

# Open Streets Initiative Extended Through 2020: FAQ for Businesses

The Open Streets Initiative has been extended through December 31, 2020, thanks to a vote on September 15 by the Long Beach City Council. Businesses currently permitted for expanded outdoor services through this Initiative will remain approved through year-end, including those operating with expanded footprints in the Pine Avenue pedestrian area between First and Third Streets.

Please note that the City Council also directed City staff to work with business improvement districts, including DLBA, to identify options to permanently approve some Open Streets parklets and street closures, including on Pine Avenue.

**For those who wish to apply for expanded outdoor services through the Open Streets Initiative, such as sidewalk dining, parklet space, or the Pine Avenue pedestrian area, please refer to the following FAQ.**

## Who is eligible?

Under the current [City Health Order](#) and as required by State law, only dining, fitness, and personal care service businesses are eligible to operate outdoors. Currently, restaurants, fitness studios/gyms, and most personal care services may only operate outdoors. Salons and barbershops are also eligible for expanded outdoor operations, but they can operate indoors at 25% capacity.

Please note, retail businesses accessible from the street are still able to operate indoors per the current Long Beach Health Order, so outdoor programming is unavailable to retailers at this time.

## **How do I apply?**

To apply for expanded outdoor operations under the Long Beach Open Streets Initiative, please review and complete the following steps.

- Read the City's [Open Streets Toolkit](#) to identify which type of outdoor expansion is right for your business.
- Refer to [DLBA's website](#) to download the necessary forms for your business and expansion type.
- Contact DLBA Economic Development & Policy Manager Austin Metoyer, who will connect you with appropriate City staff to submit your application and forms: [AustinM@dlba.org](mailto:AustinM@dlba.org).

## **My business is within the Pine Avenue pedestrian area. How do I apply?**

- Review the [City's web page](#) dedicated to the Pine Avenue street closure.
- [Click here](#) to download necessary forms, which include outdoor event permits and insurance requirements as well as an ABC application for those who wish to serve alcohol.
- Contact DLBA Economic Development & Policy Manager Austin Metoyer, who will connect you with appropriate City staff to submit your application and forms: [AustinM@dlba.org](mailto:AustinM@dlba.org).

## **Where can I find City Health Protocols for my business type?**

- [Click here](#) to find City Health Protocols specific to business type.

