



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

Department of Health and Human Services

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## **Pet Dogs on Outdoor Dining Patios**

Pet dogs may be allowed on outdoor dining areas of licensed food facilities only if the following requirements are met:

- A separate entrance must be provided from the outside of the food establishment to the outdoor dining patio so that dogs will have direct access to the patio without entering the interior of the food establishment.
- A sign or sticker must be posted at the entrance of the food establishment that states: “DOG FRIENDLY PATIO. PET DOG ACCESS ONLY THROUGH OUTDOOR PATIO.”
- No food preparation, including mixing drinks or serving ice, may be performed in the outdoor patio area, except that a beverage glass may be filled on the patio from a container that has been prepared inside the food establishment.
- Customer multi-use utensils such as plates, silverware, glasses, and bowls shall not be stored or pre-set at the outdoor dining patio.
- The outdoor dining patio must be continuously maintained clean and free of visible dog hair, dog dander, dog-related waste or debris. In cases of excrement or other bodily fluids, employees shall immediately clean and sanitize affected areas.
- Dogs shall not be allowed on seats, tables, countertops, or other similar surfaces in the outdoor dining patio.
- While on duty, employees shall be prohibited from having direct contact with animals.
- The outdoor dining patio shall not be fully enclosed.
- Food and water provided to pets shall be dispensed only in disposable containers.

Note: This policy only applies to pet dogs and does not impact service and police dogs. Service and police dogs will continue to be allowed in all areas where customers are allowed, per ADA.

Questions or concerns can be directed to (562) 570-4132 or by email to [foodinspectors@longbeach.gov](mailto:foodinspectors@longbeach.gov)