

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
- **NYC Administrative Code, Section 20, Chapter 6, Sidewalk Licensing Procedure**
https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dca/downloads/pdf/about/License_Enforcement.pdf
- **Sidewalk Café Design and Regulations Guide** - This describes the types of sidewalk cafés allowed and their design guidelines.
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dca/downloads/pdf/businesses/Sidewalk-Cafe-Design-Regulations-Guide.pdf>
- **Sidewalk Café Street Guide** – This describes where in NYC sidewalk cafés are permitted and prohibited.
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dca/downloads/pdf/businesses/Sidewalk-Cafe-Street-Guide.pdf>
- **Sidewalk Café Application** –
<https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/description/sidewalk-cafe-license>

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.”**