

Ottumwa Municipal Code

Chapter 32-179 Regulates Sidewalk Cafés.

Following are rules and regulations from Chapter 32-179.

1. Sidewalk cafes are permitted in zoning districts C-1, C-2, M-1, and M-2.
2. Sidewalk cafes may exist solely as part of a licensed food service establishment (restaurant), and are required to be contiguous with the side of a building where a food service establishment is located. Sidewalk cafes are subject to inspection, as part of the licensed food service establishment, at a frequency determined by the food code.
3. Sidewalk cafes may be operated year round, but only during the hours of 6:00 am -10:00 pm.
4. A minimum of 5' of clear space adjacent to the street is required for pedestrians.
5. The sidewalk café area and five feet around it are to be kept clean and litter free while the sidewalk café is operating.
6. Amplified sound is not permitted.
7. No additional parking is required for the sidewalk café.
8. Additional restroom capacity may be required as a result of adding a sidewalk café. Consult the City's Building Inspector for additional information.
9. Temporarily, sidewalk café areas may be delineated by ropes, or other suitable means, as long as the delineation is clearly visible to pedestrians. Tables, chairs and other items used in the café are to be removed at the end of each day's operation, as nothing may be stored on the public right of way.
10. Advertising is not permitted in the sidewalk café area except for the name of the establishment on the tables, chairs, umbrellas, or other items used by the café.
11. Sidewalk café areas cannot block building entrances or exits.
12. Sidewalk cafes may not utilize public amenities such as benches, seats, tables, or trash receptacles.
13. Alcohol may not be served in a sidewalk café area even though the licensed food service establishment may serve alcohol.