



A Quick Overview of Semipermanent and Permanent Objects

This is an overview of what semipermanent and permanent objects are, where they can be located, and the permit application process. The City grandfathered in all permanent and semipermanent objects that existed on the sidewalks prior to February 2021.

What is a semipermanent or permanent object?

An object that is kept out on public streets, sidewalks, and alleyways after business hours. Such objects include but are not limited to displays, fixtures, inventory racks, display cases, planters, vending machines, and seating.

Holiday decorations placed in the space directly adjacent to the building are exempt from needing a permit.

Who can apply to place semipermanent and permanent objects on the sidewalk?

Any business where the building physically touches the sidewalk on either the front or side of the building can place items on the sidewalks.

Where can the objects be located?

In general, items can be placed in the brick area or in the space abutting to the wall of the building. At least 5 feet of unobstructed space must remain on the sidewalk.

What is the permit application process?

Applicants will submit a Sidewalk Usage Application that can be found at www.cityofbrevard.com/permitting. There is a \$50 application fee, and applicants must submit the following documents with the application (descriptions are on the application form):

- Site plan
- Description and images or other illustrative graphics of all furnishings and objects
- Proof of Liability Insurance

If the applicant is located in the Downtown Mixed-Use zoning district, the Downtown Master Plan Committee will provide a recommendation on whether the object

complies with the spirit and intent of the adopted Downtown Master Plan.

Prior to the permit being issued, the applicant must come to the Planning Department to sign a notarized **Hold Harmless Agreement**. This agreement states that the applicant will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Brevard and NCDOT from all damages and claims for damage that may result from the operation of sidewalk activities.

After the application is reviewed and issued, and the business owner has the object placed on the sidewalk, the business owner must call the Planning Department (828-885-5630) to schedule a final inspection.

When are the objects removed?

The permit is valid until the permit holder vacates the premises or until a replacement is warranted due to the deterioration of the physical condition or appearance, at which point, the object must be removed. The permit holder may remove the objects at any time, which will void the permit unless the object was removed for maintenance.

If you have questions about whether objects in front of your business are considered to belong to your business, please call or email the Brevard Planning Department (828-885-5630 or planning@cityofbrevard.com).

