

AL FRESCO SUMMER DINING ‘PAVEMENT PERMITS’

Restaurants, bars and cafés are invited to gear up for a summer of al fresco dining. George Municipality is offering free ‘pavement permits’ to hospitality businesses, providing restaurants with additional floor space to place their tables.

Businesses can apply free of charge for a licence to seat customers outside until 16 January 2026. The municipality aims to boost the hospitality industry by taking advantage of the warmer weather and supporting business recovery by creating a festive atmosphere in the city while offering greater patron capacities.

“We hope to see hospitality businesses take us up on this offer to create a vibrant summer atmosphere through December and January. It’s an opportunity to develop fun, innovative outdoor spaces to maximise peak influxes,” says Mahlatse Phosa, Director Planning and Development.

The available space on the pavement and other factors are considered when deciding applications. Establishments must adhere to all trading and land use approvals.

For enquiries, please contact Luvo Bomvana, Manager: Economic Development via email: Lbomvana@george.gov.za



APPLICATION TO ENCROACH ON MUNICIPAL LAND FOR TRADE PURPOSES

Contact Details	
Title	
First Name & Surname	
Email	
Telephone	
Cell	
Email	
By completing this section I confirm I am duly authorised to conclude this agreement by the establishment indicated herein.	

Establishment Details			
Establishment Name			
Establishment Type	Restaurant	Café	Pub/ Bar
Physical Address			
Telephone			
Email			

Motivation		
How will your establishment increase your footprint within your current applicable authorisations?		
Additional PAX	No. of Tables:	No. of Clients:



The following documents must be attached to the application:

- Sketch plan that indicates the layout of your additional space, including all barriers, seating, and other;
- Copy of the identity document of applicant.

Please note:

1. Submission of an application does not mean that the transaction has been approved and incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. This application only applies to normal operations and any events requiring approvals are not included in this approval.
3. All encroachments are subject to all laws and regulations. George Municipality takes no responsibility for ensuring the application is in adherence of the prevailing legislation and conditions pertaining to the establishment, including safety, health and liquor prescripts.
4. The applicant must have the required public liability and George Municipality will not be held responsible for any injury, loss or damage resulting from this application.
5. No open fires, fire works or any other activities which may pose a danger to patrons may be undertaken on the encroachment area.
6. No establishment or application in contravention of any legislation or regulation will be considered.
7. Obstruction of pedestrian traffic on sidewalks will not be permitted.
8. Non-adherence to the approved layout will immediately result in the withdrawal of this permission.
9. The maximum number of patrons as per standing approvals may not be exceeded due to parking, occupational health and safety, ablution facilities and other relevant constraints.
10. This permission lapses on 16 January 2026. No extension to this deadline will be tolerated and all establishment infrastructure must be removed at midnight on 16 January 2026 or be liable to impounding by the municipality.
11. Any contraventions of this permission will result in permission being immediately withdrawn. Also if it is private property that is being encroached upon e need permission of owner.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE



FOR OFFICE USE

Recommended/ not recommended by the Accounting Officer in terms of S26 of the George Municipality Land Use Planning Bylaw, 2015.

Limitations:

Signed _____

Date _____

