

Winter Tent and Portable Heater Permitting Step-By-Step Guide 10/07/2020



When is a Permit Required?

A permit is required when installing a tent and/or deploying a portable heater outdoors.

A permit is required whether the tent or heater will be on public space or private property. This includes open courtyards and rooftops.

A permit is required even if you already have a tent or a heater.

A permit is required even if you have a permit for outdoor food service in public space.



Application Requirements

- For applications using only private property, you will need to provide your Certificate of Occupancy.
- For applications using public space, the permit authorizing food service on public space should also be provided. These include:
 - Sidewalk Café permit or current Certificate of Use
 - Temporary Sidewalk Table Service permit
 - Parklet Permit
 - Streatery Permit
- Site plan to scale. Hand-drawn on graph paper is acceptable. It does not need to be engineer or architect stamped.
- Specifications for the tent and/or heater.
 - This includes the flame-retardant certification for the tent fabric
- There aren't new insurance requirements for tent/heater permits.



Application Submission Process

Applications can be submitted online at tops.ddot.dc.gov

You will need information about the business (e.g. address, Certificate of Occupancy), the site plan, and the specifications.

 Remember that food service must already have been approved, whether through licensing or a public space permit.

You can combine multiple areas on a single permit (e.g. sidewalk, courtyard, and rooftop).

- Each area will need its own site plan.
- If different tents or heaters are requested, please identify where each fixture will be located on the site plan(s).

There are no fees for the permit.



Application Review and Approval Process

Applications will be reviewed by specific agencies:

- Heater applications will be reviewed by Fire/EMS
- Tent applications will be reviewed by DCRA and DC Health
- Applications with both fixtures will be reviewed by all three (3) agencies.

Applications will be responded to within three (3) business days of submission. We hope to approve all applications in this timeframe, but additional information may be requested in order to approve applications and issue permits.



Permit Application Step-By-Step Guide: Register

The following pages provide a step-by-step guide for submitting permit applications in the transportation online permitting system, TOPS, at tops.ddot.dc.gov.

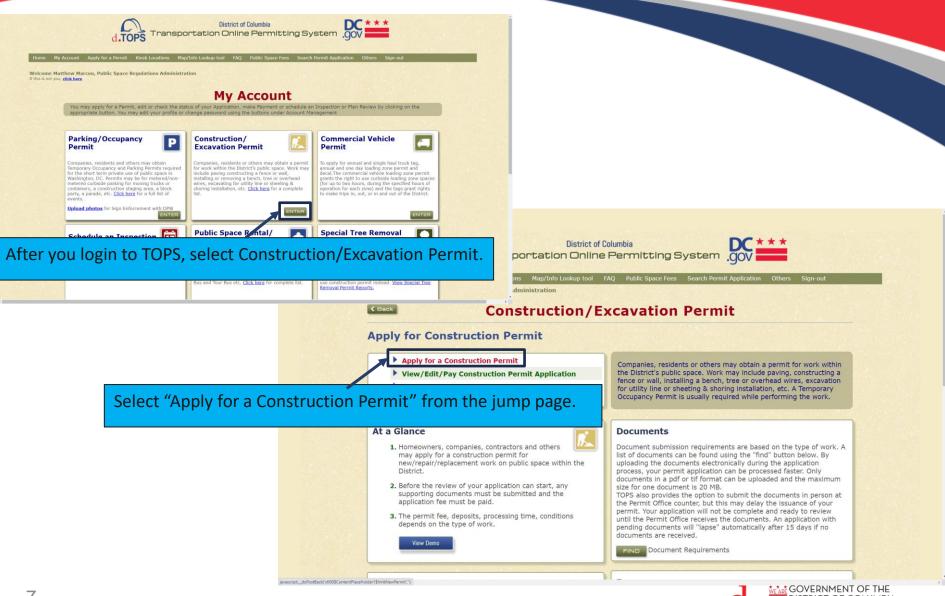
Before submitting an application, the user needs to register as a user in TOPS.

Applications can be submitted on behalf of a business by others, such as Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and Main Streets. The permittee must be the business that will erect the tent and/or deploy the portable heater.

A single application can include both public space and private property uses. If the business has multiple locations, a separate application must be submitted for each location.



Permit Application: Category



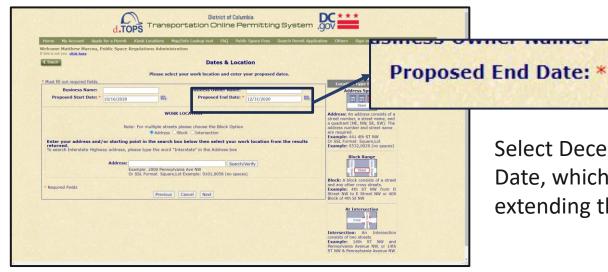
Permit Application: Dates



When selecting the Start Date, you can select a date in the grayed section. Please provide a date at least one week out from when the application is submitted. DDOT and our partner agencies plan to approve these applications within three (3) business days. Additional information may be needed.



Click OK when you receive the notice that you've selected a date earlier than the normal review time for construction permits.



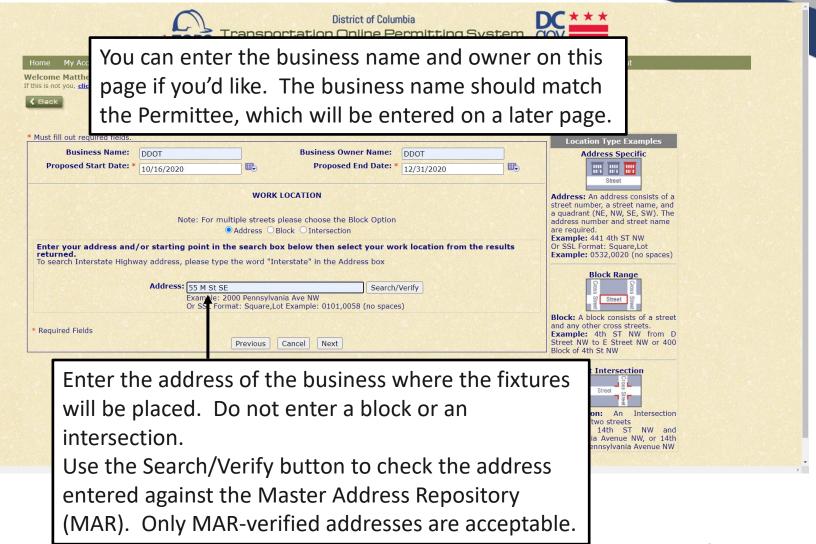
Select December 31, 2020 as the Expiration Date, which aligns with the Mayor's Order extending the public health emergency.

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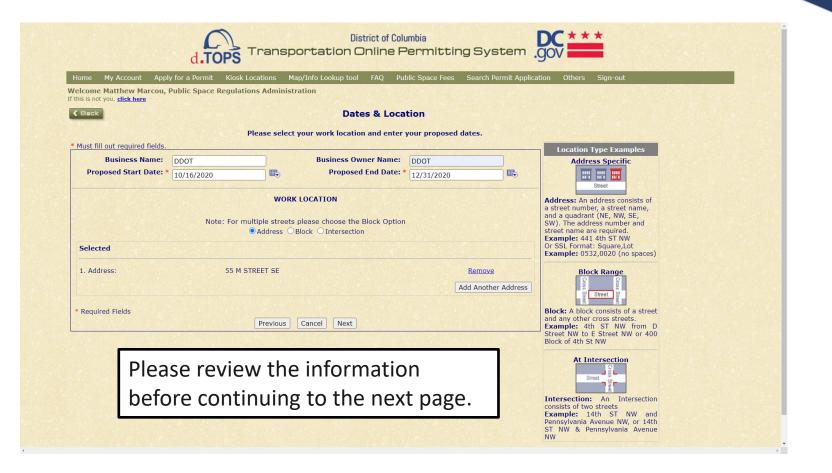
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Permit Application: Name and Location





Permit Application: Confirm Dates and Location





Permit Application: Associate a Project



You do not need to create a new project for this permit.

Projects are commonly used for larger scale work, such as building construction and utility capital improvement projects.



Permit Application: Type and Descriptive

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0 Fixture - An above ground struc	cture to be installed on public space. Common types o	f fixtures include fences, walls, benches, and si	igns.
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Select all of the applicable types of winter tents and heaters you plan to use. Remember to select the proper types based on whether the tents and heaters will be in a Streatery/sidewalk café on public space or on private property. You can have both tents and heaters in the same application. You can apply for both public space and private property in the same application. Please do not include any other types of work in this permit.



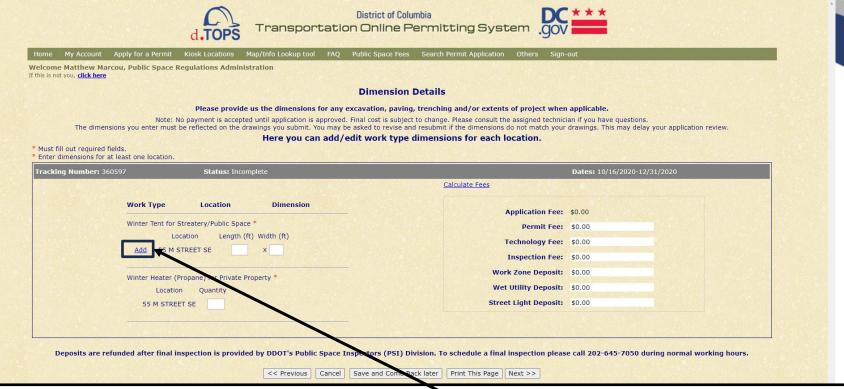
Permit Application: Description of Work

Fire Hydrant(s) Front Yard (In Public Space) Fuel Tank Abandonment Gas Connection (Trench) Gas Line ECDA Program Gas Main Line (Trench)	Repair Electric ML Conduit Repair Electric Service (exavation) Repair Gas Main Line Repair Gas Service (excavation) Repair Sewer Main Line Repair Sewer Service Lateral	Sewer Service Lateral Abandonment Sheeting & Shoring (for Buildings) Steam Main Line (trench) Storm Lateral Conn over 4" (Trench) Storm Lateral Conn to 4" (Trench) Storm Main Line (trench)					
Gas Regulating Station Gas Service Abandonment	☐ Repair Steam ML (excavation) ☐ Repair Storm Main Line	☐ Storm Service Lateral Abandonment ☐ TAP HOLE	□ Water Service Lateral Abandonment (Trench)				
Projections - That portion of a building, whether above or below grade, that encroaches over the property line into the street right-of-way. Commont types of projections include bay windows, porches, areaway entrances, and subsurface building vaults. ADA Ramp							
PS Rental - The reservation of public space for use by an adjacent business and requiring annual rental payments. Common types of public space rentals include sidewalks cafes and parking motor vehicles on public space. Guards Booth (Exception) One Day Festival Parking on Public Space							
Over Head Work - The stringing of aerial utility wire or cable, making aerial utility connections or the installation of utility poles or street lights.							
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		Combined Sewer Proj 🗌 Pepco Capital Grid					
Please describe proposed work in detail This permit provides Outdoor Dining Relief for	: * winter months with safe social distancing during the Dis	trict's ReOpen plan.					

Include the following text in the box to describe the work in detail: "This permit provides Outdoor Dining Relief for winter months with safe social distancing during the District's ReOpen plan."



Permit Application: Size of Tents, # of Heaters

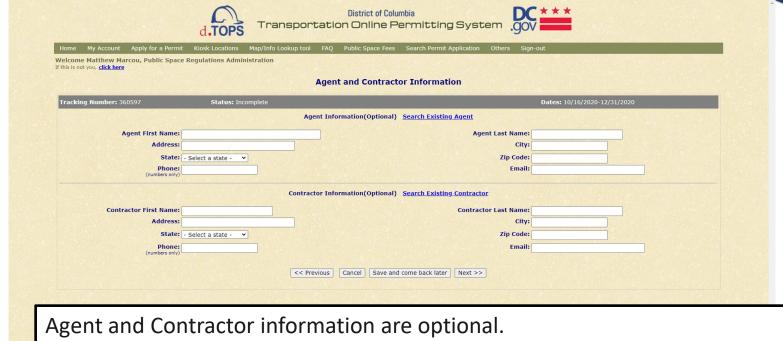


Please include the tent dimensions. Use the Add button if there are multiple tents. If the tents cover 400 square feet or more, a separate DCRA permit may be required. Please identify the number of heaters that will be used.

The Mayor has waived all fees for these permits.



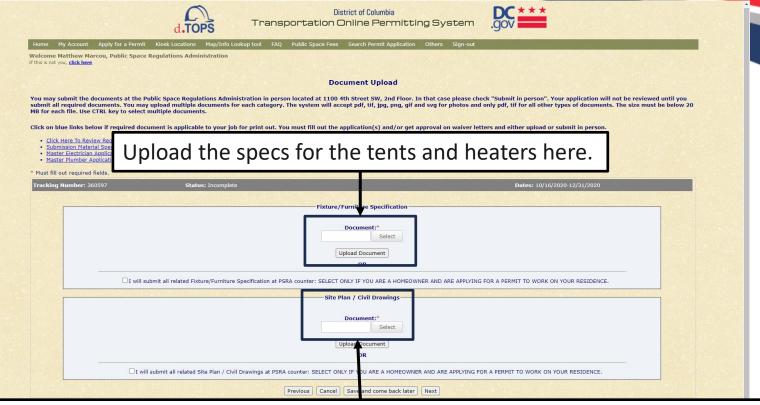
Permit Application: Agent and Contractor



Agent information should be included if the application is being submitted by a BID or Main Street (the Agent) on behalf of a business (the Permittee).

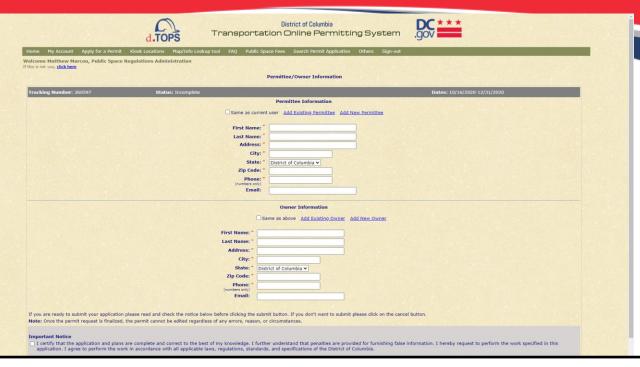


Permit Application: Specs and Site Plans



Upload the site plan here. It needs to be to scale and can be hand-drawn (use graph paper). This is also where you upload the Certificate of Occupancy and, if using public space, the existing public space permit allowing use of public space for food service. If you don't already have a public space permit please submit the appropriate application. For sidewalk cafes, please upload the sidewalk café permit or the current Certificate of Use.

Permit Application: Permittee and Owner



PERMITTEE

For permittee, please enter the name and address of the business.

This should not be the name of the person who is completing the application.

You can use the First Name and Last Name boxes to enter the business's complete name.

OWNER

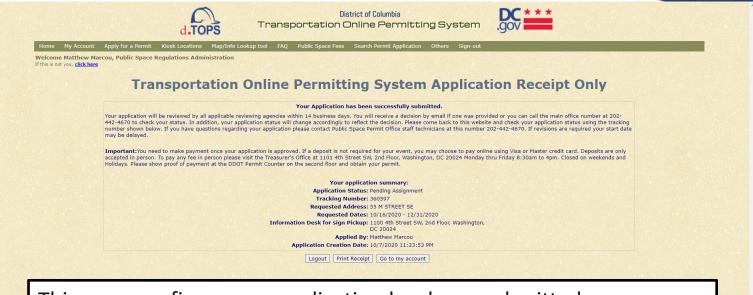
For owner, please enter the name and address of the property owner where the business is conducted. If it is the same as the permittee, select "Same as Above".

Read the Notice in the gray box and check the box.

Complete the process by clicking the Submit button at the bottom of the page.



Permit Application: Confirmation Page



This page confirms your application has been submitted. You will receive emails automatically as the application is processed. (Emails come from TOPS-no-reply@dc.gov so please add it to your safe senders list to avoid emails going to your spam folder.



After the Permit is Issued

The business must have the permit and approved site plan on site and available for inspectors.

Sites may be inspected for compliance with the approved plans and permit conditions.

Permits will be in effect while the Mayor's Health Emergency Order is in effect. They will be automatically extended whenever the Mayor's Order is extended.



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