



OUTDOOR DINING GUIDELINES

Outdoor cafes must be approved by the Planning Commission and must meet the following standards.

- A. Outdoor seating areas must be enclosed by a decorative railing in instances where there is wait staff or alcohol service.
- B. Tables, chairs, planters, trash receptacles, and other elements of street furniture must be compatible with the architectural character of the adjacent buildings.
- C. During non-business hours, all tables, chairs, umbrellas and other furniture and fixtures must be stored inside the building or properly secured within the enclosure.
- D. The applicant must specify the plans for storage of tables, chairs, and equipment during the months when the outdoor seating is not in use.
- E. The outdoor seating area must be kept clean, free of litter and debris, and with a well-kept appearance within and immediately adjacent to the area of tables and chairs. Written procedures for required maintenance must be included with all applications.
- F. Outdoor seating areas must be allowed only during normal operation hours of the establishment and cannot operate between 11PM and 7AM.
- G. The capacity of the outdoor seating area must be provided in the application. An outdoor seating area containing 30 or more seats may trigger additional required parking.
- H. A sign must be posted stating "No food or beverages allowed beyond this point." Additional signs associated with the outdoor seating area are prohibited.
- I. Any outdoor seating areas must be completely screened from view of all single-family residential properties by an obscuring wall or landscape buffer, unless the outdoor seating area is separated from the homes by a public road, public alley, or public parking area.
- J. Vending machines are prohibited in all outdoor seating areas.
- K. Preparation of food and beverages is prohibited in any outdoor seating area. The sale and consumption of alcohol is governed by the Michigan Liquor Control Act and local ordinance. Additionally, outdoor seating areas must include food service in addition to the sale and service of alcoholic beverages.
- L. Details regarding the hours and type of entertainment, music, speakers, lighting, or similar

devices used in outdoor seating areas will be reviewed by the Planning Commission. There must be no loudspeakers within an outdoor seating area and all other noise, including music, speakers, or similar devices must be controlled so as to not be audible more than ten (10) feet from the outdoor seating area. All lighting must be shielded to prevent glare on adjacent roadways.

- M. A minimum of five (5) feet of sidewalk along the curb and leading to the entrance to the establishment must be maintained.
- N. Outdoor seating is subject to applicable County and State requirements.
- O. Approval of a special land use proposal may be revoked by the Village if the condition(s) of approval or other ordinance requirements have not been met or that use poses a nuisance to the surrounding properties.
- P. Outdoor dining during the winter (November 2 to April 14) requires a Special Use application and public hearing.
- Q. In addition to the above, outdoor dining on public property must require the following:
 - 1. A Special Use application and Public Hearing.
 - 2. \$500,000 general liability insurance, with the Village named as co-insured.
 - 3. A License Agreement with the Village
 - 4. MDOT approval, if located in M-24 right-of-way.

NOTE: This handout is merely a guide. The Ordinance text regarding outdoor dining can be found in Section 4.1.45.

In the event of a conflict between this handout and the Village Ordinance, the Ordinance text must apply.