Minimum Table, Chair, and Merchandise Display Layout Specifications

The design of the tables, chairs and merchandise display is to be compatible with the character of the building. Plastic or aluminum is not an acceptable material.

No table or chair may be attached to the sidewalk.

Umbrellas over tables are permitted and shall be plain in color, without symbols or writing. Umbrellas can be located no closer than two feet to the curb at its closest point or encroach into the required ADA aisle — thus, a minimum of 7’ of clearance from the sidewalk must be maintained.

At all times, the unobstructed five foot minimum aisle required by the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be maintained.

An annual $35.00 fee is required for each type of structure placed on a public sidewalk, which include: Outdoor Advertising, Tables, Chairs and/or Merchandise Display.

Minimum liability insurance of $300,000.00 is required for each.

Signing of an indemnity agreement in favor of the City of Bowling Green is required, which agrees to hold the City harmless from any damage caused or claimed as a result of the use or location of such encumbrance(s).

A drawing is required showing:
- Proposed structure(s)
- Dimensions of proposed structure(s)
- Proposed location
- Width of sidewalk
- Distance from building face to the curb
- Any structures currently located within that area
- Show 5 foot minimum aisle width

*Permits may be revoked by the City at any time*

*For permit applications: Call (419) 354-6218 or go to www.bgohio.org/departments/planning-department/forms-permits-requests/

Outdoor advertising, outdoor dining and/or merchandise displays may be placed outside daily between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM and removed at all other times.

One A-Frame Sign is permitted per year for each building or business.

This sign shall not exceed forty-eight inches in height as measured from the sidewalk, or thirty inches in width as measured at the widest point of the sign.

Signs shall be non-illuminated and constructed of wood, metal or vinyl.

*These regulations are in Sections 98.24 and 115.02 (D) & (E) of City Ordinances*