

Sidewalk Cafe Ordinance – Public Comment Opportunity

Major changes to the sidewalk cafe ordinance (CMC Chapter 8.08) were made prior to the issuance of permits for 2008. The City Council directed that a review occur after two year's experience in applying the new regulations. In late 2009 the Downtown Commission (D.C.) began the City's review of this ordinance and accepted public comments. The Downtown Commission and the Corvallis Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (B.P.A.C.) have prepared recommendations that will be presented at the City Council's Urban Services Committee meeting on **February 4th, 2010**.

The Urban Services Committee will be considering the matter with the intent of presenting a recommendation to the City Council. In addition to the recommendation of the Downtown Commission, the Urban Services Committee will review information from the previous Urban Services Committee / City Council discussions and deliberations of the past two years. City Staff will also provide a briefing about the staff experience in managing the sidewalk café regulations. Among items of consideration are the following issues:

- clarifications to definitions, public noticing, and inclusion of a requirement to have a valid permit or cease operations.
- changes that would require the six foot setback called for in Section 8.08.070 from all curbs, not just street curbs, for locations that propose to utilize a fence for the café delineation. This issue was discussed by the City Council earlier this year but consideration of ordinance changes was deferred until this review process.

You are invited to provide written comment to the Urban Services Committee on the above items or any other issue related to the sidewalk café regulations. Written comments **submitted by January 26, 2010** will be included in the staff report to the Committee. Oral testimony and written comments may also be presented to the Committee at its **February 4, 2010 meeting, which will be held at 4:00 PM in the Madison Avenue Meeting Room**.

You may review the Corvallis Municipal Code Sidewalk Café provisions online at:

Current Code:

<http://archive.ci.corvallis.or.us/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=223774>

B.P.A.C. DRAFT Recommendations:

<http://archive.ci.corvallis.or.us/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=261562>

D.C. DRAFT Recommendations:

<http://archive.ci.corvallis.or.us/docview.aspx?id=261570>

Please submit written comments by **January 26** to:

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or email them to: *chris.westfall@ci.corvallis.or.us*

Thank you for your attention. Should you have questions, please contact Chris Westfall at (541) 766-6929.