



To: Mayor and Council

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Subject: Sidewalk Cafe

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The Sidewalk Café ordinance has restrictions that are not conducive to local restaurants providing outdoor seating. I believe the city should lift restrictions this summer and use this summer as a trial period for an ordinance change for next year.

Changes that should be considered should are:

- 14-154 1. No alcoholic beverages may be served or consumed in the designated sidewalk café area.
 - Council should temporarily allow alcohol to be served during normal business hours with a restriction of 10:00 PM being the latest that alcohol can be served
 - Restaurants will need the proper license from the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division
- 14-154 2. A sidewalk café may be operated any day of the year the licensed restaurant is taking food and beverage orders from patrons between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and Twelve o'clock (12:00) P.M. The sidewalk café area shall be restored to and maintained as a pedestrian way at all other times.
 - Council should temporarily extend hours for sidewalk café to be the normal business hours for the restaurant with a limit being 10:00 PM
- 14-154 3. Amplified sound equipment shall not be permitted in the vicinity of a sidewalk café area.
 - Council should temporarily allow for music at sidewalk cafes that follows all local ordinances

Opening the sidewalk café rules will help restaurants as they adapt this summer to the pandemic. Should the city experience no issues during this summer, an ordinance change will be brought to City Council in the spring of 2020.