

Administrative Regulation

OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS

I. Purpose

It is the purpose of this regulation to establish the policy of the City and the procedures to be used for the issuance of outdoor dining permits pursuant to City Code section 25-26 et seq.

II. Policy

It is the policy of the City to permit food service establishments to expand their businesses to the outdoors on city sidewalks, public ways and other public places, including parks. Such expansions onto city property shall be permitted on a case-by-case basis, upon application to the city and payment of a fee, in accordance with certain conditions.

It is the policy of the City that due to the high value of downtown park space, expansion of a private business into such areas shall require a higher fee than expansion into a sidewalk or other public way. Further, in no instance shall the total square footage of dining area equal more than 10% of park space, unless the applicant obtains a waiver from the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee.

The following procedures are to be followed in the issuance of outdoor dining permits.

III. Procedures

A. Application and Permit

1. A food service establishment shall submit an application and fees to the Inspections Division for an outdoor dining permit.
2. The application shall contain a drawing of the dining area that the applicant intends to occupy that includes the location of the street, the sidewalk width and curbing location, and the location of chair and table placement.
3. Upon receipt of a new application, city staff will conduct a site visit to ensure that the measurements provided are correct and that there is sufficient open sidewalk area remaining in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The permit area will be permanently delineated to ensure compliance.

B. Permit Conditions

1. There must be a minimum of four feet of open sidewalk from the outer boundary of the seating area to the curb, and a minimum of five feet on a corner, per the Americans with Disabilities Act, and egress from the building must be maintained free of obstruction

per the building code and NFPA Life Safety Code.

2. The tables and chairs must be placed within the permitted area on the sidewalk in such a manner as to allow the free and safe passage of pedestrian traffic. If the tables and chairs are moved and located outside of the permitted outdoor seating area, they must be relocated to within the permitted area. Failure to contain the tables and chairs to the permitted area may result in a reduced permitted area or a revocation of the permit.
3. The permit holder is responsible for keeping the outdoor seating area clean. The sidewalk area where the tables and chairs are located must be kept neat and free from litter and debris.
4. The permit holder is required to produce and maintain public liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) combined single limit for bodily injury, death and property damage, naming the City as an additional insured thereon.
5. No food shall be prepared outside.
6. If alcohol is to be served, the permit holder must notify the City's Business Licensing Office and obtain approval for the service of alcohol outdoors. Additionally, State law requires that any outdoor area serving alcohol be segregated from the rest of the public.
7. All tables and chairs shall be removed prior to a predicted snowfall and while any snow or ice exists within the designated outdoor seating area or within four feet from the boundaries thereof. The City will not be responsible for damage to any tables, chairs or other property that is not properly removed when the City is engaged in sidewalk maintenance activities. Failure to remove tables and chairs during a snowfall may result in revocation of the permit.
8. The applicant shall sign a release, indemnification and hold harmless agreement prior to the issuance of the permit.
9. If smoking is permitted in the outdoor dining area, the permittee shall provide ashtrays. If smoking is not permitted, the permittee shall post "No Smoking" sign.

City of Portland, Maine - Building or Use Permit

389 Congress Street, 04101 Tel: (207) 874-8703, Fax: (207) 874-8716

Permit No: 08-0458	Date Applied For: 05/02/2008	CBL: 028 P022001
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Location of Construction: 41 MIDDLE ST	Owner Name: MALONE JOSEPH M & ANN MA	Owner Address: 30 HIGHLAND ST	Phone:
Business Name:	Contractor Name:	Contractor Address:	Phone:
Lessee/Buyer's Name	Phone:	Permit Type: Outdoor Seating	

Proposed Use: Restaurant "Ribollita" - Outside seating 4 Tables & 8 Chairs 56 sq ft	Proposed Project Description: Outside seating 4 Tables & 8 Chairs 56 sq ft
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Dept: Zoning	Status: Approved	Reviewer: Marge Schmuckal	Approval Date: 05/08/2008	Ok to Issue: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Note:				
Dept: Building	Status: Approved with Conditions	Reviewer: Jeanine Bourke	Approval Date: 05/14/2008	Ok to Issue: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Note:				
1) The outside dining permit is approved for the area delineated at the inspection and stated on the permit, and must be kept on site. THIS PERMIT MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY				
2) This permit approves outside seating only. Any food, alcohol or entertainment in this space requires licensing approvals from the City Clerk.				
3) The tables and chairs must not block any means of egress of any building.				

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- The permit holder shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations implemented by the city regarding outdoor dining.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions will result in revocation or non-renewal of the permit.

I/We fully understand that the City of Portland, its agents, officers and employees accept no responsibility and will not be liable for any injury, harm or damage to my/our person or property arising out of the establishment's occupancy of the sidewalk or park space. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I/We do hereby agree to assume all risk of injury, harm or damage to my/our person or property (including but not limited to all risk of injury, harm or damage to my/our property cause by the negligence of the City of Portland, its agents, officers or employees) arising out of the establishment's occupancy of the sidewalk or park space. I/We hereby agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Portland, its agents, officers and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, just or unjust, including, but not limited to costs of defense and attorney's fees, arising out of the establishment's occupancy of the sidewalk or park space, provided that any such claims, damage, loss or expense (1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property including the loss of use there from, and (2) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the establishment, anyone directly or indirectly employed by it, or anyone for whose act it may be liable.

Signed and acknowledged: W. Lei Date: 5-2-08
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 Establishment Dibollita
 Location 41 middle St

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