

**ACPD's Built Environment Working Group
Recommendations for Accessible Outdoor Patio
Dining**

Over the past few years, the ACPD's Built Environment Working Group has raised issues with the accessibility of outdoor patios and sidewalk bypasses with regards to how they impact the paths of travel and the accessibility of the spaces around them.

Chair has delegated about some of these concerns to the Planning Committee and they have mostly been addressed after the fact or in the next year's patio program. Often times, this is too late to prevent barriers from being created.

Our recommendations to ACPD on addressing this are:

1. The Accessibility component of outdoor patio applications be strengthened to ensure accessibility concerns are highlighted.
2. Signage be created that is clearly seen from passersby. This would ensure that only approved patios could operate as they would be deemed accessible.

3. An individual with accessibility training be added to the outdoor patio approval team, or, if this is unfeasible, any patio applications that may impact the throughway or accessible parking be reviewed with members of the ACPD's Built Environment Working Group to ensure barriers are removed or greatly minimized.

We respectfully submit these recommendations in an effort to improve the accessibility of outdoor patios and sidewalk bypasses to reduce their impact on paths of travel and accessible parking.