or stainless metal, finished woods, and other materials intended for outdoor use are all allowable.

5) Adding overhead weather and sun protection to your space is permited so that your services will not be weather dependent.

6) Artwork can enhance the attractiveness of your space and create identity for your business.

7) Outdoor spaces shall be kept simple, free of clutter, and well maintained to provide an inviting space that will welcome customers and enhance our lively downtown. No waste receptacles or unused equipment/materials shall be located in the outdoor areas.