

Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities

Recommended Changes to the Sidewalk Café Exception under Saint Paul City Ordinance §106.01

The Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities (MACPD) has been asked by Public Works to review and make recommendations to the Sidewalk Café Exception under the Saint Paul City Ordinance §106.01 ("Sidewalk Café Ordinance"). Public Works has presented MACPD with a Background to the City Ordinance, Accessibility Best Practices, Applicable PROWAG Guidelines, and proposed Saint Paul Ordinance Provisions. The MACPD reviewed this as a committee and recommends the following language revisions:

- A forty-eight (48) inch clearance of clear, unobstructed walk zone.
- Walkway clearance must be measured from the *inside* of the curb.
- The 48 inch clearance applies to sidewalks *narrower* than 12 feet.
- Sidewalks wider than 12 feet should have a minimum of 6 feet clear, unobstructed walk zone.
- Fencing is required for all sidewalk cafés
- Saint Paul City Ordinance §106.01(b)(2)¹ must be met unless PROWAG Guidelines section R302.4 are met.

Additional Comments or Questions:

1. The City should address liability issues if the fences tip over because of strong winds or other reasons.
2. The City should address the enforcement issue.
3. How is continuous and obstructed/unobstructed defined?

¹ No tables, chairs or any other furnishings, except plant tubs, shall be placed in the area used for the sidewalk cafe during any period when the sidewalk cafe is not open and being operated. While such cafe is in operation, all tables and chairs shall be kept in a clean, sanitary condition.