Outdoor Bining & Seating in Down town Alpena

Interested in adding outdoor dining/seating for your business? As of May 2022, a one-time application is required. This application process ensures we can work together to keep 36" of clearance on the sidewalks (an ADA requirement) so that all visitors can safely travel through our district! It also allows for review of safety measures in the event of an emergency.

Applying for Outdoor Dining & Seating approval: If you are planning on adding outdoor furniture for seating or dining purposes, you must file a one-time application. With your application you must include:

- The application form
- Proof the City of Alpena is added as additional insured on your insurance policy
- A diagram of your outdoor dining space, including any lampposts, trees, or other items (signs, bike racks, etc)

Approval: Once your application is reviewed and approved, you will be all set! You don't need to fill one out every year unless your layout changes.

Scan to view application





Other Info

36" of clearance is required on the sidewalk between any trees, lampposts, and outdoor dining furniture per ADA guidelines. This allows people to safely travel through the district.

Please tidy up if your furniture gets moved. If your furniture gets moved around, please move it back to where it should be so 36" is clear.

If you notice customers moving your furniture, please ask them to move it back and remind them that maintaining a clear pathway allows everyone to enjoy our downtown.

Questions? Contact the DDA at 989-356-6422.