



NoDa Community Guidelines

The NoDa Community believes in supporting the neighborhood to be the best it can be. We strive to promote the arts, advocate for a greener environment, support small and local businesses and entrepreneurs of all types, encourage diversity, inclusion, and equity, and create a sense of connection and community. The following Community Guidelines have been developed by our community members to help create an environment in which street vendors are able to continue selling their wares in our neighborhood's 'downtown' while ensuring that all NoDaZens and friends of NoDa enjoy a safe and welcoming environment in our shared public spaces. To support our community, please self-regulate and follow the guidelines below:

Public Spaces / Accessibility

- **Public Spaces are Public** – We believe that public spaces such as right-of-way areas, are for public use and are first come, first served. Blocking or claiming ownership of a public space in NoDa is not accepted by our community members. All public space is welcome for any community member to use on a first come, first served basis.
- **Sidewalks** - All community members and friends of NoDa must adhere to the [American with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#), and be aware of and welcoming to people of all abilities. Do not block sidewalks, curb cuts, or crosswalks. Please visit the [US Department of Justice Civil Rights Division for more information](#).
- **Parking/Loading Zones** – Loading zones, parking spots, and crosswalks are to be used only for their intended purposes. Loading zones are welcome to be used by community members for the loading and unloading of items and not for parking vehicles or staging tables. Please visit the City's [Park It](#) program for more information.
- **Driveways / Bus Stops** – Access to driveways and bus stops must be accessible at all times, even during loading and unloading. Never block driveways or bus stops.
- **Benches** – Community benches are provided to the NoDa business district by the NoDa NBA. They are intended for public use so that our community members and guests can have a place to sit and rest. Therefore, they should not be used in part or in whole for vending purposes.

Let's Keep our Community Safe

- **Applicable Laws** – All local, state and federal laws must be followed. To view applicable laws, please click [here](#).
- **No Illegal Products** – Illegal products must not be sold, displayed, or used in any public space in NoDa.
- **Sight Lines** – Maintain line of sight at corners, intersections, and crosswalks. Blocking the line of sight from any direction poses a safety hazard to all visitors. Please ensure the safety of our pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.
- **Threats / Violence** – Threats, intimidation, or violence are not tolerated by our community. In an emergency, please dial 911. The NoDa NBA's Crime & Safety Committee takes these issues seriously and reserves the right to report issues-to our CMPD Division Community Coordinator.
- **Food and Beverage** – For the safety of community consumers, food and beverage sales need to adhere to [City of Charlotte standards](#), with proper permitting publicly displayed at all times.

Access to Buildings, Patios, and Private Property

- **Entrances, Windows, and Signage** – Please do not block brick and mortar businesses, regardless of operating hours. Please keep a thoughtful clearance to all businesses by not blocking doors, entrances, windows, or signage so that the business may be seen from the street. Similarly, any signage put out in a public space should not impede pedestrians and/or traffic, nor should it impede business door, entry, window or signage sight lines.
- **Private Property** – Any use of private property that is not part of a public right of way should have prior permission from that property owner before a display is set up. If you have questions about the use of private property, the NoDa NBA Business Council can serve as a resource for introductions. Please email us at board@noda.org or [visit our website](#) to inquire.

Be Respectful to Others (Be Neighborly)

- **Family Environment** – NoDa is a family-friendly environment. The displays and items sold should be mindful of our neighborhood and the people who live here.
- **Music & Amplified Sound** – Volume and content should be family friendly.
- **Introduce yourself!** We are a community that believes that we are better when we know one another and collaborate. We welcome and encourage all community members from brick-and-mortar businesses, to local artists, to vendors, to residents, to guests, and beyond to come together to build community.

Leave No Trace

- **Trash** – Please use the community trash cans throughout the downtown district for small amounts of trash (less than a standard grocery store bag). For large quantities of trash, businesses are responsible for their own waste and for all other community members, please pack it out.
- **Trees** – NoDa prides itself on the care and growth of our tree canopy. In order for our trees to live long and healthy lives, please do not nail, hammer, screw, or bolt anything into the trunks or limbs of trees. Please do not hang anything from tree limbs. Similarly, wires (such as lights) can girdle tree trunks and limbs and should never be tightly bound. If used, please replace and/or adjust yearly. If you see a tree in distress, please contact [Landscape Management](#).
- **Green Space** – In order to preserve trees and natural ground cover in our public spaces and to prevent soil compaction, we ask that you prioritize the use of paved areas; nevertheless, please ensure enough room for passage of pedestrians of all abilities. If a paved option is not available, we ask that there remain a buffer zone between any street tree and any public display.
- **Setup / Breakdown** – Leave it as it was! Please pick up after yourself and leave no trace.

Disclaimer :

These community guidelines are a set of values endorsed by the NoDa NBA and are meant to be used as guidelines for self-regulation. The NoDa NBA does not have the right or responsibility to manage any of the above guidelines. In addition, all community members must adhere to all city, state, and federal regulations.