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RE:
OUTDOOR (not fully-enclosed) DINING:
Park (outdoor space and forestry programs) and DOT

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STATEMENT:

I am in support of retaining outdoor dining as a public health benefit to the alternative of dining indoors in crowded and stuffy dining areas. Further, I would like improvement to the shed aesthetics; residential quality of life; vehicular, pedestrian, worker, and bicycle safety.

Category	Page	Section	Comment
Revenue, fee structure	p. 7	(d) License fees	Should be seasonal/annual and more \$\$ for Roadway cafes, which would otherwise be generating parking revenue.
Aesthetics and quality of life	p. 8	Both Roadway and Sidewalk (3) Photographs	Should approve design of all sides. Street facing side must be as important as all other aesthetics as it is the "front" to residents and business across the street. Site plan must address curb appeal from both sides of the street, all four sides of the structure.
Pest control, public health	p. 8	Both Roadway and Sidewalk (5) Pest control	Pest control must be included in design and building materials of flooring/and gutter drainage. Current designs and materials are condominiums for rats
Sanitation	p. 13	5-10 Operation and maintenance (a) Maintenance (1) 1½' distance on sides	1½' distance is insufficient to make up for area at curb/side that is inaccessible to street sweeper service Operators must clean the street on sweeper days in the area that the street sweeper cannot access.

Quality of Life	p. 13	5-10 (b) Hours of Operation	Should be 10pm or earlier on Sun-Thurs and up to 11pm on Fri/Sat.
Safety and traffic flow	p. 16 p. 18 p. 26	Element or Object	Add driveways. Clearance is necessary for sight distance and turning radius needs of cars exiting parking lots or other driveways.
Safety flow	p. 18, (i)	Permitted Locations (A)	Area created for parking should not be filled with sheds that are wider than SUVs or passenger trucks (~7')
Safety	p. 18,	(iii) Dimensions (A) 40 feet,	Length of structures should not cover the curb area in front of a main building entrance. EMS/Fire need access through the front door. Need width for gurney and gear.
Safety, traffic pedestrian, bike flow	p. 18,	(iii) Dimensions (B) wide (side wall length)	I suggest a max 7' wide shed limit including barriers. This is the widest car/SUV width. Current dimensions create hazardous sight distant issues when pulling into and out of parking spots and slows the flow of traffic for parallel parking that takes more time than a space between cars.
Should not exceed width of parking spaces	p. 19	(vii) Floating Parking Lanes	Legal parking spaces should not exceed 7' width.
Public health Pest control Rat control	p. 20	(B) Barriers with plantings	If planters, they are burrowing attractions for rats 18" barriers should be specified within the overall width of structure, not in addition to. (not specified in current guidelines.)
Public health rat control	p. 20	(ii) Flooring (4.) channel for drainage	Must be screened to prohibit rat access.
Public health, mosquitos			If water filled rather than planter filled, precautions for mosquito breeding should be taken into consideration.
Overall	p. 27	Vertical screenings,	18" width must be included in the overall

		coverings, umbrellas (iv) (C) (iii)	width from curb to street.
Revenue	p. 27	Sect: 6. F	Penalties are modest and not a deterrent to violate rules. Roadway sheds occupy otherwise revenue-producing parking spaces. Charge higher fees for roadway sheds (not sidewalk).
Seasonal	unspecified	Features of adjustments to seasonal weather	Expansion and contraction is great, like when the block is closed, more table in the street. Same for winter months. Snow removal and snow banks are already trash heaps, the sheds contribute to trash and poor drainage of melting snow. They become an eyesore. Seasonal sheds will be a welcome sign of spring after the cold winters.
Coordinate: DOT, Parks, and Public Health/Food Safety	General note	Possible municipal coordinations	With ever-expanding populations, our neighborhood parks are over-crowded. Dining outdoors helps support outdoor recreation; perhaps parks should have some contribution to aesthetics and enforcement. Food safety should also be considered with the appropriate jurisdiction of food handlers and health safety inspection for cleanliness or other health hazards.

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