

POLICY: PATIO & PATIO EXTENSIONS – PERMANENT LICENSES

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I. OBJECTIVE

This policy is to provide clarity on the approval process for a permanent patio and an adjacent “temporary” patio for previously scheduled events.

II. DEFINITIONS

- **Permanent Patio** – Is a licensed “patio” area that is adjacent to a permanently licensed premise and approved by this office. It may be operational at any time.
- **Temporary Event Patio Extension** – Is a licensed “patio” area that is adjacent to a permanently licensed patio and is only permitted for scheduled special events.
- **Floorplan** - Floor plan must include measurements showing where the proposed licensed area will be located in respect to the licensed premise and how it will be enclosed (details on delineation/barrier).
- **SOL IV** – An event which is of benefit to the community and infrequent in nature or a previously booked private event (an SOL fee is attached).

III. POLICY

The following process is to be used in assessing eligibility for a patio or patio extension for a permanent licensee.

- **Permanent Patio** – must be approved by this office:
 - Fire clearance must be provided and placed on file;
 - Confirmation of access/land use – lease, provincial/municipal approval or other approved documentation of support;
 - Approved floorplan and final inspection must be conducted by AGFT staff.
 - A permanent patio may be erected seasonally without subsequent final inspection, if:

- Notification is provided to this office;
 - No changes are made to the approved floorplan or the original patio application.
- A fee is not charged for a permanent patio application.
- **Temporary Event Patio Extensions** – must be approved by this office, the following document will be required:
 - Approved floorplan, which may be subject to a final inspection by AGFT;
 - Confirmation of access/land use – Lease, provincial/municipal approval or other approved documentation of support must be submitted;
 - The licensee must obtain fire clearance, if applicable;
 - A fee is not charged for this type of extension/renovation, (regularly scheduled events where the extension/renovation are formally approved by this office on a yearly basis);
 - Temporary Event Patio Extensions may be approved under the following conditions, (if these conditions are not met then the licensee must apply for a SOL IV):
 - In areas of a municipality here the patio will extend onto municipal property and where the street is closed to pedestrian traffic and the closures are frequent in nature and known (i.e. weekend street closures, holiday street closures);
 - On privately owned property where the extensions will be frequent in nature (i.e. weekends, holidays) and a list of dates is supplied to the AGFT in advance.
- **Patio Conditions** – requirements typically associated with patio licensing:
 - All conditions of permanent license apply;
 - The patio must be completely surrounded by a structure that satisfies the AGD;
 - The patio must be immediately adjacent to the licensed premises, and there must be direct access from the licensed establishment to the patio.

IV. REFERENCES

- SOL IV “v.2” Policy – 2014-04-03
- NS Liquor Licensing Regulations

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