

REGULATIONS FOR PLACING TABLES AND CHAIRS ON PUBLIC WAYS

(These regulations are issued pursuant to the City of Northampton Ordinance Section 285-9)

FEE: Each application for Table and Chairs Permit must be accompanied by a fee made payable to the City of Northampton in the amount of: **\$200 Per Table** and **\$25 Per Chair** with a **maximum of \$300 Per Permit**. **An insurance certificate in the amount of at least \$100,000 shall also be required.**

These permits are granted and in full effect from April 1 to November 15 of each calendar year and are only valid during the year issued. A new application must be filed each season.

LOCATION CRITERIA:

- A. Tables and Chairs must be placed so that there is at least one foot of setback from the adjacent property lines.
- B. There must be one foot of clearance between table and chairs and to either side of any exterior doorways.
- C. Table and Chairs must be placed against the existing building.
- D. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic shall not be impeded or obstructed.
- E. The sidewalk width (including concrete and brick pavers) adjacent to the location of the proposed tables and chairs must be sufficient to allow the designated **minimum clearance** for pedestrian and wheelchair traffic. The **standard minimum clearance** in the City is 5 feet with the exception of locations in the Downtown Business District listed below.

Minimum clearance for the Downtown Business District:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>SEGMENT</u>	<u>MINIMUM CLEARANCE</u>
Main Street	North	State to Masonic	5.5 ft.
Main Street	North	Masonic to Cracker Barrel	6.0 ft.
Main Street	North	Cracker Barrel to Center	8.0 ft.
Main Street	North	Center to King	8.0 ft.
Main Street	North	King to RR Bridge	7.0 ft.
Main Street	South	Crafts Ave to Old South	7.0 ft.
Main Street	South	Old South to King	9.0 ft.
Main Street	South	King to RR Bridge	7.0 ft.
King Street	East	Main to Edwards Sq.	8.0 ft.
King Street	West	Main to Allen Place	8.0 ft.
Pleasant Street	Both	Main To Holyoke St.	8.0 ft.
Masonic Street	Both	All	5.5 ft.
Bridge Street	Both	All	8.0 ft.

Measurement of minimum clearance:

- In cases where end seating (chairs backing into pedestrian traffic) is allowed, and there is no barricaded enclosure, the distance is marked from 2 feet beyond the outermost edge of the table to the inside edge of the curb or closest obstacle (e. g. trash receptacle, light pole, bicycle rack, fire hydrant, newspaper box) that is most restrictive.
 - In cases where end seating is not allowed and there is no barricaded enclosure, the distance is measured from 0.5 ft beyond the table to the inside edge of the obstacle.
 - In cases where there is a barricaded enclosure, the distance is marked from the barricade to the inside edge of the obstacle.
 - In cases where there is a split level sidewalk, the minimum clearance may be met by adding the individual clearances for each level. Under no circumstances can the single-level clearance be less than 4 feet.
- F. Final site location must be approved by the Director of the Department of Public Works or his/her designee.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Prior to issuance of a permit, DPW personnel shall review the Outstanding Personal Property Accounts list. A request may be denied, revoked, or suspended if the applicant is properly included on the list of overdue obligations.
2. Each permit holder is responsible for assuring the cleanliness and removal of trash arising from the use of this permit.
3. If required by the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, the permit holder shall be allowed to place a temporary barricade for the purpose of enclosing the tables and chairs.
4. Each business must receive its own table and chair permit.
5. Violation of any conditions or terms of the permit may result in a termination and forfeiture of the permit.
6. An application must be completed and submitted at 125 Locust Street. It must include the name of the business applying for the Table and Chair Permit, the owner/manager of the business and the proposed location.
7. Each application must also include a color photograph and detailed sketch of the tables and chairs indicating dimensions and location relative to the sidewalks.