

Department of Planning and Development
Historic Preservation Office



Design Standards for Outdoor Dining Installations on Wharf Street

In 1997, the Historic Preservation Board of the City of Portland developed design standards for outdoor dining installations on Wharf Street. These standards were developed in order to avoid visual clutter and lend some consistency to the streetscape, which is unique among Portland's commercial streets for its narrow width and intimate scale.

Attached is a construction specification that illustrates the manner in which all outdoor dining installations are to be cordoned off from the street on Wharf Street. The sketch calls for a simple 3'6" steel pipe to be threaded into a base below the sidewalk. At the top of the pipe is a threaded rod around which natural hemp rope is secured. All of the materials specified are readily available through local suppliers.

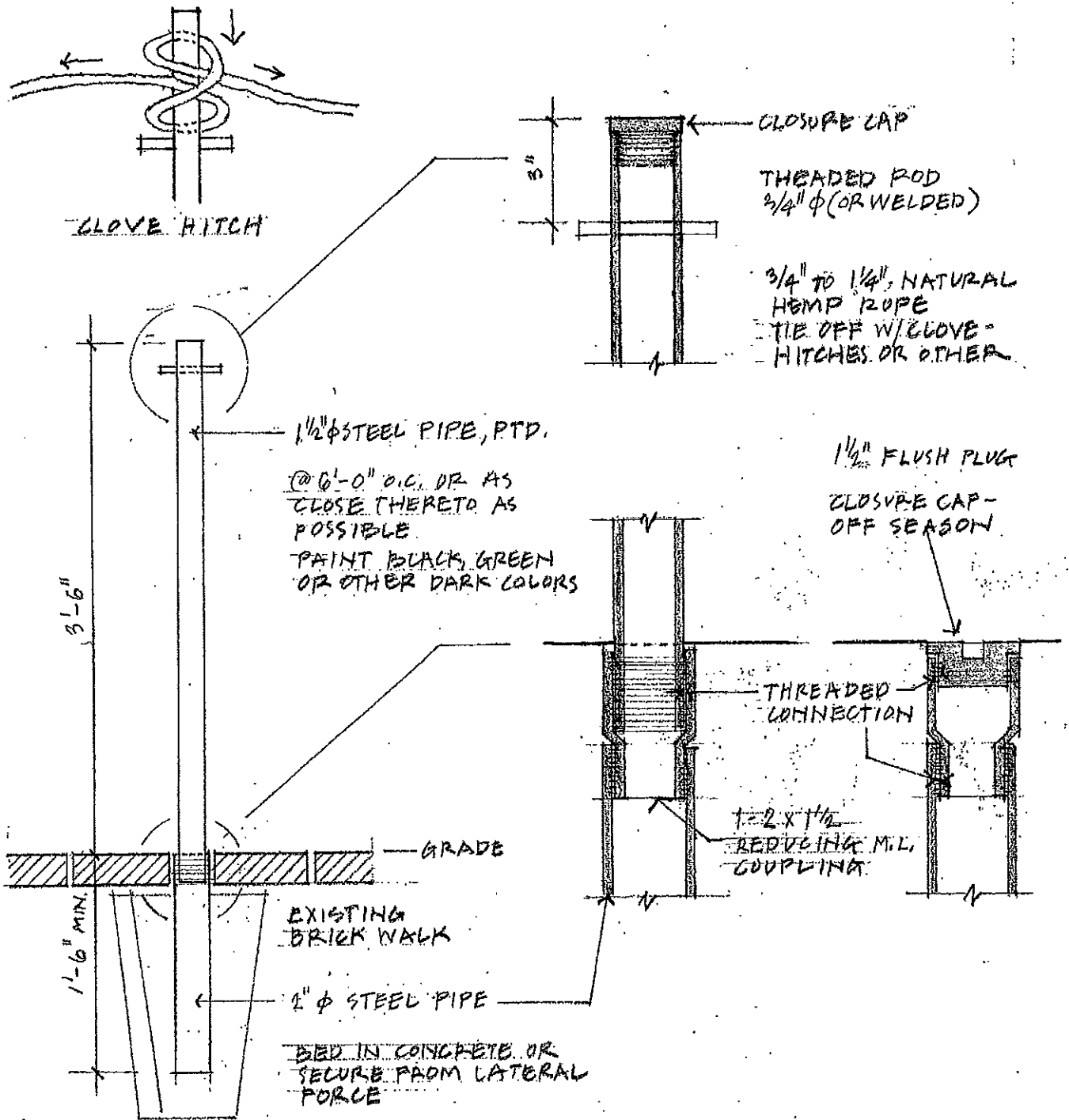
Note that the posts are to be removed at the end of the season.

In addition to the attached construction specification, the following general design standards shall also apply:

- No decking shall be installed over the brick sidewalk.
- No continuous awnings shall be installed to cover the dining area; umbrellas may be installed over individual tables
- Tables shall not exceed 4 feet in any dimension.
- Lighting shall consist of removable, table-top lights only

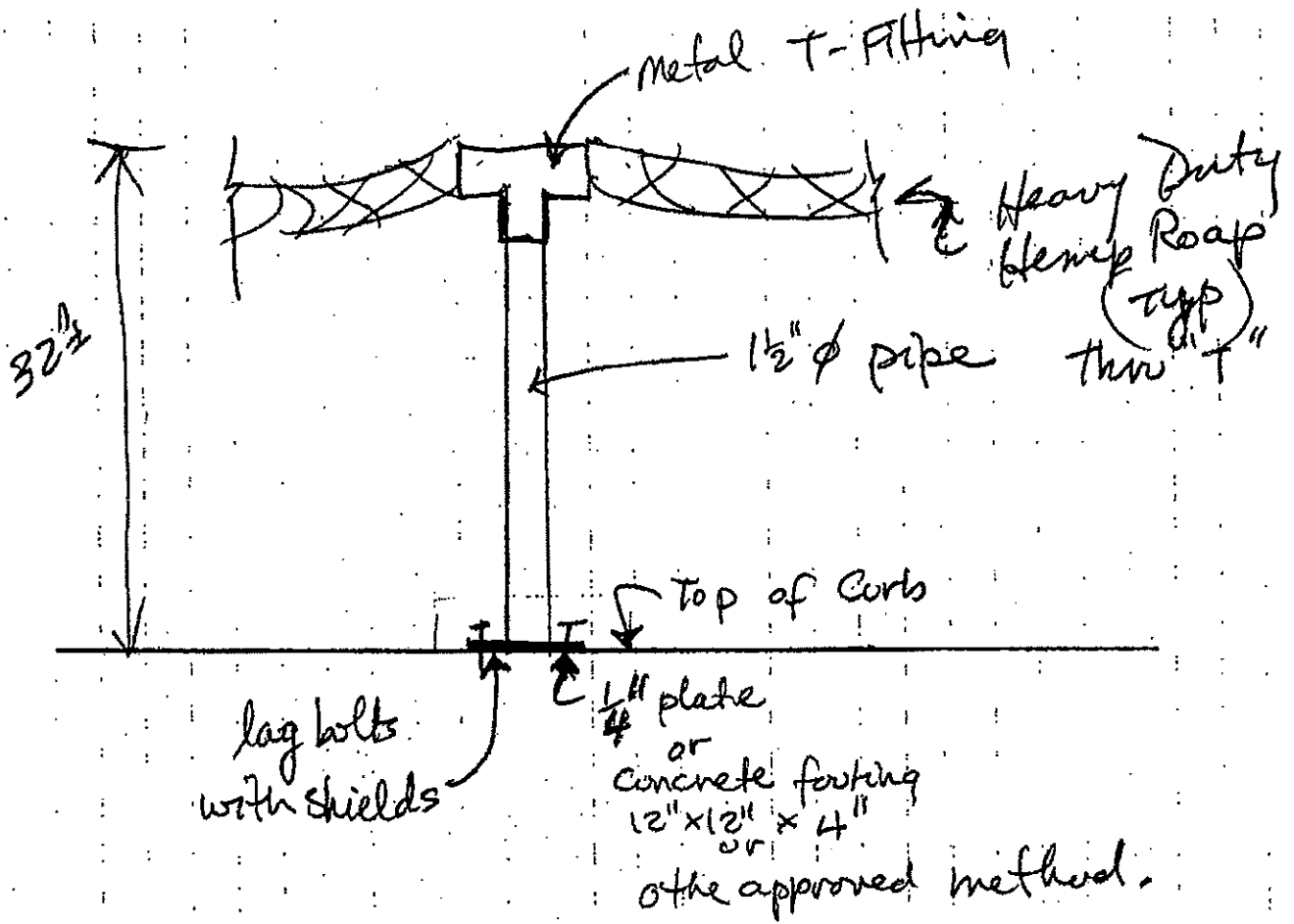
Requirements effective as of 1997

DESIGN STANDARD FOR OUTDOOR DINING



NOTES:
 POSTS NOT TO BE INSTALLED BEYOND THE GRANITE CURB LINE.
 RECOMMENDED TO USE GALVANIZED PIPE, PTD.

POSTS TO BE REMOVED IN OFF-SEASON + HOLES TO BE CAPPED.



Alternate Barrier Detail

