

Incorporated Village of  
Garden City  
Outdoor Dining Guide 2025



# What's New in the Code

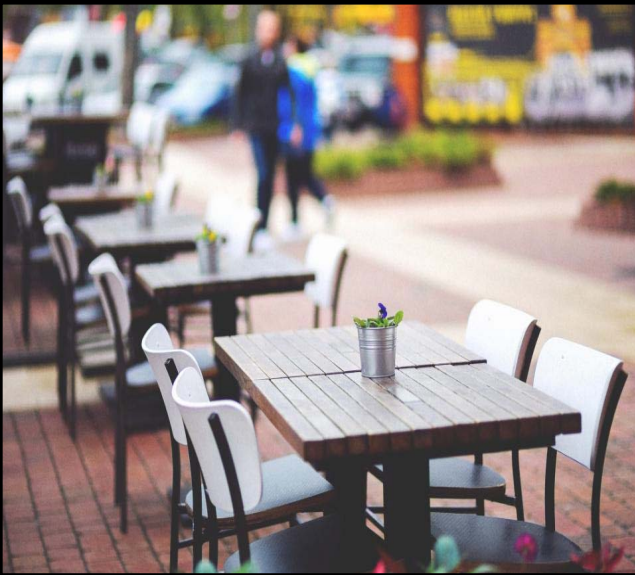


- ⇒ All applications will be processed through the Building Department rather than the Village Clerk.
- ⇒ Fees have changed, \$350 for a new permit, \$200 to renew, and \$125 to amend permit in season.
- ⇒ Applications will now require email addresses along with a 1/4" scaled drawing.
- ⇒ Restaurants may petition to have 5' sidewalk clearance reduced to 4' with Building Dept. Approval.
- ⇒ 3-Strike Penalty.
- ⇒ Changes to lighting code requiring permits and prohibiting extension cords and other tripping hazards.
- ⇒ Music cannot be played outdoors after 10:00 PM.
- ⇒ Removed requirement to bring in furniture nightly.
- ⇒ Furniture must be brought in when permit expires off of public property with exceptions.
- ⇒ Clearer guidance regarding umbrellas added into code.
- ⇒ Code now allows for planters.



- ⇒ Monday - Saturday— 6:30 AM - 11:00 PM.
- ⇒ Sunday— 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM.
- ⇒ No orders in the outdoor dining may be taken after 10:00 PM.
- ⇒ No outdoor music after 10:00 PM.
- ⇒ Dining area as well as façade of the building must be kept clean at all times along with yearly power washing for which an invoice or other means of verification will be provided to the Building Department.
- ⇒ Dining area must be free of tripping hazards and comply with NYS Fire Code, ADA, and all other relevant regulations.
- ⇒ Garbage shall be immediately cleared from tables and/or sidewalk. Public waste receptacles shall not be used by restaurants.

# Aesthetic Standards



- Furniture is oriented in the same direction, free standing elements are arranged in a pattern.
- Furnishings shall be consistent in type, color, and/or pattern.
- Dining area must be designed to allow for maximum pedestrian clearance.

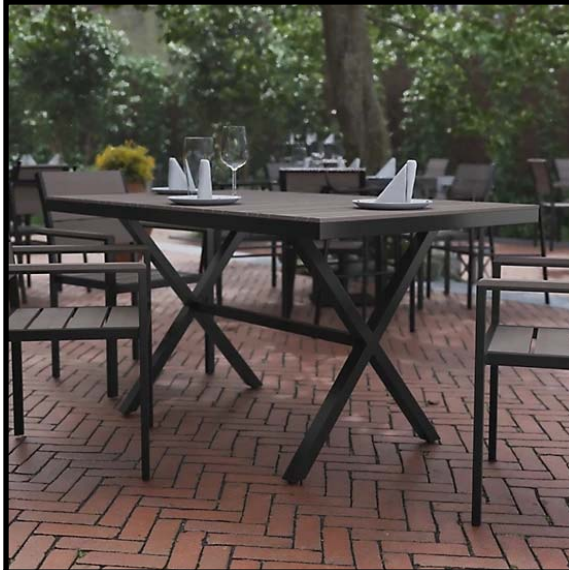


- Modest but consistent table décor.

- Furniture must be well maintained and replaced when worn.
- Restaurants shall regularly re-arrange sidewalk furniture after use to maintain a state of orderliness.



- Decorative planters can be a maximum of 48 inches tall including the plants, and 24 inches deep.
- Plants inside shall be live and well maintained.
- Plants must be trimmed so that they are contained within the planter box.



- Made of weatherproof material.
- Consistent colors that are complimentary to the surrounding buildings.
- Must conform with color guidelines set forth by the Board of Trustees and ADRB.
- No advertisements may be on the furniture or hanging off any furnishing in the outdoor dining area.
- All furniture must be approved by the Building Department using guidelines set by The Village.
- No Picnic tables.



# Furniture Standards

# What We Aren't Looking For



- Inconsistent colors and furniture style.
  - Worn out paint.
  - Rusty furniture from weathering.
  - No picnic tables.
- Disorganization of outdoor dining area.



# Dining Area Dimensions

