



Application to Allow Dogs at Outdoor Restaurant Patios

The Evanston Health and Human Services Department as stipulated in [Municipal Code 74-O-21 an Ordinance Amending the City Code to Allow Dogs at Outdoor Restaurant Patios](#) grants a variance from the requirements of 2017 Food Code 6.501.115 adopted by the City to allow dogs at outdoor dining areas. This variance is for dogs only and shall not apply to any other animal or pet.

All conditions provided below must be met before the variance to allow dogs at outdoor dining patios is granted.

Conditions of the variance.

- Except for service dogs and patrol dogs accompanied by Police or Security Agents, no dog is allowed in the interior of a food establishment or allowed to pass through the interior of the food establishment.
- Dogs will be only allowed in designated areas of the outdoor dining area by the restaurant owner. A layout of the outdoor patio showing the dog designated area must be submitted to the Health and Human Services Department.

Total Available Area	# of Dogs Allowed*
0 ft ² – 49 ft ²	1
50 ft ² – 99 ft ²	2
100 ft ² - 149 ft ²	3
150 ft ² – 200 ft ²	4
200 ft ² – 250 ft ²	5
Over 250 ft ²	6-7

* Calculated by using the minimum space requirements for dogs at any given time as stated by the Animal Welfare Act Regulations combined with the area used by table and chairs.

- No customer in the outdoor dining area shall have control of more than one (1) dog.
- A dog must be kept on a leash and remain in the control of the customer while at the outdoor patio area at all time. The dog must be wearing a collar or harness with current rabies and registration tags.
- A sign must be posted at the front of the entrance of the outdoor patio and must be readable from the furthest dining table. The sign must read in bold letters "THIS IS A DOG FRIENDLY PATIO. ANY DOG-RELATED COMPLIANT REGARDING THIS PATIO MUST BE RELAYED TO THE RESTAURANT STAFF. IF ISSUES ARE NOT RESOLVED, PLEASE CALL THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 847-448-4311 OR 311.
- Food Service employees must not touch, pet, or handle dogs in any manner. If there is incidental contact with the dog, the Food Service Employees must immediately wash their hands before proceeding to other duties.
- Dogs must not come in contact with utensils, serving dishes, tableware or other equipment used in the preparation and service of food.
- Dogs must not be allowed on a seat, table, countertop, or similar surface in the outdoor patio area
- The outdoor patio must be continuously maintained free of visible dog hair, dog dander or debris. A food establishment must maintain a log of the cleaning schedule of the dog friendly patio and

make the log available to the Inspector upon request.

- Fecal or urine incidents involving dogs must be cleaned immediately by the owner having control of the dog, or restaurant staff not involved in the preparation and service of food. The area must be disinfected immediately after the feces/urine has been removed. The food establishment must develop and provide a disinfection protocol for fecal/urine incidents and submit it to the Health and Human Services Department (EHHS) for approval.
- All dog waste shall be placed in insect and rodent proof containers located adjacent to the patio and must be disposed of outside of the food establishment in an approved covered waste receptacle.
- Equipment used to clean the outdoor patio must be kept outside of the food establishment
- Areas occupied by dogs must be cleaned and sanitized immediately after dogs have left the establishment.
- A dog may not be given any food (including, but not limited to, dog kibbles, biscuits, and edible treats) while in the outdoor patio area, but may be given water in a disposable container.
- Any aggressive behaviors exhibited by dog(s) including bites and attacks must be reported to the Police Department.
- The City of Evanston is not liable for any dog incidents that occur at the dog friendly patios. All food establishments allowing dogs at outdoor patios must have liability insurance covering dog incidents.
- Failure to comply with the requirements of this variance may result in suspension or revocation of the variance.
- The variance is not transferable.

I hereby certify that the below named food establishment will comply with the above conditions and any other conditions that may be established by the regulatory authority to obtain and maintain a variance from the City of Evanston Health and Human Services Department (EHHS). If the person-in-charge fails to comply with the conditions established by the EHHS, EHHS reserves the right to revoke the privilege of the food establishment to allow dogs to be present at the outdoor patio area of the food establishment. I also understand that this privilege is non-transferable and is valid only at the location listed on this form.

Furthermore, I hold harmless the City of Evanston and EHHS from any incident(s) that may arise from permitting dogs in outdoor dining area(s).

Restaurant Owner/Manager/Person-in-Charge _____

Food Establishment: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____

EHHS Director Signature: _____

Date granted: _____ Date Denied: _____

Reference: [74-O-21 An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Allow Dogs at Outdoor Restaurant Patios](#)

Please submit this fillable application form with a scale drawing of layout showing designated dog area and disinfection protocol to: hhslicensing@cityofevanston.org
