

Manhattan Community Board 1 - Tribeca Committee

Summary of Zoning Regulations for Sidewalk Cafes

The Sidewalk Cafe Regulations noted here are a summary of the regulations and are not a substitute for the City's Rules, Regulations and other official sources of City policy, which must be followed, and which include but are not limited to:

- **NYC Zoning Resolution, Article I, Chapter 4** – This is available from the NYC Department of City Planning, www.nyc.gov/dcp and <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/zone/art01c04.pdf>.
- **NYC Administrative Code, Section 20, Chapter 6, Sidewalk Licensing Procedure** – http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/downloads/pdf/sidewalk_cafe_law_rules.pdf.
- **Sidewalk Café Design and Regulations Guide** - This describes the types of sidewalk cafés allowed and their design guidelines. <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/licenses/013.shtml>.
- **Sidewalk Café Street Guide** – This describes where in NYC sidewalk cafés are permitted and prohibited. http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/downloads/pdf/swc_street_guide.pdf.
- **Sidewalk Café Application** – http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/downloads/pdf/swc_license_app_materials.pdf.

All Sidewalk Cafes must meet the Zoning Regulations' General Purposes as stated in Chapter 4, 14-00 as follows:

- “to ensure adequate space for pedestrians;”
- “to promote cafes as visual amenities that better relate to the streetscape,”
- “to preserve and enhance the character of the neighborhood,” and
- “to support locations where “sidewalk cafes promote and protect public health, safety, general welfare and amenity.”