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Memo

To: David Plyman, City Manager
From: Kip Countryman, Building Inspector
Date: April 8, 2014
Re: Sidewalk Cafes

Community Development is continuing to bring in new ideas for businesses and promoting a greater shopping experience downtown. One of these ways is to allow businesses if they choose to have seating and tables in front of their store fronts to serve beverages (nonalcoholic unless they meet the guidelines in Chapter 6) and or food. Due to the building setbacks in the B1 Zoning District there will need to be certain restrictions set forth to allow these Sidewalk Cafes.

Summary

Sidewalk cafes. A sidewalk cafe is an outdoor area located on the sidewalk portion of the public right-of-way and which is maintained and operated by an establishment, coffeehouse, teashop or restaurant for purposes of providing seating for patrons for the consumption of food or nonalcoholic beverages. Sidewalk cafes shall be permitted in the B-1 Central Business zoning district only after receiving a permit as set forth herein and pursuant to the terms of this section and the issued permit. Sidewalk cafes may be subject to regulation by other portions of this Code, including, but not limited to, the zoning ordinance (chapter 110) and may be prohibited in certain areas where prohibited by other sections of this Code.

Recommendation

On April 7, 2014 the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 82 to allow Sidewalk Cafes in the downtown B-1 Commercial District and recommended approval of the proposed ordinance by a vote of 5 to 0.