

Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Guidelines for Outdoor Dining Areas

Outdoor dining areas are permitted on Hyannis Main Street and Hyannis Harbor and are encouraged where existing buildings are set back from the street. While many aspects of outdoor dining are regulated by the Town Code and State requirements, the District Commission reviews outdoor dining proposals for consistency with the District's unique historic and maritime character.

Patios

- Patios or paved areas in front of storefronts should incorporate decorative materials. Patios are encouraged to be constructed of brick or other decorative paving suitable for placing tables and chairs.



Outdoor Furniture

- Tables and chairs used for outdoor dining should be made of exterior wood or metal. Molded plastic furniture is not permitted.
- All outdoor furniture must have a uniform or complementary design, color, and material.

Barriers

- Required partitions or barriers should be made of wrought iron or wood. Metal and canvas may also be appropriate.
- The style of the barrier should compliment the architecture of the building façade and the style of the outdoor dining furniture.
- The height of the barrier must meet the requirements of the Licensing Division, but may be reviewed by the Commission in relation to the building façade and the overall design of the outdoor dining area.



Umbrellas

- Umbrellas should be solid colored or striped. Multiple umbrellas must either be all one color or have a coordinated color scheme.
- There may be one logo on each umbrella. All umbrellas must have the same logo.
- Umbrellas must be made of canvas. Vinyl or plastic is prohibited.
- The umbrella base and pole should be constructed of metal or wood and coordinate with other outdoor dining elements.
- A minimum of 80 inches of clearance is required at all points below the umbrella. Tilting top umbrellas are not permitted.



Other Elements

- Other required outdoor dining elements, such as trash receptacles or hostess stands, should be made of the same materials as the outdoor furniture, or complimentary quality materials.
- Landscaping and planters are encouraged to enhance the appearance of outdoor dining areas, subject to review by the Historic District Commission.



Awnings and Canopies

Fabric awnings were historically common on Main Street storefronts, especially on the south-facing side of the street.

- Flat panel, shed, or slanted awnings are historically the most common and are encouraged. Barrel shaped awnings or canopies are not appropriate on Main Street.
- Retractable and roll-down awnings are encouraged.
- Gable-end canopies are appropriate where buildings or entrances are set back from the street.
- Awnings and canopies should not obscure historic building features, such as sign fascias or transom windows.
- Awnings should be designed to fit within vertical architectural features and between decorative pilasters. Awnings that span the entire length of the building façade are not recommended.
- Awnings and canopies should be solid colored or striped.
- Multiple awnings on one building should have a consistent design and material and be complementary in color.
- Awnings should be made of canvas. Vinyl, metal, or plastic awnings or canopies are not permitted.
- One sign or logo may be incorporated on an awning or canopy as allowed by the town sign code and approved by the Historic District Commission.
- Corporate colors are not recommended for awnings or canopies. Websites or phone numbers on awnings are prohibited.



Hyannis Main Street, circa 1940

