



Presentation

Downtown Sidewalk Cafes

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Sidewalk Cafes Downtown

- Recent new TABC interpretations
- New Downtown sidewalks with goal to create continuous ADA accessible path
- Downtown Board
- Staff fields complaints about access



Sidewalk Cafes Downtown



- An area of public sidewalk often enclosed by a barrier for adjacent restaurant or bar patron use
- Define an applicable Downtown area:
 - San Antonio Street from the Comal River to Walnut; Seguin Avenue from Zink Street to Business 35; Castell Avenue from Business 35 to Mill Street; and the entirety of Main Plaza



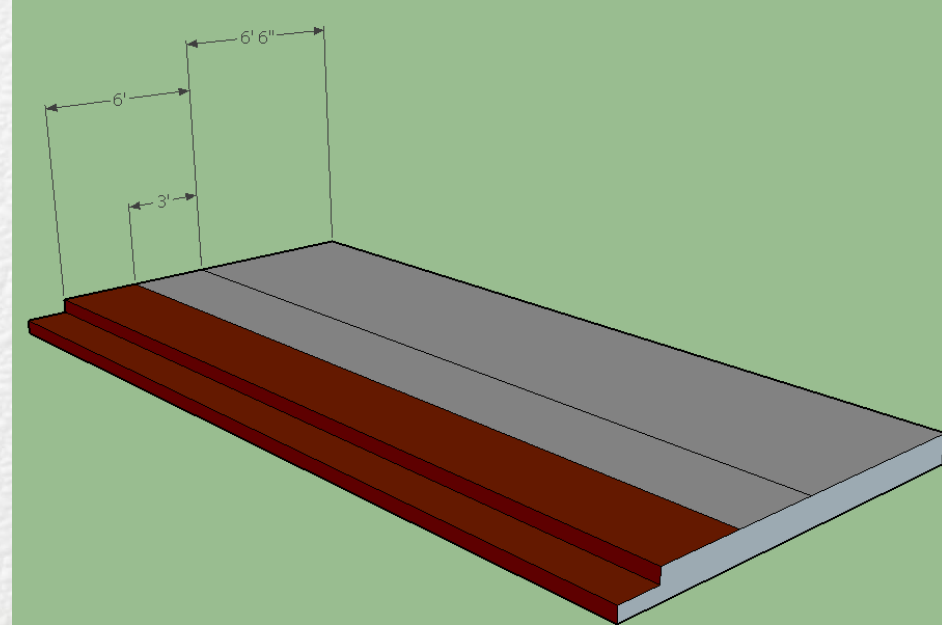
Development of a Process:

- Applicant – occupant or owner of adjacent property
- Adjacent to the business with the same hours of operation
- Non-transferrable
- 12 month renewable permit
- Contain all operations and related obstructions within the approved boundaries
- Compliance with existing pet and smoking ordinances
- Include signs and other items in permit
- Permit and License Fees/Fines/Penalties

Clear Path of Travel & Clear Visual Zone

ADA Compliant:

- Clear Path of Travel - 6 feet min
- Clear Visual Zone - 3 feet of concrete min
- Nothing strung over clear path
- Limits on protrusions
- Clearance distances from intersection ramps



Recommendations:

- Durable barriers
- Prohibit belt stanchions, ropes and similar temporary barriers
- ADA compliant
- 50% open or transparent
- Planters – if allowed to be used, should require they be maintained



Design & Materials - Fixtures

Recommendations:

- Durable, waterproof tables, chairs, etc. maintained through life of permit
- No furniture attached to sidewalk
- No advertising or signage on umbrellas
- Heaters may be authorized



Maintenance by Proprietor/Licensee



- Maintain clear path
- Promptly repair sidewalk damages
- Replace damaged improvements within a reasonable time
- Promptly remove trash
- Return the sidewalk to previous condition when permit expires



- 2015 – New TABC interpretations
- 2016 – Downtown Board analysis and discussions in conjunction with monitoring of sidewalk improvement project
- 2017 – Downtown Board recommends ordinance
- December 2017 – Presentation to City Council to receive direction
- If directed to proceed, next steps:
 - Finalize draft amendments
 - Stakeholder review and input
 - City Council consideration