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TO: Development Services Management Group (DSMG)

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REQUEST: Consideration of Sidewalk Café Regulations

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the City's code, a Sidewalk Cafe are only allowed for "a *legally established restaurant or business where the food product is prepared, processed, or assembled on the premises (for example: deli, ice cream store, sandwich shop) where the food product preparation is the main or sole purpose of the business.*"

The code also limits the types of commercial uses that are allowed outside, specifically allowing "dining". It is important to note, Stand Alone Bars (like the adjacent Good night, John Boy) are not allowed to have outdoor uses.

Bounce is a restaurant (which requires the kitchen to be open during all hours of operation) and, therefore, is allowed to have a Sidewalk Cafe. Bounce has proposed furniture for its Sidewalk Café that is more consistent with outdoor living furniture than the conventional tables and chairs typically used in Sidewalk Cafés. **I am asking for DSMG input on whether this type of furniture is acceptable for Sidewalk Cafés.** It is important to note the interpretation of the code would apply to all businesses that qualify for a sidewalk café.

Section 6.3.3 of the Land Development Regulations (LDR) contains the regulations for Sidewalk Café. This section provides the following in regard to furniture:

LDR 6.3.3(A) **Definition.** A "Sidewalk Café" is **a grouping of dining furniture which may include tables and chairs, approved by the City** through a Sidewalk Café permit and is situated and maintained outside within a public right-of-way, a portion of which may be located in a public pedestrian way (sidewalk), between the building front (and/or side for corner lots) and the curb at the edge of the roadway and such area is used for the consumption of food and beverages sold to the public from an adjoining restaurant or other eligible business...Cafés are allowed only when in compliance with this Section."

LDR 6.3.3(F)(4) *The use of the dining furniture shall be only for the customers of the business with which the Sidewalk Café is associated. Tables, chairs, umbrellas, barriers and other objects associated with a Sidewalk Café shall be of quality design, materials and workmanship both to ensure the safety and convenience of users and to enhance the visual and aesthetic quality of the urban environment, as previously approved by the City and as shown and depicted in the approved Sidewalk Café permit. All tables, chairs, umbrellas, barriers and associated objects must be located within the Sidewalk Café permit area. All umbrellas and canopies must maintain a minimum seven feet clear area and shall not extend outside of the Sidewalk Café area. All barriers shall be three feet in height.*

See Figures 6.3.3—1 and 2 for more details

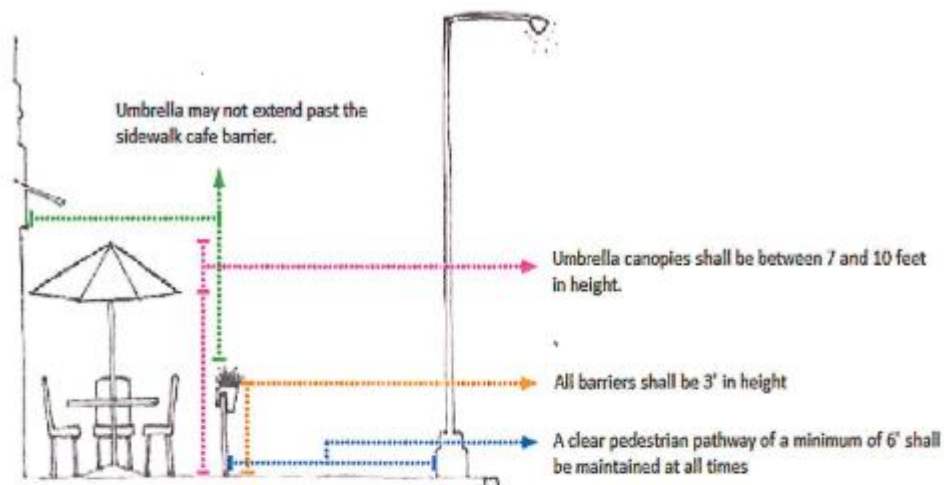


Figure 6.3.3-1 Sidewalk Café Cross Section Diagram

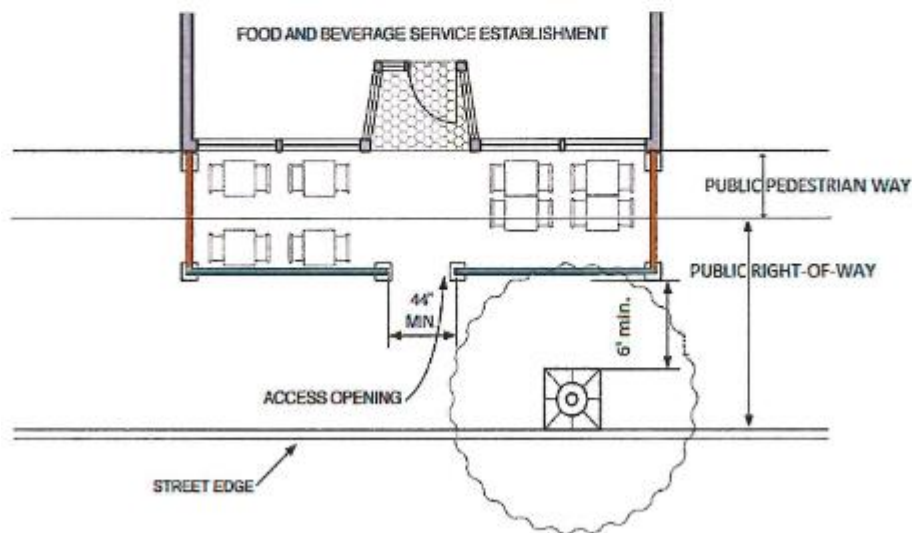


Figure 6.3.3-2 Sidewalk Café Plan View Diagram (Example)

LDR Section 6.3.3(F)(13) requires “Chairs shall be arranged parallel to the clear pedestrian path so that they do not encroach into the clear pedestrian path to accommodate patrons.” This also allows diner a view of the passersby on the sidewalk, and vehicles in the travel lanes.



