

Jersey City Parklet Manual

Bringing Streets Back to the People

Application Guidelines

Design and Construction Guidelines

Successful public spaces are a result of careful planning and design. Parklets are an intervention in an already built urban scape which mandates strict design guidelines to be able to seamlessly assimilate and enhance the spatial quality of the streets. This section charts out basic location and design criteria for Parklets in Jersey City.

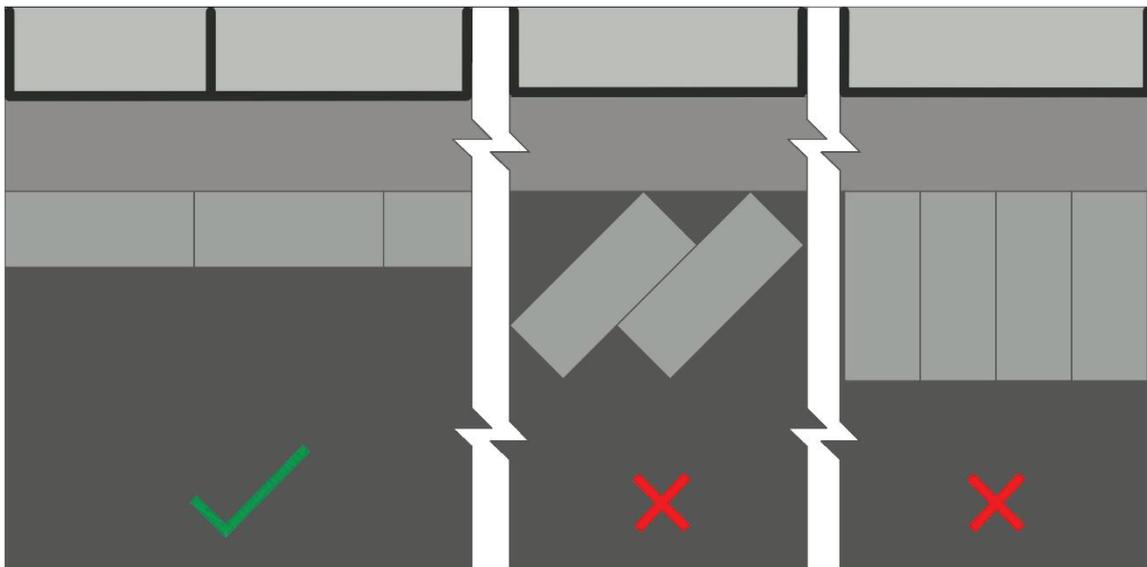
Location Criteria

By definition, Parklets are created by repurposing existing parking spaces. This makes a parking space a prerequisite for the proposal of a Parklet. No parklet should be proposed where there is no existing parking space. These rules may be relaxed when Parklets are proposed at pedestrian-only streets and active driveways with the consent of the owner / operator of the driveway.

Mandatory requirements

Parking Spaces: Parklets must be sited on on-street, parallel, public parking spaces. In case the divisions between the parking spaces are not marked, parklets should be placed at the multiple of 20 feet from the beginning of the first possible parking space.

For an individual sponsor, the parking spaces proposed to be converted to parklets should be directly in front of the applicant's property.



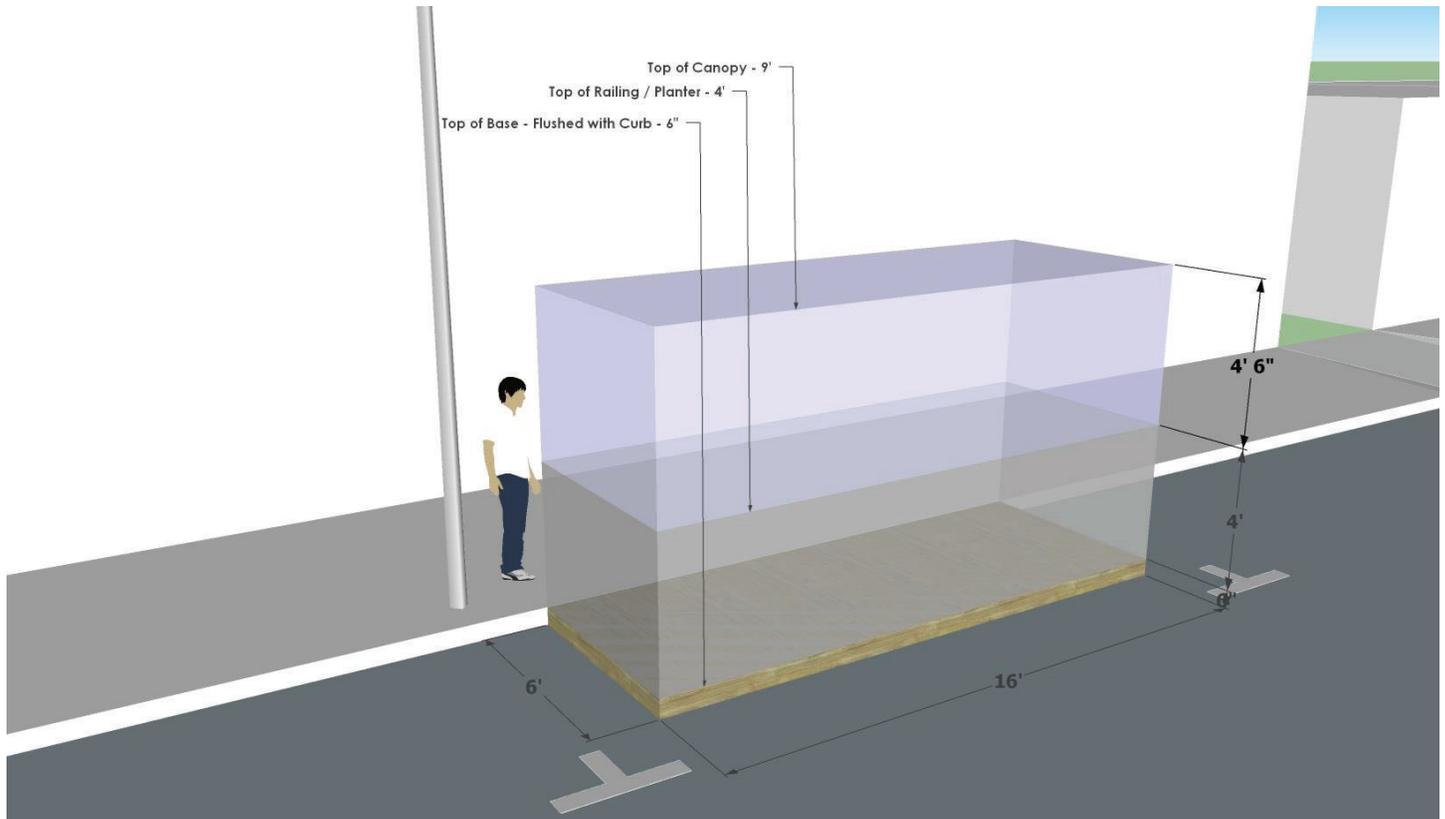
Number and Adjacency: A maximum of two adjacent parking spaces can be proposed to be converted to Parklets. This rule may be relaxed when Parklets are proposed on pedestrian-only streets or if deemed appropriate by the Division of Traffic, Engineering, and Transportation.

Dimensions

A parklet can be installed in one or two consecutive parking spaces. A parklet should consist of three components, (1) Base, (2) Enclosure and (3) Canopy (Optional).

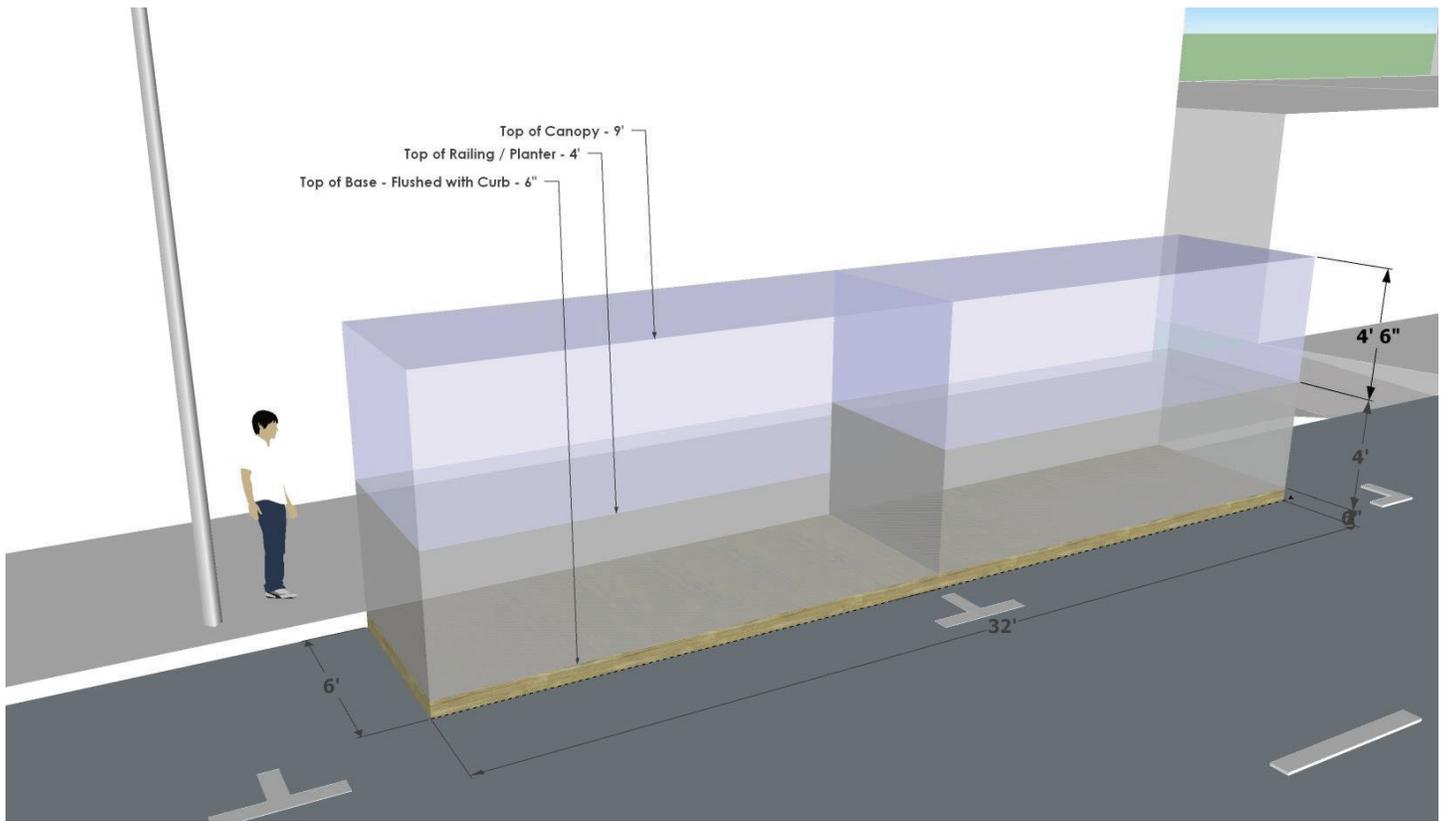
The Base should be 16 feet long by 6 feet wide with a height of approximately 6 inches (based on the height of the curb). The level difference between the curb and the top of the base must be no more than half an inch (1/2"). The gap between the base and the curb should be no more than half an inch.

The Enclosure is a feature which defines the vertical boundary of the parklet. This is similar to a parapet in a balcony. Railing Planters or other vertical elements can be used to form an enclosure.



Together North Jersey's Parklet Manual was the primary source used to determine the parklet design and dimensions. http://togethernorthjersey.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/BeyondtheCurb_Report_Final_201501161.pdf

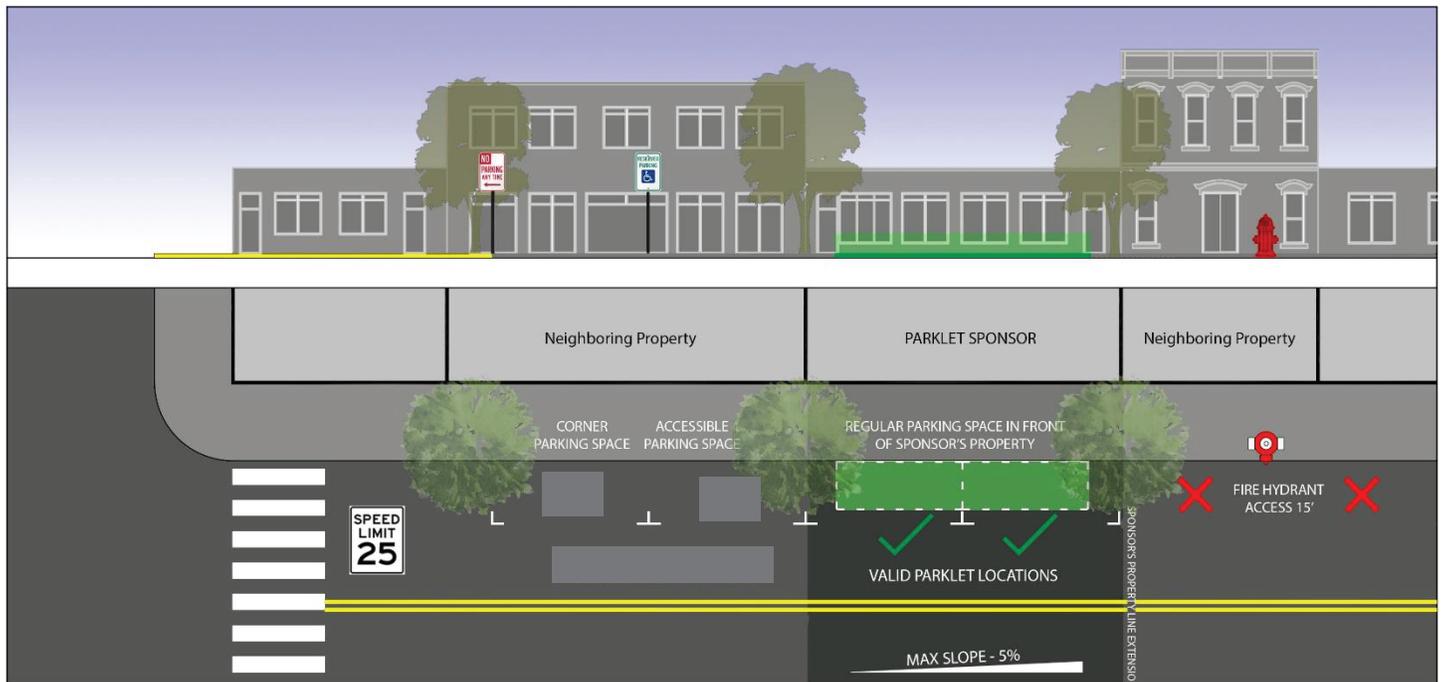
References from other cities were also used in case there was a lack of clarity in the aforementioned document.



Distances from existing street amenities.

Street Corners: Parklets must be at least one parking space away from the street corners. In case the parking stalls are not marked, the edge of the parklet closest to the corner must be at least 25 feet from the corner.

Fire Hydrant: To ensure emergency access, Parklets must be at least 15 feet away from a Fire Hydrant.



Bus Stop: 80 feet behind and 40 feet in front of the Bus stop.

Active Driveway: There should be at least a 5 feet setback from active driveways.

Public utilities: Parklets should not be located adjacent to public utilities located on the sidewalk. There should be at least 2' distance between the parklet and the utilities.

Loading Zones: Parklet should not be located on active loading zones. Parklets should be at least one parking space (Or 20') away from either edges of the Loading zone.

Storm Water Drain: Parklets should be at least 2 feet away from storm water drains. Parklet design should not hinder the flow of storm water.

Adjacent driving lane: The parklet boundary should not be less than 2 feet from the adjacent driving or bike lane.

Prohibited Locations

Accessible Parking Space: Parklets cannot be proposed on accessible parking spaces.

Emergency Services: Parklets should not be located adjacent to hospitals, fire stations, police precincts or dedicated spaces for vehicles serving those spaces.

County Roads: Parklets on County-owned roads are subject to approval from the Hudson County Division of Planning.

Jersey City Parklet Examples

