SIDEWALK CAFES:

A STUDY OF DESIGN AND SPACE REQUIREMENTS

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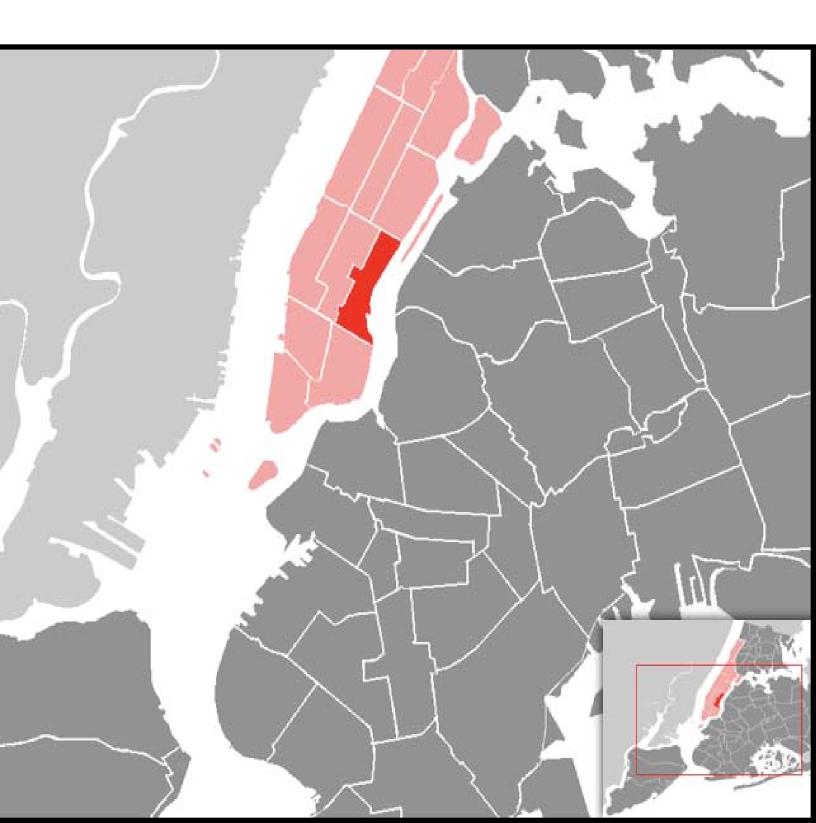
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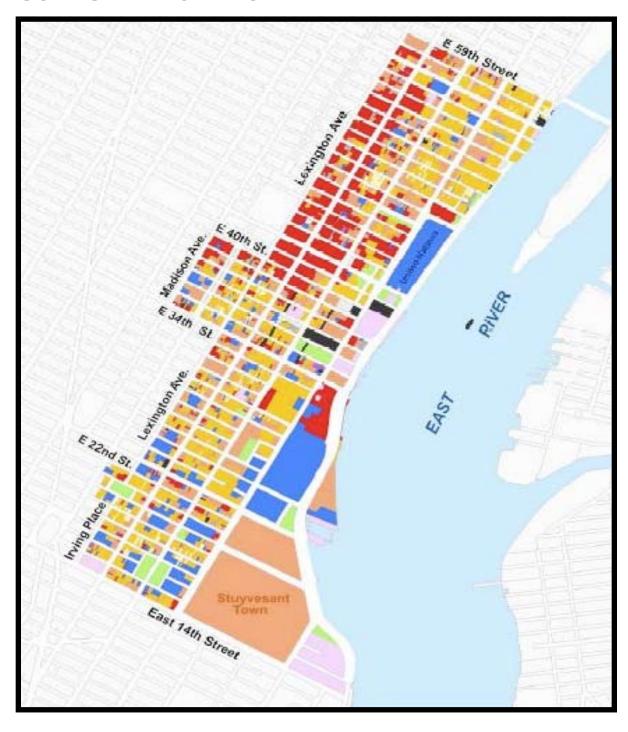
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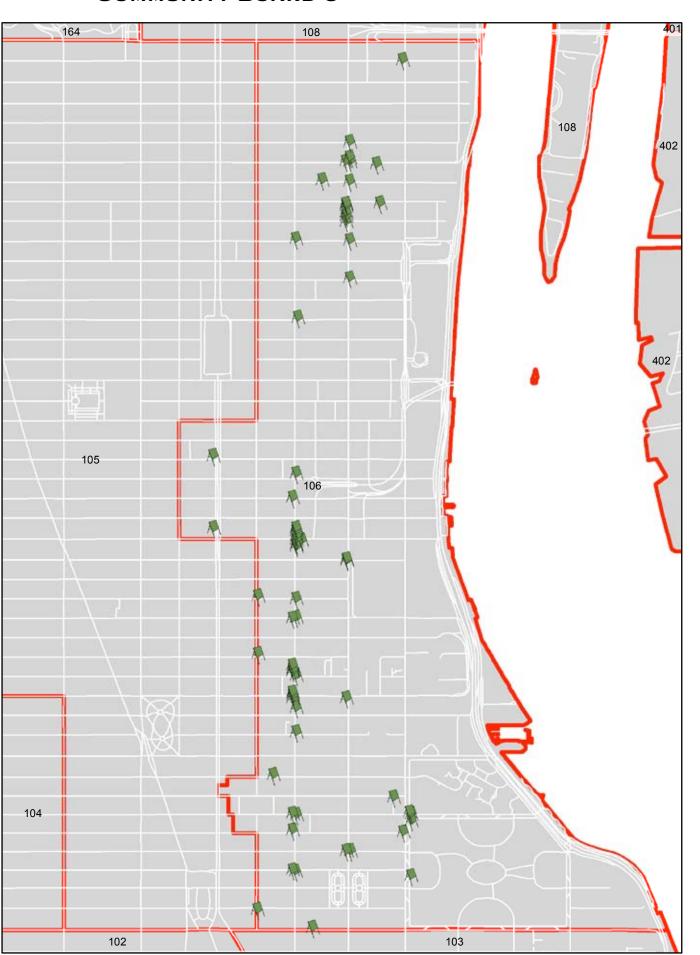
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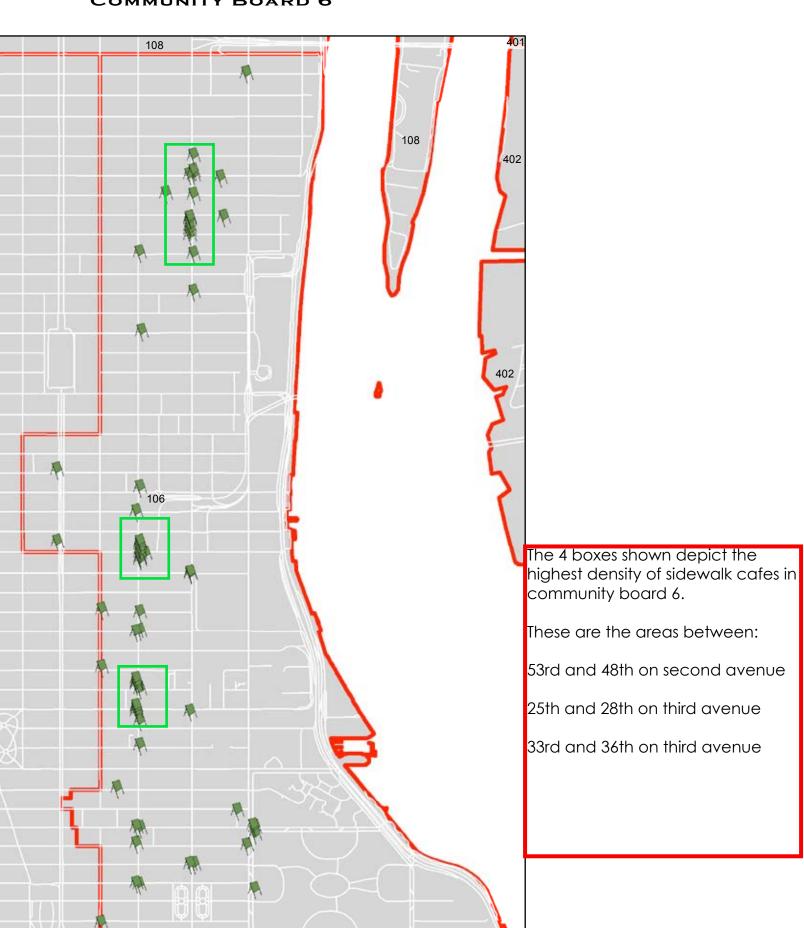
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SIDEWALK CAFE LOCATIONS COMMUNITY BOARD 6



HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF SIDEWALK CAFES COMMUNITY BOARD 6



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to evaluate the design and operation of the sidewalk cafes currently located in Community Board Six. The first phase included in this iteration of the report is to look at cafes between 50th and 59th street, bounded by 1st and 3rd avenues. The second phase of the project expanded surveying to the rest of the Community Board.

The reason for evaluating sidewalk cafe design is to determine if business establishments are operating within the terms of their license application. Although sidewalk cafes have been recognized as a great asset to the quality of life in the city, there have been complaints that they impede movement on the sidewalk. So we set out to determine if the sidewalk cafes did indeed, weather illegally or legally, create conditions that impede pedestrian flow.

I systematically set out to identify, categorize and describe all existing conditions at each sidewalk cafe establishment. This effort was conducted through field surveys at each location, whereby I observed and recorded a description and documented design features. Digital photographs were also taken at the site to document sidewalk conditions and the relationship between the cafe setup and sidewalk. This photographic evidence allows us to revisit areas of interest.

This report's aim is to provide a practical instrument and resource to city officials to continue examining sidewalk cafes for violations and perhaps serve as a tool for reviewing and refining the city's zoning text and application process so that sidewalk cafes can contribute to the vitality of the city, while simultaneously allowing the city's sidewalks to function with ease.

BACKGROUND

New York City started legally allowing unenclosed sidewalk cafes in 1929. In the mid-1960s, city officials began to encourage restaurant owners to open more sidewalk cafes.

The three types of sidewalk cafés are the: (I) enclosed café, (ii) unenclosed café, and (iii) small unenclosed café. The definitions are as follows:

- Enclosed Café: A space adjacent to an eating or drinking establishment, with a tangible structure requiring heating and air conditioning.
- Unenclosed Café: An open space with only tables, chairs, railings/fences/planters, and perhaps an awning. This type of café is never to be enclosed with flaps, or heated with a portable or permanent heating unit.
- Small Unenclosed Café: A single, unenclosed row of tables and chairs within a space extending no more than 4½ feet from the front of the restaurant proper.

Only restaurants on the ground floor are allowed to have cafes and design criteria for each type are based on the availability of free space on the sidewalk. Pedestrian traffic is a concern and there are specific measurements that must be met regarding distance from trees, parking meters, fire hydrants and other obstructions.

Regardless of the type of sidewalk café, (i) there must a minimum three foot "Service Aisle" for staff within the café, (ii) waiters are not permitted to serve diners from the public sidewalk, only from the designated wait service aisle, and (iii) all sidewalk cafes must maintain a minimum clear path of eight (8) feet between the outer limit of the café and any other object near the curb.

However, there are certain areas in New York City that are sidewalk café blackout zones where they simply are not permitted regardless of free sidewalk space, zoning, etc.

The Department of Consumer Affairs is the regulatory agency for all sidewalk cafe licensing. The city has made a concerted effort to streamline the process of approval, as sidewalk cafes have come to be viewed as an asset for the city, injecting a little European flavor into the relentless hustle bustle of the city.

"It used to take 400-and-some days to get a sidewalk cafe permit," he noted. "You had six or seven agencies and it took forever. They decided to streamline it, put it into Consumer Affairs, and that it would take no more than 110 days." (Bob Gormley, District Manager, Community Board 2).

The process for approval now involves the following requirements; an application available online must be submitted along with a certificate of authority, sidewalk cafe compliance checklist, proof of liability insurance, landowners consent, notification of property owners within 50 feet of the cafe, tenants occupying any ground floor property within 50 feet of the cafe, and any co-op board or condo association along the same block front as the proposed cafe, a photocopy of the New York City Department of Health food

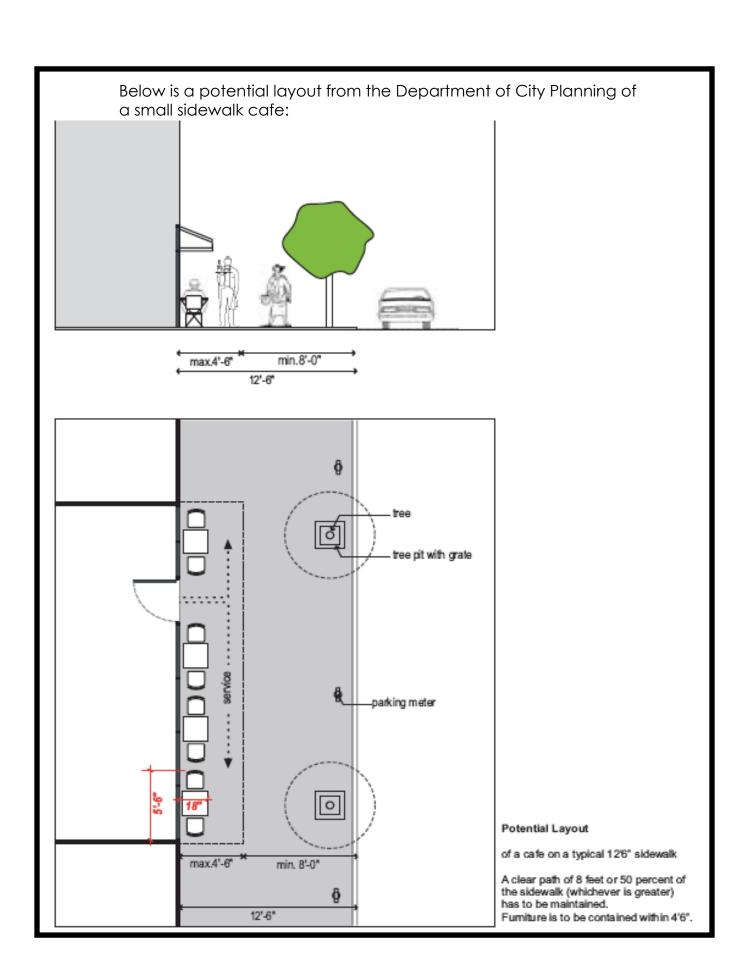
Consent fees begin at \$2,110.89 and increase in relation to square footage. Despite this somewhat complicated and expensive process, sidewalk cafe licenses have increased by more than 25%.

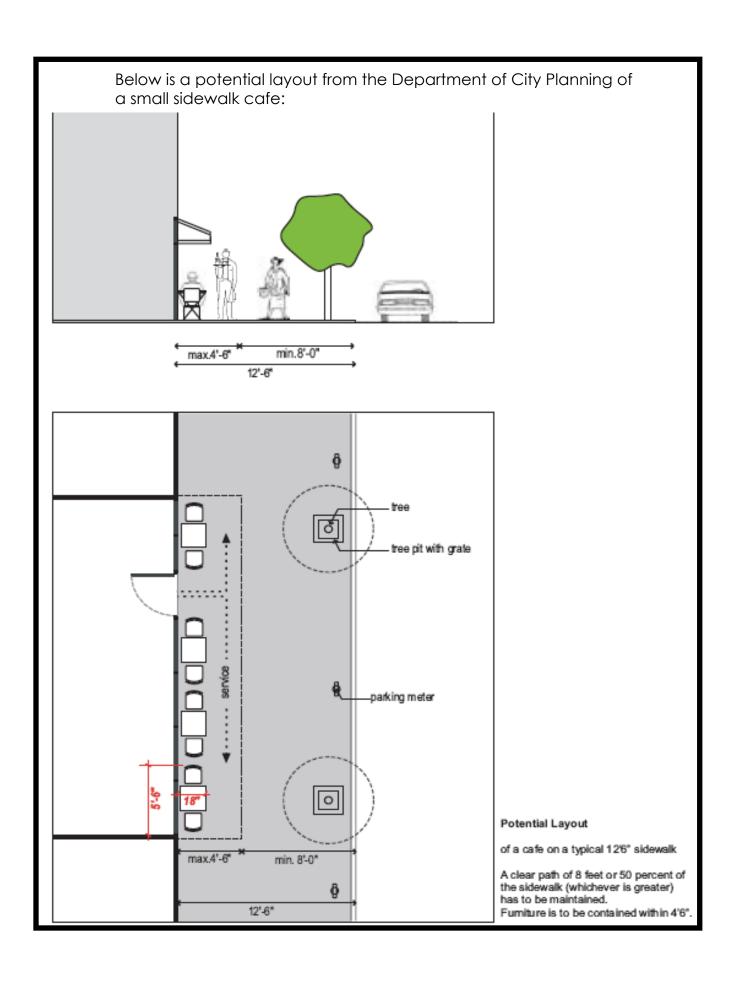
An increase in sidewalk cafes can also be attributed to the Department of City Planning approval of the policy to allow small sidewalk cafes in areas where sidewalk cafes were prohibited. The rationale behind this policy was that research indicated that compared to other boroughs, there is a disproportionate number of streets and neighborhoods in Manhattan where sidewalk cafes were not permitted.

Small sidewalk cafes consist of a single row of tables and chairs, which are to occupy no more than 4-1/2 feet of the sidewalk width. Like other cafes, these cafes would be required to maintain a clear path for pedestrians of at least eight feet. Unlike other cafes, these unenclosed cafes are not permitted to use barriers to physically separate the café space from the sidewalk. This maintains visual continuity along the sidewalks and ensures that pedestrian circulation is not obstructed.

Despite regulations, sidewalk cafes are not without contention, many feel that their arrangement does not leave adequate space for pedestrians. The two Manhattan boards with the most sidewalk cafes, Greenwich Village's C.B. 2 and the Upper East Side's C.B. 8 have had some difficulty with sidewalk cafes. However the problem is nothing new, as far back as 1933, citizens formed an organization to "Save the Sidewalks Cafe Committee" on 5th Avenue. More recently several high profile battles between the Department of Consumer Affairs and restaurant owners have occurred over violations.

The purpose of this research is to assess the situation in Community Board 6 and see how well establishments are following the guidelines and where there are areas for improvement.



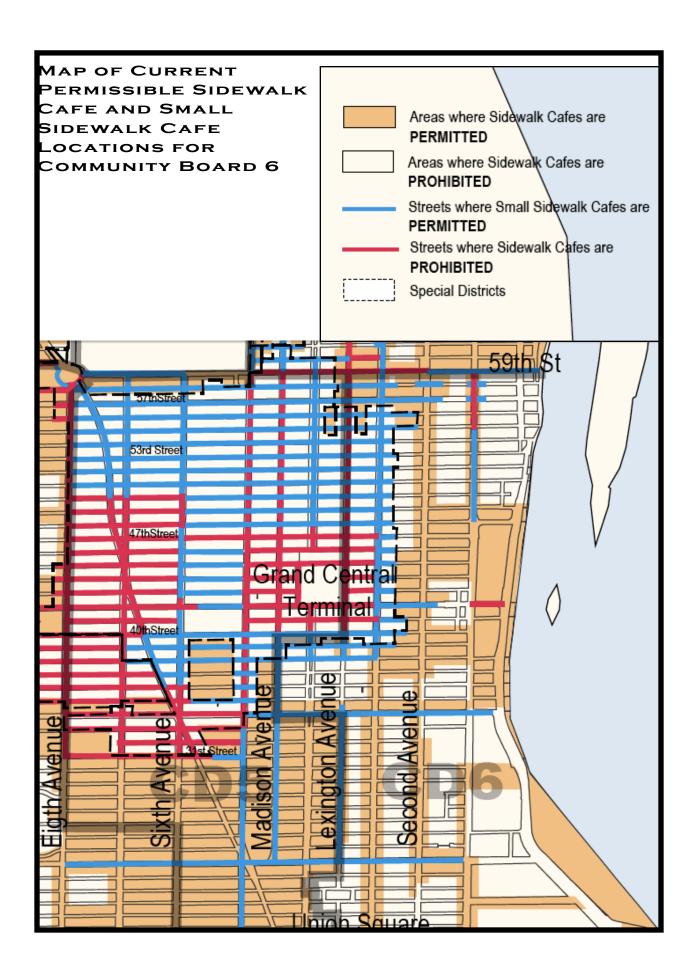


LIST OF SIDEWALK CAFE POSSIBLE INTRUSIONS

All permanent items surrounding the sidewalk café must be displayed on the plans.

This includes, but is not limited to, these items:

- Subway entrance (except flat end) 15'
- Sidewalk cafés (enclosed only) 15'
- Bus stop (with shelter at open end) 15'
- Other authorized object (over 15 square feet) 15'
- Fire hydrants/standpipes 10'
- Traffic lights 9'
- Telephone booths/kiosks 8'
- Mail boxes 8'
- Lamp posts 8'
- Street trees (from fencing and guards) 8'
- Bicycle racks (including all bicycles) 8'
- Benches (only for enclosed cafés) 5'
- Subway entrance/bus stop (at closed end) 5'
- All other legal street furniture (15 sq. feet or less) 5'
- Cellar door (unless closed, locked, and reinforced) 3'
- Subway grates 3'



LIST OF ALL LICENSED SIDEWALK CAFES BY ZIP CODE IN COMMUNITY BOARD 6

10010

757 REST LLC 757 SIXTH AVENUE
BARFLY, INC 244 THIRD AVENUE
BLT MAIN STREET LLC 111 EAST 22ND STREET
CAVATAPPO WINE BAR LLC 347 THIRD AVENUE
FIASCO GROUP LLC 323 THIRD AVENUE
GRILL 21 LLC 346 EAST 21 STREET
LAMARCA CHEESE SHOP 161 EAST 22ND STREET
LUCIFER RESTAURANT LLC 401 EAST 20TH STREET
MEXICO LINDO 459 SECOND AVENUE
VAMOS 348 FIRST AVENUE
VERTIGO 354 THIRD AVENUE

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27-39 EAST 30 REST. CORP 27-29 EAST 30TH STREET 384 3RD AVE REST LLC 384 THIRD AVENUE 431 3RD AVE RESTAURANT CORP 431 THIRD AVENUE 513 THIRD REST. LTD 513 THIRD AVENUE 542 3RD AVENUE FOOD CORP 542 THIRD AVENUE 603 SECOND AVE CORP 603 2ND AVENUE BAMIYAN RESTAURANT 358 3RD AVENUE BENJAMIN 603 2ND AVENUE **BLOCKHEADS 499 THIRD AVENUE** EASTSIDE DD 101 LLC 601 2ND AVENUE GROUBEN FOOD CORP. 515 THIRD AVENUE HOT AND TASTY CORP 509 THIRD AVENUE J.M.M.T. CAFE INC 360 THIRD AVENUE LA COCINA ON THIRD AVENUE, INC. 430 THIRD AVENUE LA GIARA 501 THIRD AVENUE MOONSTRUCK DINER 449 THIRD AVENUE PYRAMID RESTAURANT GROUP, INC 565 3 AVENUE RBG VILLAGE LLC 380 THIRD AVENUE RODEO BAR AND GRILL 375 THIRD AVENUE SALVATORE'S CORP. 378 THIRD AVENUE STS RESTAURANT CORP. 505 THIRD AVENUE

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301 EAST 47TH STREET RESTAURANT CORP 888-890 SECOND AVENUE RIINGO RESTAURANT LLC 205 EAST 45TH STREET SMITH & WOLLENSKY 201 EAST 49TH STREET

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51 STREET PASTA PRESTO INC. 959 SECOND AVENUE 52 RESTAURANT GROUP CORP. 251 EAST 52 STREET (Opal) 60 SWEET THING INC. 1003 SECOND AVENUE (Redemption) EROS RESTAURANT CORP 947 SECOND AVENUE (La Mediterrannee) JOHN PHIL TAVERN CORP. 350 EAST 53RD STREET (Parnell's) LASAGNA RESTAURANT INC. 941 SECOND AVENUE LENNY'S 54TH STREET LLC 1024 SECOND AVENUE LES BRASSEURS 1008 SECOND AVENUE (La Managerie) MIMIS REST CORP. 984 SECOND AVENUE NEW FUSHA, INC. 1065 FIRST AVENUE PAPILLON 22 EAST 54TH STREET PESCATORE 15 INC 955-957 SECOND AVENUE SHANNON CAFE LLC 951 SECOND AVENUE (Pig N' Whistle) SMORGAS CHEF MIDTOWN LLC 924 SECOND AVENUE THAFATH INC 356 EAST 51 STREET TOTONNO'S PIZZERIA NAPOLITANO 1544 SECOND AVENUE VERO MIDTOWN LLC 1004 SECOND AVENUE

METHODOLOGY

Community Board 6's main interest was to learn more about the condition of the districts sidewalk cafes, specifically how they relate to the sidewalk and possibly impede function. By beginning a comprehensive, field level understanding of these sidewalk cafes, subsequent measures could be taken aimed at addressing those sites which, either intentionally or otherwise, exist or operate in violation of city regulations.

Consequently, I conducted a site by site filed analysis of each sidewalk cafe. Field surveys were administered during both weekdays and weekends and both in the early evening and midday over the course of 9 months. A minimum of 3 visits was required before any analysis. A Sidewalk Cafe Survey was created for the purpose of maintaining a comprehensive evaluative inventory of each of the district's sidewalk cafes. (see appendix). The Sidewalk Cafe Survey tool was divided into three categories: general description, design features, and small sidewalk cafes.

Also there was a side field to list both acceptable (fire hydrants, phone booths, etc) and unacceptable (hostess stands, planters, etc) intrusions onto the sidewalk outside of the bounds of the cafe. A photo of the space between the cafe and curb was also required documentation.

The general description asks for the business name, address and cross streets, hours of operation, if liquor is sold, if there is table service, the number of tables/ chairs/ rows, if the permit is posted, and if anything else operates with the space of the cafe.

The design feature section asks if there is an 8' clearance between cafe and curb, if there is a 3' service aisle, if there is a 30" high self supporting barrier, if there is 15' of clearance from large obstructions, if there are windows, doors that project on beyond the perimeter, if there are markings outlining the perimeter, if the furnishings are removable, if the sidewalk surface is uncovered, if umbrellas only advertise the establishment, and if there are no garbage facilities on the right of way.

The small sidewalk cafe section asks if there is a single, barrier free row of tables, if the cafe is within a space 4.5' from restaurant and if the sidewalk is 12' or wider and there is 8' of clearance between the cafe and the curb.

LIMITATIONS

Due to the constraint of the start of the Community Fellowship in October, many potential establishments that should be surveyed had already discontinued their outdoor seating for the season. Although, sidewalk cafes are definitely becoming a 3 season occurrence, it should be noted that the best time to survey would be in the summer. Follow up surveys should be conducted in these warmer months to get the most accurate count and sense of use.

However, despite surveying slightly out of season, we were fortunate enough to have several unseasonably warm days this fall and many of these cafes were well utilized. This helped to give a picture of how these cafes are used at their peak times.

Also, although I tried to survey as many times as possible and at different hours, due to the ephemeral nature of these cafes (the set up can vary from day to day), consistent surveying is key to tracking violations. For instance, tables can move and encroach onto the sidewalk area one day, however the next day will be set up with adequate sidewalk clearance.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Total Number of sidewalk cafes surveyed: 48

Number of cafes on First Avenue: 6

Number of cafes Second Avenue: 21

Number of cafes on Third Avenue: 21

Most common violation was no markings along the perimeter: 100% of surveyed cafes

Second most common violation was no permit clearly displayed:

On a positive note, all cafes did not exceed the number of tables and chairs that the Community Board 6 had on file in their application.

In the majority of cases the required 8' of clearance between the perimeter of the cafe and the curb was present, although some cafes did not have the required moveable barriers, this often creates a feeling for the pedestrian that the cafe is projecting onto the sidewalk.

When there are customers, small sidewalk cafes can often take up more than the 4.5' from the building allowed because chairs and tables get shifted around to accommodate more people. Enforcing the markings around the perimeter regulation may alleviate this situation.

The majority of intrusions found were allowable (street tress, fire hydrants, and traffic barriers). However, where there is a presence of a large delivery business, maybe of the trees become impromptu bike racks and create an obstacle to sidewalk flow.

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
Parnell's 350 E. 53rd st. @ 1st ave.	No marking oulining perimeter No permit posted	Planters outside of cafe perimeter



Hours of operation:

Daily: 11:30am-12pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

11 tables/ 22 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

no, only 7.5 feet of clearance

3' service aisle:

yes

30" barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

ves

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
Fusha/ 1065 1st Ave at 58th street	No marking oulining perimeter No permit posted Chairs set on basement grate	Fire hydrant Street trees Grates



Hours of operation:

12pm-11:30pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

5 tables/ 10 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

n/a

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

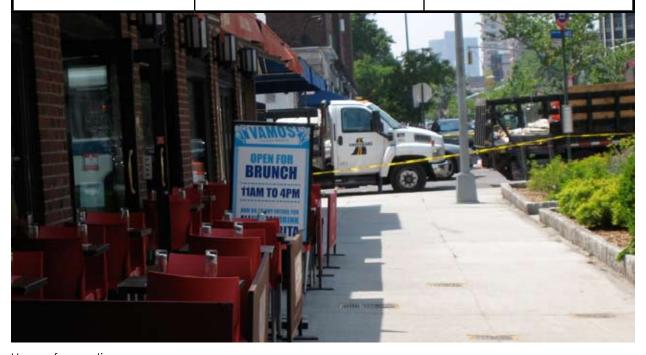
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Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Vamos 348 1st Ave @ 20th steet	Violation: No markings along the perimeter	Intrusions: none



Hours of operation:

11am-11pm Daily

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

12 tables/24 chairs/2 rows

Permit posted:

yes

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Hot & Crusty 400 E. 14th st @ 1st Ave.	No markings along the perimeter	Intrusions: Fire hydrant Parking bollards Food car
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Hours of operation:

Daily 6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m

Liquor sold:

no

Table service:

no

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

10 tables/ 20 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Busine	ess Name/ Address	Violation:	Intrusions:
	_	No markings along the perimeter	parking sign
329 Ist	t Ave @ 19th st.		



Hours of operation:

Daily 11am-4am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

6 tables/ 14 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

yes

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Bruno Ravioli 282 1st Ave @ 17th st.	Violation: No markings along the perimeter	Intrusions: 2 tree pits w/ bicycle parking



Hours of operation:

Daily 6am-9pm

Liquor sold:

no

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

9 tables/ 18 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

yes

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
947 2nd Ave @50th	No markings along the perimeter Less than 8' of clearance No permit posted	overflow of bikes nearby



Hours of operation:

11:30am-1am M-Sat, 11:30am-12am Sunday

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

3 tables/6 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

no, 7' of clearance

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
Pig N' Whistle	No markings along the perimeter	Fire hydrant
951 2nd Ave @ 50th	No permit posted	Menu board



Hours of operation:

11:30am-4am Daily

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

3 tables/6 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

N/A

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
	No moveable barrier present	Parking pay machine Traffic barriers Menu display



Hours of operation:

12pm-11:30pm M-F, 11:30am-11:30pm Sat, 11:30am-11pm Sunday

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

10 tables/22 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

yes

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

N/A

30' removable barrier present:

nc

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
Pasta Presto Grill/ 959 2nd Ave at 50th	No markings outlining perimeter No movable barrier present Tables placed on grate	Street trees Newpaper boxes



Hours of operation:

12pm-10:30pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/8 chairs/1 row

Permit posted:

ves

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

n/a

30' removable barrier present:

NC

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions (a/i)
251 E. 52nd street @ 2nd	0 1 2	Phone booth Street sign posts Traffic barriers



Hours of operation:

12pm-12am M-TH, 12pm-4am F-SA, 12pm-12am Sunday

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

14 tables/28 chairs/ 2 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

no, 7.5' of clearance

3' service aisle:

no, 30 inches

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Violation Intrusions:
La Mangerie Barrier over 30 inches none
1008 2nd ave @53rd No permit posted



Hours of operation:

5:30-10:30 M-TH, Sunday 5:30pm-11pm F-Saturday

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/8 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

over 30 inches, not easily moveable

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

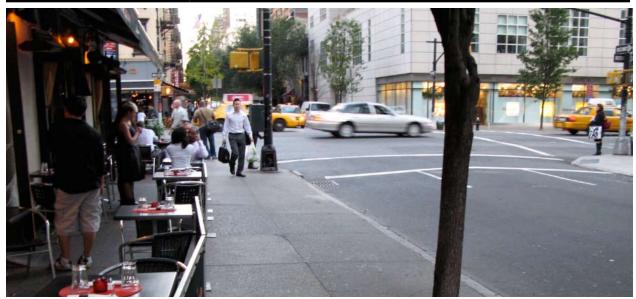
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Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
Redeption 1003 2nd Ave @ 53rd	No markings along the perimeter No permit posted	Atm machine , garbage can Parking pay machine Street Trees Traffic post



Hours of operation:

11:30am-4am Mon-Sat

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

3 tables/9 chairs/1 row on 2nd ave, 12 tables/24 chairs/2 rows on 53rd st.

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
Vero Wine Bar 1004 2nd Ave @53rd st	No markings along the perimeter	Phone booth Garbage traffic barrier posts Street tree traffic sign posts



Hours of operation:

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Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

3 tables/6 chairs/ 1 row on 2nd ave, 19 tables/ 38 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

yes

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

no, 7.5' of clearance

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

ye:

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

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Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
1043 2nd Ave @ 54th	No markings along the perimeter Barrier non removable No permit posted	Permanant planters



Hours of operation:

Cannont find permit on file with CB6

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

22 tables/44 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

Not removable

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address
Petite Abeille
Violation:
No markings along the perimeter
401 E. 20th St. @ 1st Ave
Violation:
No markings along the perimeter
Service stand outside perimeter



Hours of operation:

Mon-Sat 9am-11pm; Sun 9am-10pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

21 tables/ 42 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

yes

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no-service stand projects beyond perimeter

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Posto 310 2nd Ave @ 18th st.		Intrusions: Fire hydrant
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Hours of operation:

Mon - Th: 11:30AM to 11PM, Fri: 11:30AM to Midnight , Sat: Noon to Midnight , Sun: Noon to 11PM Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

12 picnic tables/ 24 benches/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

no, 6.5 feet

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address
Lantern
311 2nd Ave @ 18th st.

Violation:
No markings along the perimeter
No visible permit

Intrusions:
4 Newspaper boxes
3 Phone booths
1 tree pit



Hours of operation:

Mon-Thu,Sun 11:30am-11pm; Fri-Sat 11:30am-11:30pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

8 tables/ 16 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

No visible permit	Intrusions: parking box parking sign bike rack



Hours of operation:

Daily 11:30am-11pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

9 tables/32 chairs/1 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

531 2nd Ave @ 30th st.	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No visible permit No moveable barriers	Intrusions: Fire hydrant



Hours of operation:

Daily: 12pm-4am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

2 picnic tables/ 4 benches/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

no

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

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Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Dunkin' Donuts	Violation: No markings along the perimeter	Intrusions: Parking sign
	No moveable barriers	



Hours of operation:

24 hours

Liquor sold:

no

Table service:

no

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/ 8 chairs

Permit posted:

yes

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

no

30' removable barrier present:

nc

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Casaville 633 2nd Ave @ 35th st.	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted No moveable barriers	Intrusions: Fire hydrant



Hours of operation:

Mon-Fri: 12pm--11:30pm Sat-Sun: 11:30pm-5pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/ 8 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

no

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted	Intrusions: Tree pit



Hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday 12:00pm -11:00pm Friday & Saturday 12:00pm -11:30pm Sunday 12:00pm - 11:00 pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

2 tables/ 4 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation:	Intrusions:
Ali Baba's Terrace	No markings along the perimeter	Phone booth
862 2nd Ave @ 46th st.	No permit posted	Parking sign



Hours of operation:

Sun-Thu: 11:30am-11pm Fri-Sat: 11:30am-11:30pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/ 8 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

no

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Ad Nino's Positano 890 2nd Ave @ 47t	h st. N	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted Gelato vendor	Intrusions: 2 tree wells



Hours of operation:

Daily 11am--midnight

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

13 tables/ 26 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

yes--gelato vendor

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Lasagna 941 2nd Ave @ 50th st.	No permit posted Planters project past perimeter	Intrusions: Fire hydrant 2 planters Traffic light
	24" service aisle	



Hours of operation:

Sunday - Thursday: 12:00pm - 10:30pm Friday - Saturday: 12:00pm - 11:30pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

12 tables/24 chairs/1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

no--24" clearance on 50th street side

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

Planters placed outside of perimeter

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

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Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

ves

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted	Intrusions: Bus Shelter Menu Easel
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Hours of operation:

M-F: 7am-7:30pm

S-S: 8am-7:30pm

Liquor sold:

no

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

6 tables/ 13 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

menu easel

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

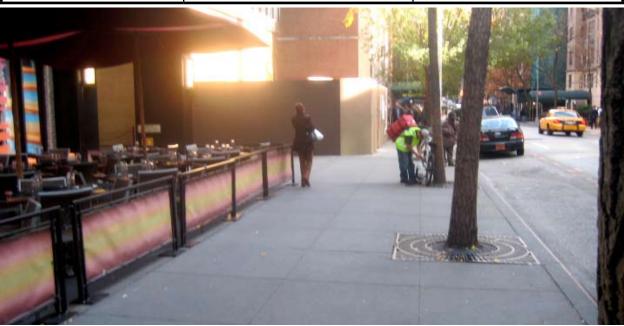
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Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions (a/i)
Dos Caminos	No markings along the perimeter	Street trees
825 3rd Ave @ 50th	No permit posted	



Hours of operation:

11:30am-4pm M-F, 5pm-10pm Tues-Sunday, 11:30am-11:30pm Friday-Saturday Cannot find permit on file with CB6

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

24 tables/96 chairs/ 5 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Markings along perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

no, service stations

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions (a/i)
Qdoba	No permit posted	Street trees
875 3rd Ave @ 52nd street		Planters



Hours of operation:

10:30am-11pm

Cannot find permit on file with CB6

Liquor sold:

yes--beer and wine only

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

9 tables/36 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

nc

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

ves

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

ves

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation	Intrusions
•	No markings along the perimeter No permit posted Tables placed on basement grate	Street posts Parking Meter



Hours of operation:

11:30-4am Daily

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

2 tables/8 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

n/a

30' removable barrier present:

nc

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Markings along perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

797 3rd Ave @ 49th st.	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted Raised platform covering side- walk Non moveable barrier	Intrusions: Parking sign



Hours of operation:

11:45am - 12:00am

Wollensky's Grill:

11:30am - 2:00am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

7 tables/ 14 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

nc

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

no

Business Name/ Address Josie's 565 3rd Ave @ 37th st.	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted	Intrusions: Tree pit



Hours of operation:

Saturday 11:30am-11pm, Sunday 11:00am-10pm

Monday - Friday 12:00pm-11:00pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

6 tables/ 12 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

no

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

		Intrusions: Mail box
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Hours of operation:

Daily 6am-1am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/ 8 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address
Anita's Delicantessean
514 3rd Ave @ 34th st.

Violation:
No markings along the perimeter
Parking pay meter
Parking bollards



Hours of operation:

24 hours

Liquor sold:

no

Table service:

no

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

3 tables/ 6 chairs

Permit posted:

yes

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Josua Tree 513 3rd ave @ 34th street Violation:
No markings along the perimeter
No permit posted
Tables placed on grate

Intrusions: none



Hours of operation:

Mon-Sun 11 a.m. - 4 a.m

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/ 8 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

nc

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address
Bar XII
206 E. 34th st. @ 3rd ave

Violation:
No markings along the perimeter
No permit posted

Intrusions:
Bust stop
Tree pit
Traffic sign



Hours of operation:

Daily 11am-4 am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

3 tables/ 9 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Cinema 505 E. 34th st. @ 3rd ave	No markings along the perimeter No permit posted No moveable barriers	none
	Ino moveable balliers	



Hours of operation:

Mon-Fri, 11am-10pm; Sat, 9am-9pm; Sun, 9am-6pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

13 tables/ 40 chairs/ 1 row

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

no

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Blockheads 499 3rd ave @ 34th	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted Insufficient service aisle	Intrusions: Tree pit Delivery bikes



Hours of operation:

Sunday-Thursday: 11:30am-11pm Friday--Saturday: 11:30am-Midnight

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

6 tables/ 12 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

no: 20"

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

VAS

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted No moveable barrier	Intrusions: Tree pit



Hours of operation:

Daily 9am-9pm

Liquor sold:

no

Table service:

no

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

1 cone table/ 4 cone chairs/ no rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

no

30' removable barrier present:

nc

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address
Banc
431 3rd Ave @ 30th st.

Violation:
No markings along the perimeter
No permit posted

Intrusions:
Tree pit w/o tree
Parking pay meter
Parking sign



Hours of operation:

Daily 11am-4am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

12 tables/24 chairs/2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Bistango 415 3rd Ave @ 29th st.	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted Insufficient clearance	Intrusions: Tree pit Parking sign



Hours of operation:

Sun-Mon: 11:30am-10pm Tue-Thu: 11:30am-10:45pm Fri-Sat: 11:30am-11:45pm Sat-Sun: 11:30am-3pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

9 tables/ 18 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

no--6" clearance

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

ves

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Coppola's 378 3rd Ave @ 27th st. No markings along the perimeter none No permit posted



Hours of operation:

Mon-Sat: 12pm-12am Sun: 12pm-11pm

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/ 8 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

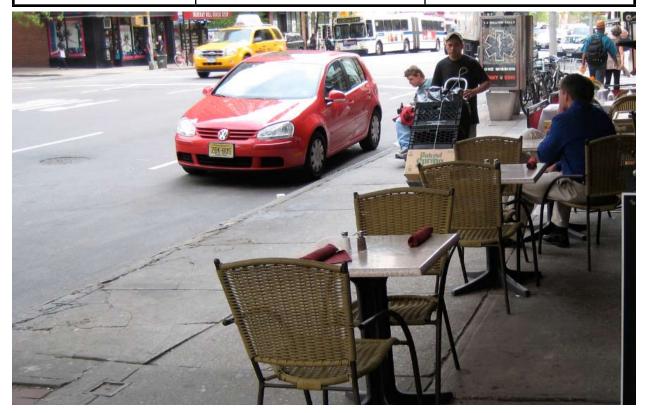
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Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address	Violation:	Intrusions:
Choice Kitchen	No markings along the perimeter	none
380 3rd Ave @ 27th st.	No permit posted	
	No moveable barriers	



Hours of operation:

Mon 4pm-12am

Tue-Sun 11am-12am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

5 tables/ 10 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

nc

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Arctica Bar & Grill 384 3rd Ave @ 28th st.

Violation:
No markings along the perimeter
No permit posted
Non moveable furnshings

Intrusions: Parking meter



Hours of operation:

Mon-Sat 11am-4am; Sun 12pm-4am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

2 tables/ wraparound benches/ 0 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories: no-chairs do not appear to be moveable

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

I		Intrusions: none
ı	 Tables placed on grate	
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Hours of operation:

10:30am-4am; Sat 8am-4am; Sun 9am-4am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

4 tables/ 8 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address 'Inoteca 323 3rd Ave @ 24th st.	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted	Intrusions: Parking pay meter Bike rack Phone booth 2 Newspaper stands
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Hours of operation:

Daily: 12pm-3am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

12 tables/24 chairs/2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

nc

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

Business Name/ Address Mumbles 179 3rd Ave @ 17th st.	Violation: No markings along the perimeter No permit posted	Intrusions: Tree pit 4 Newspaper stands Parking pay meter Traffic sign



Hours of operation:

Liquor sold:

Table service:

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

12 tables/ 36 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

no

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

ves

Signs only advertise type/ name of establishment:

yes

Sidewalk surface uncovered:

	Intrusions: Traffic sign Tree pit Fire hydrant



Hours of operation:

Mon-Sat 11am-4am; Sun 12pm-4am

Liquor sold:

yes

Table service:

yes

Number of tables/ chairs/ rows:

8 tables/ 16 chairs/ 2 rows

Permit posted:

no

Does anything else operate within sidewalk cafe space:

no

Required clearances:

yes

3' service aisle:

yes

30' removable barrier present:

yes

No windows, doors, walls that project beyond perimeter:

nc

Furnishings consist of solely moveable chairs, tables, decorative accessories:

yes

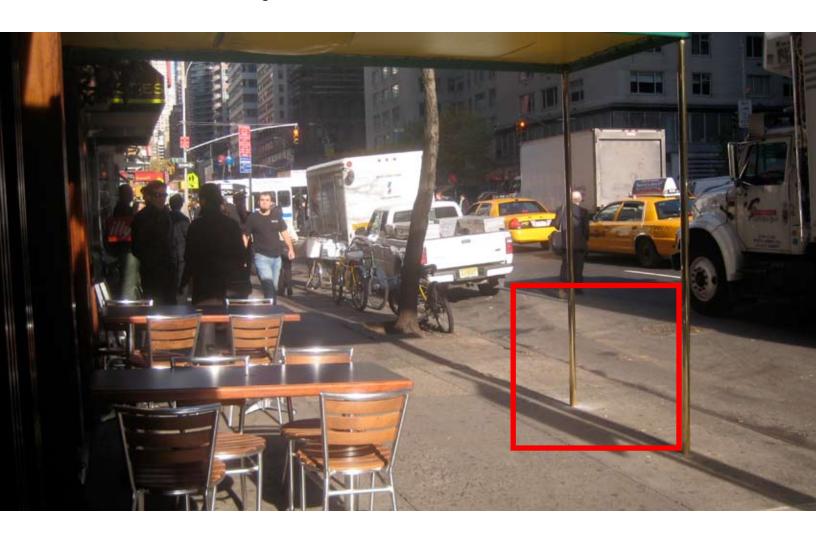
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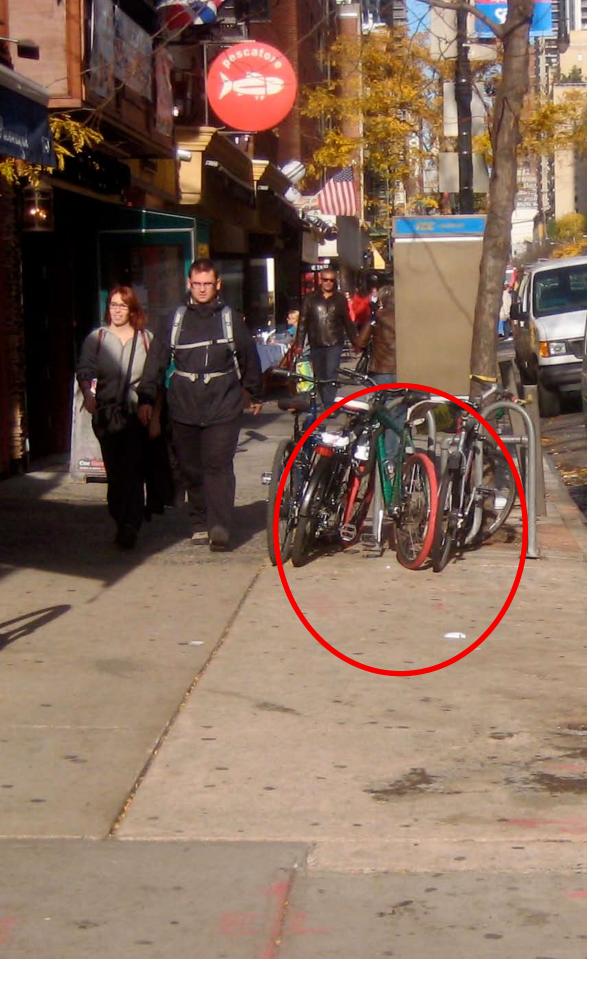
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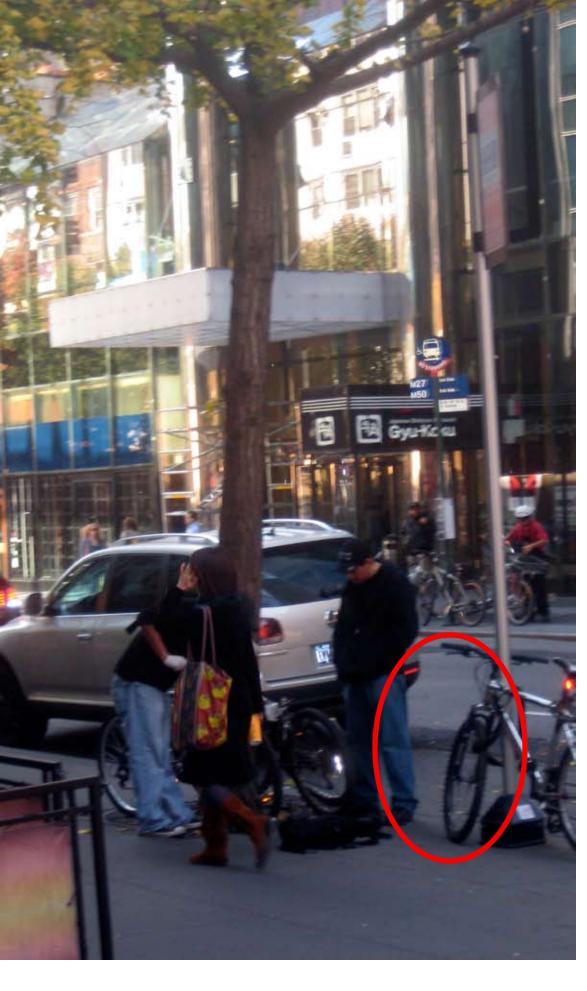
INVENTORY OF ALL AREAS OF CONCERN

These metal awning supports create a sense of enclosure and visual barrier over the sidewalk at the Pig and Whistle on 3rd ave.





Outside of La
Mediterranee on 2nd
ave and 53rd facing
North. Although
these bike racks
are not directly in
front of the cafe,
their horizonatal
orientation
impede pedestrian
movement and
along with the
presence of the cafe
create a cluttered
streetscape.



Outside of Dos Caminos on 3rd avenue facing North. The lack of bike racks mean that people often use other forms to lock up bikes, again creating a cluttered sidewalk scene. 2nd Avenue between 53rd and 54th street. The lack of bike parking for nearby delivery establishments often means that bikes are attached to any nearby street sign or tree, creating a barrier that pedestrians must maneuver around.





Near Vero Wine Bar there are missing street trees with the tree well still exposed creating a set of hazardous conditions on the sidewalk for pedestrians as well as an unpleasant streetscape.



The fenced in street trees outside of Parnell's have two functions: people do not use them to lock their bicycles creating additional sidewalk obstacles, and they protect the trees from pedestrians and vehicles.



Several times sidewalk cafes place chairs or tables on basement grates which is not permitted. This photo is taken at Pig n' Whistle on 3rd ave



Parnell's found an innovative solution to provide additional landscaping without cluttering the sidewalk. The thoughtful placement of window boxes adds to the character of the street without any additonal space requirements. .



In the rare case that the permit is posted, it is often difficult to see.

ANALYSIS

Although the perception is that many sidewalk cafes are operating outside of the design guidelines and requirements set up by the New York Department of Consumer Affairs, the preliminary analysis of phase one of the sidewalk cafe survey does not support that there are widespread violations of many of the space requirements and there are not significant illegal intrusions onto the sidewalk.

The current iteration of the street sidewalk survey indicated that there is only one sidewalk cafes that is operating anything but a sidewalk cafe. Nino's Positano also has a gelato stand within the confines of the sidewalk cafe area.

Also with a few exceptions, most sidewalk cafes were operating with the appropriate amount of clearance between the perimeter of the cafe and the curb. It is my suggestion that the absence of moveable barriers for sidewalk cafes leaves little differentiation between the public street and the private cafe and creates a feeling of encroachment for pedestrians. Chairs and tables often encroach into the sidewalk unconsciously. Pedestrians also pick up on these subtleties and tend to walk closer to the street to give the tables greater clearance. It is, thus, my recommendation that there is a need for greater enforcement of the presence of moveable barriers.

All cafes surveyed did not have the required markings around the perimeter. Although this may seem trivial, the presence of markings could help create the definition between cafe and sidewalk especially important for the small sidewalk cafes that lack this definition because they are not required to have moveable barriers.

Permits are rarely present. If they are present, they are often obscured by doorways, window coverings, etc. Follow up with Community Board 6 is necessary to ascertain if the cafes surveyed are all licensed. If they are, it is unclear why the permits are so rarely on display. Perhaps, restaurants find them unattractive. Further surveys could indicate why this is the case.

The most significant street intrusion observed is the unplanned placement of bikes around street trees. This clustering of bikes has 3 undesirable effects:

Impede pedestrian movement, Create an unpleasant, cluttered streetscape, Harm the tree

This is not meant to be a statement against bicycles, only a suggestion for more bike racks and more thoughtful placement of bike racks. This will ensure that our city streets can accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians.

Even legal intrusions can create an unpleasant streetscape. The clustering of multiple legal intrusions outside of Vero Wine Bar (multiple street signs, phone booths, traffic barriers) with the addition of a sizeable sidewalk cafe created a very narrow space for pedestrians and an undesirable feeling of enclosure.

For the most part, sidewalk cafes follow the design recommendations; however, my analysis indicates that we should look beyond simply abiding by individual cafe design guidelines, but instead take a more comprehensive view of the street scene when approving future licenses. The unwanted sense of sidewalk cafe encroachment and impediment to pedestrians generally is a result of sidewalk cafe clustering and not issues of clearance between cafe and curb. In areas of dense cafe activity, an obstacle course is often created for the pedestrian. In Community Board 6, these areas are:

53rd and 48th on second avenue

25th and 28th on third avenue

33rd and 36th on third avenue

These areas have already become saturated with sidewalk cafes, and at times it feels that the whole block becomes a continuous outdoor cafe. In addition, these cafes often attract customers waiting on the street for a table and delivery bikes. For many pedestrians the presence of so much associated cafe activity, means that they are forced to walk out into the street or wait for a narrow passage to be cleared. The sidewalk cafe clusters are mostly responsible for the cafe animosity that pedestrians feel even though most cafes are operating according to guidelines.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Sidewalk cafes have for the most part created a lovely environment for restaurant patrons. However, this survey suggests there are several areas for improvement:

Ensure that all tree pits do not go bare or become small, untended dirt pits.

Tree pits that have a fence or barrier around them often means that they are not used as impromptu bike racks.

Landscaping increases the beauty of the streetscape, however multiple pots surround the cafe can be an obstacle, consider hanging pots or window boxes.

Bike racks should be more thoughtfully placed; when combined with a sidewalk cafe there can be significant sidewalk intrusion. Restaurants with a high amount of delivery business should be required to come up with a more effective bike parking system. As it currently stands, sidewalks often become impromptu parking lots for delivery bikes.

The presence of marks along the perimeter may help the shifting of the tables and chairs and keep the cafe located within its confines.

All cafes surveyed should be cross referenced with the application that Community Board 6 has on file to ensure that they are licensed and only operating with the number of tables and chairs listed on their application.

Most importantly to aid pedestrian flow and ensure that sidewalks function for their intended purpose, we need to examine how many cafes a street can really accommodate before it becomes too constricted. Even with curb to sidewalk clearances being followed, a high concentration of cafes create a psychological barrier and physical impediment for pedestrians. Visually, the street looks more cluttered, and physically, sidewalk cafes attract more patrons waiting outside for tables than do restaurants without outdoor seating. To prevent an over saturation of sidewalk cafes, a maximum number of cafes should be determined based on the standard block size. Otherwise, streets tend to become veritable mazes of tables and chairs. This will go a long way in ensuring that New Yorkers do not suffer from sidewalk cafe malaise, and they remain the asset they were intended to be.