

MORE SPACE

MAIN STREET

PROJECT

The Downtown Management District, METRO, & City of Houston are collaborating to offer businesses on Main Street more space to serve customers by identifying transportation space that is not necessary.

More Space: Main Street will close Main Street from Commerce to Rusk to vehicles as a one-year pilot. This will allow restaurants and bars more space to set up tables in the (previous) roadway to serve customers. Side streets that cross Main Street will remain open to drivers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can participate in More Space: Main Street?

Any bar or restaurant on the ground floor of Main Street between Commerce and Rusk can participate. Property with different businesses on the 2nd floor must share the space in front of their business.

What are guidelines for determining the size of street space?

Businesses can have the width of their frontage and expand in either direction to the corner if there are no other restaurants or bars. If a new business applies for a permit, the existing business must reduce their width to the 1/2-point within 10 business days of notification. If a business does not want to use their frontage, they can reassign it to a business that does.



PARTNERS



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What are the guidelines for fencing, street furniture and umbrellas?

Businesses will be responsible for purchasing fencing, street furniture and umbrellas.

Fencing: Removable barriers should be a minimum of 36 inches in height, free-standing, stable, and well-balanced so it does not fall or create a tripping hazard. Barrier segment edges should be flat with tapered edges that are between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, with no sharp edges.

Sidewalk cafe posts, planters, and/or fence sections should be a minimum of 36 inches (3 feet) in height.

Distance from the lowest point of the fencing to the ground should be no more than 6 inches in height.

Sidewalk cafe fences should be open for customers to see the street.

Minimum entrance width is 36 inches wide for ADA and wheelchair accessibility. Street furniture: tables chairs, wait staff equipment Umbrellas: must maintain the site line clearances per Metro (specific language pending)