# CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS MEETING AGENDA

**Meeting Description**

**CITY PLAN COMMISSION**

**Date:** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016  
**Time:** 5:45PM  
**Location:** MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
300 LA CROSSE STREET, WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

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## AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**  
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2016 MEETING**  
3. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SITE PLAN PERMIT APPLICATION FROM WILLIAM NEHRING TO CONSTRUCT AN OUTDOOR MAZE AT 2255 WISCONSIN DELLS PARKWAY (PARCEL 0109-00000 SAUK COUNTY)**  
4. **DISCUSSION DECISION ON ITEM #3 (MAZE – SITE PLAN)**  
5. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SITE PLAN APPLICATION FROM TIMBAVATI / ANIMAL ENTERTAINMENT TO REMOVE THE REMAINING GO-CARTS AND CONSTRUCT A FENCE AROUND THE SOUTH END OF PARCEL 0106-00000 LOCATED AT 2150 WISCONSIN DELLS PARKWAY**  
6. **DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON ITEM #5 (TIMBAVATI-SITE PLAN)**  
7. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM CHEESECAKE HEAVEN (NANCY KIMPS) FOR A BUSINESS WITHOUT A PERMANENT STRUCTURE AND OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE AT 215 BROADWAY (PARCEL 614 COLUMBIA COUNTY). REQUEST IS TO OPERATE A COFFEE CART IN THE HH BENNETT COURTYARD.**  
8. **DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON ITEM #7 (COFFEE CART-CHEESECAKE HEAVEN)**  
9. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE UPDATE OF THE CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS ORDINANCE CHAPTER 20 “FLOODPLAIN ZONING”, TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW COLUMBIA CO FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY (FIS) AND ASSOCIATED FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2016**  
10. **DISCUSSION DECISION ON ITEM #9 (FLOODPLAIN)**  
11. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO ALLOW SIDEWALK CAFÉS BY RIGHT IN THE C-2 COMMERCIAL-DOWNTOWN ZONING DISTRICT WITH UPDATED STANDARDS AND APPROVAL BY THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE.**  
12. **DISCUSSION DECISION ON ITEM #11 (SIDEWALK CAFES)**  
13. **ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO FUTURE MEETING**  
14. **SET DATE FOR THE NEXT PLAN COMMISSION MEETING (WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016)**  
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Open Meetings Notice: If this meeting is attended by one or more members of the Common Council who are not members of this committee, their attendance may create a quorum of another city commission, board or committee under the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law; However, no formal action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the body, committee, commission, or board identified in this meeting notice. Please be advised that upon reasonable notice, the City of Wisconsin Dells will furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in meeting activities.

**MAYOR BRIAN LANDERS CHAIRPERSON**  
**DISTRIBUTED MARCH 4, 2016**
Site Plan Application
Lost Temple Maze
Plan Commission, 3/09/16

The City has received a Site Plan Application from William Nehring to construct a Maze attraction next to the Lost Temple located at 2255 Wisconsin Dells Parkway.

Site Plan approval is required for any new commercial building. This will be an open air maze, with no roof.

The new maze is currently planned to have a maximum footprint of 64’x32’ and be located next to the pyramid, behind the paved parking lot. The

Customers to the maze with have access to the 4 bathroom stalls in the pyramid attraction, or the 2 bathrooms behind the Haunted house, which are sufficient for at least 390 attraction patrons. The pyramid has a capacity of approximately 75 people, the haunted house approximately 50, and the maze will add another 30. This is a total of 155 attraction patrons. Compensating for the additional bathroom requirement for the outdoor food and beverage services on site, the bathrooms are adequate for 144 patrons. The total capacity of the outdoor food and beverage service is approximately 50 patrons. The total number patrons on site is estimated to be at most 205. There are 72 parking stalls on site, which is adequate for 216 patrons. There is space on the site for additional parking to be installed if necessary.

Chris Tollaksen
City of Wisconsin Dells
SITE PLAN APPLICATION
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
Version: February 27, 2008

General instructions. Complete this application as it applies to your project and submit one copy to the zoning administrator along with the required application fee. Before you formally submit your application and fee, you may submit one copy to the zoning administrator who will ensure it is complete. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the zoning administrator at 608-253-2642. You may obtain a digital copy of this form from the zoning administrator.

1. Applicant information
   Applicant name: WILLIAM NEHRING
   Street address: 819 ELM ST.
   City: WI DOLLS, WI
   State and zip code: WISCONSIN 53965
   Daytime telephone number: 608-432-8027
   Fax number, if any: 
   E-mail, if any: NEHRINGWILLIAM@YAHOO.COM

2. Subject property information
   Street address: 8255 WI DOLLS PARKWAY
   Parcel number: Note: the parcel number can be found on the tax bill for the property or may be obtained from the City.
   Current zoning classification(s):
   Describe the current use:

3. Proposed use. Describe the proposed use.
   OUTSIDE MAZE

4. Operating conditions. For non-residential uses, describe anticipated operating conditions (hours of operation, conditions that may affect surrounding properties, etc.)
   10 A.M. 10 P.M.

5. Potential nuisances. Describe any potential nuisances relating to street access, traffic visibility, parking, loading, exterior storage, exterior lighting, vibration, noise, air pollution, odor, electromagnetic radiation, glare and heat, fire and explosion, toxic or noxious materials, waste materials, drainage, and hazardous materials.
6. **Review criteria.** In making its decision, the Plan Commission must consider five factors as listed below. Provide a response to each. (See Section 19.393 of the Municipal Code.)

   a. Consistency of the project with the city’s comprehensive plan and neighborhood plan or other subarea plan, if any

   b. Effects of the project on traffic safety and efficiency and pedestrian circulation, both on-site and off-site

   c. Effects of the project on the natural environment

   d. Effects of the project on surrounding properties, including operational considerations relating to hours of operation and creation of potential nuisances

   e. The overall appearance of the project

   f. If the project is a multi-family real estate development (more than 3 dwelling units), does the project meet the following standards:
      1. All setback areas fronting on or visible from an adjacent public street, and all recreation, leisure and open space areas shall be landscaped in accordance with the project plan. Decorative design elements, such as fountains, pools, benches, sculpture, planters, exterior recreational facilities and similar elements may be permitted, providing such elements are incorporated as part of the landscaping plan; and, permanent and automatic irrigation facilities are provided in all planted landscaped area.

      2. Minimum open space is thirty (30%) percent of the net area being developed. The net area shall exclude dedicated or proposed-dedicated public rights-of-way.
3. Common open space areas are designed and located within the project to afford use by all residents of the project. These common areas may include, but are not limited to: game courts or rooms, swimming pools, garden roofs, sauna baths, putting greens, or play lots.

4. Active recreation and leisure areas, except those located completely within a structure, used to meet the open space requirement, shall not be located within fifteen (15) feet of any door or window of a dwelling unit.

5. Private waterways, including pools, streams and fountains, may be used to satisfy not more than fifty (50%) percent of the required open space.

6. Trash collection areas shall be provided within two hundred and fifty (250') feet of the units they are designed to serve. Such areas shall be enclosed within a building or screened with masonry walls having a minimum height of five feet. Access gates or doors to any trash area, not enclosed within a building, are to be of opaque material.

7. Project map. Attach a scaled map showing the information as listed at the end of this application. Use one of the following page sizes as appropriate: 8½" x 11", 11" x 17", or 24" x 36".

8. Applicant certification

- I certify that the application is true as of the date it was submitted to the City for review.
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Site Plan – Fence
2220 Wis. Dells Parkway – (Timbavati)
Staff Report for Plan Commission, 03/09/16

The City of Wisconsin Dells Planning & Zoning office has received a Site Plan Permit application from Timbavati to remove the remaining Go-cart tracks on the south of their property and construct a new portion of fence around that area.

The go-cart area will be seeded and used to expand the animal pasture in that area.

The new fence will be similar to the existing fence that is in front of the north portion of the animal park. The pasture area will be enclosed by a double gated, self closing service gate.

Site affects are expected to be minimal.

Approval of this permit is contingent on the applicant being current on a utility bills and tax liabilities.

Chris Tollaksen
City of Wisconsin Dells
SITE PLAN APPLICATION
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

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1. Applicant information
   Applicant name: Timbauati Animal Entertainment
   Street address: 2220 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy
   City: Wisconsin Dells
   State and zip code: Wisconsin 53965
   Daytime telephone number: 608-253-2542/608-253-2220
   Fax number, if any: 608-539-3551
   E-mail, if any: auge@centurytel.net

2. Subject property information
   Street address: 2220 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy
   Parcel number: 291-0106-00000
   Note: the parcel number can be found on the tax bill for the property or may be obtained from the City.
   Current zoning classification(s):
   Describe the current use: Wildlife Park - Timbauati

3. Proposed use. Describe the proposed use.
   Fence
   DOUBLE ENTRANCE; SELF CLOSING SERVICE GATE

4. Operating conditions. For non-residential uses, describe anticipated operating conditions (hours of operation, conditions that may affect surrounding properties, etc.)
   Normal Construction - Daytime - April early May weather permitting

5. Potential nuisances. Describe any potential nuisances relating to street access, traffic visibility, parking, loading, exterior storage, exterior lighting, vibration, noise, air pollution, odor, electromagnetic radiation, glare and heat, fire and explosion, toxic or noxious materials, waste materials, drainage, and hazardous materials.
   Backhoe, dump trucks on Timbauati site (should not be an issue)
6. **Review criteria.** In making its decision, the Plan Commission must consider five factors as listed below. Provide a response to each. (See Section 19.393 of the Municipal Code.)

   a. Consistency of the project with the city’s comprehensive plan and neighborhood plan or other subarea plan, if any

   b. Effects of the project on traffic safety and efficiency and pedestrian circulation, both on-site and off-site

      *Should not be an issue.*

   c. Effects of the project on the natural environment

      *0 - Should not change things*

   d. Effects of the project on surrounding properties, including operational considerations relating to hours or operation and creation of potential nuisances

      *Improvement - do not believe there will be any issues*

   e. The overall appearance of the project

      *Improvement*

   f. If the project is a multi-family real estate development (more than 3 dwelling units), does the project meet the following standards:

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7. **Project map.** Attach a scaled map showing the information as listed at the end of this application. Use one of the following page sizes as appropriate: 8½" x 11", 11" x 17", or 24" x 36".

8. **Applicant certification**

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   [Signature]

   Date

[Signature]

[Date]
Fence to be constructed with pressure treated posts.
Staff Report for Plan Commission, 03/09/16
CUP Application – Outdoor commercial food and beverage service, Outdoor vender, and Commercial use without a permanent structure
215 Broadway (Parcel 614)

The Planning & Zoning office has received a Conditional Use Permit application from CheeseCake Heaven (Nancy Kimps) to allow outdoor sales on the HH Bennett courtyard property at 215 Broadway, Columbia County, City of Wisconsin Dells tax parcel 614. The intended use is a Coffee Cart that will be located in the courtyard on the Historical Society’s property that has the HH Bennett Studio. A Conditional Use is required for a business to operate from a non-permanent structure and for Outdoor commercial food and beverage service.

The historical society has sought out the applicant, so as to provide the Coffee Cart as an additional service to their clients. The Cart intends to serve coffee and pastries. This use was in part prompted by the Zebra Dog presentation on the downtown revitalization effort. Zebra Dog specifically identified this location as an underutilized asset for the downtown to create a pleasant experience for visitors.

The historical society will allow patrons of the Coffee Cart to utilize the 6 restrooms stalls in the HH Bennett museum. The applicant operates the CheesCake Heaven restaurant which is 6 stores east of this location or ~175 ft away. The applicant would supply the Coffee Cart from her restaurant.

The courtyard is approximately 890 sq ft in size, and has 4 benches in it. It seems reasonable to expect that no more than 50 people would ever be in the courtyard at any one time. It seems unlikely this added use would create an issue with bathroom demand.

As with any outdoor food and beverage operation, the main concern with this request is that this and the surrounding area be well maintained and kept clean. The applicant would also be responsible to ensure their patrons do not block the public pedestrian way.

Historically, the City has been reluctant to allow food and beverage carts downtown. One reason cited for this is the limited investment required by the operator of a food cart. This give a food cart a financial advantage over businesses that operate out of permanent structures and the additional costs that they incur, not the least of which being property taxes that are used to fund municipal operations. As this request is simply to add a service to existing businesses operating out of permanent structures, this historical concern does not appear as critical.

This Outdoor service area should not affect pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk.

Any approval of this CUP should have the following contingencies:

1. The applicant addresses, to the sole satisfaction of the City, any and all nuisances that may occur at this service area, including:
   a) Maintenance of all rubbish on and surrounding the outdoor service area.
   b) Preventing/abating any obstruction of the public sidewalk
   c) Preventing/abating any noise disturbances with surrounding properties
   d) Preventing/abating any other nuisance

Prepared by: Chris Tollaksen
General instructions. Complete this application as it applies to your project and submit one copy to the zoning administrator along with the required application fee. Before you formally submit your application and fee, you may submit one copy to the zoning administrator who will ensure it is complete. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the zoning administrator at 608-253-2542. You may obtain a digital copy of this file from the zoning administrator.

1. Applicant information
   Applicant name: CheeseCakeHeaven (Nancy Kimps)
   Street address: 231 Broadway St.
   City: Wis. Dells
   State and zip code: WI 53965
   Daytime telephone number: 920-490-1200
   Fax number, if any: 920-490-1202
   E-mail, if any: nkimps@aol.com

2. Subject property information
   Street address: 215 Broadway St.
   Parcel number: 
   Current zoning classification(s): 
   Describe the current use: Courtyard/Benches for sitting

3. Proposed use. Describe the proposed use.
   Add a coffee/pastries cart for refreshments / relaxation.

4. Operating conditions. For non-residential uses, describe anticipated operating conditions (hours of operation, conditions that may affect surrounding properties, etc.)
   Open Mid-May to Mid-Sept., 10-6 or 7pm weekends. Prior to Memorial Day & Easter Labor Day. Daily Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend weather permitting. 10am-6 or 7pm we will prepare and stock items at our store 831 Broadway St. We will dispose
5. **Off-site effects.** Describe any potential nuisances and mitigating circumstances relating to street access, traffic visibility, parking, loading, exterior storage, exterior lighting, vibration, noise, air pollution, odor, electromagnetic radiation, glare and heat, fire and explosion, toxic or noxious materials, waste materials, drainage, and hazardous materials.

   \[ N/A \]

6. **Review criteria.** The plan commission in making its recommendation and the common council in making its decision must consider the factors listed below. Provide a response to each. (See Section 19.373 of the Municipal Code.)

   a. Consistency of the proposed use with the city's comprehensive plan and neighborhood plan or other subarea plan, if any

      recommended in city plan study

   b. Effects of the proposed use on traffic safety and efficiency and pedestrian circulation, both on-site and off-site

      should not be an issue. Travel should be similar with past events.

   c. The suitability of the subject property for the proposed use

      The cart fits with the river district. Projected plans when the museum opened in 2000 the courtyard was intended to have such a cart.

   d. Effects of the proposed use on the natural environment

      \[ N/A \]

   e. Effects of the proposed use on surrounding properties, including operational considerations relating to hours of operation and creation of potential nuisances

      none forseen.

   f. Effects of the proposed use on the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district

      none forseen

   g. Effects of the proposed use on the city's financial ability to provide public services

      none forseen
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[Signature]
[Date]
2/23/16

Governing Regulations The procedures and standards governing this application process are found in Chapter 19, Article 4, Division 6, of the City's Municipal Code.

Reimbursement Agreement for Application Review Costs

A. Payment for Eligible Costs.
By submitting this application for review, the applicant agrees to pay all administrative costs incurred by the City in the processing, study, and review of the application including costs for planning, legal, engineering, and related services, referred to herein as eligible costs.

B. Guarantee of Payment.
To guarantee reimbursement, the applicant shall submit one of the following along with this application:
1. an irrevocable letter of credit in the name of the City in an amount as set by the zoning administrator; or
2. a cash deposit in an amount as set by the zoning administrator.

If a cash deposit is used to guarantee reimbursement, the City will periodically deduct from the cash account such amounts necessary to pay for eligible costs and submit a written statement to the applicant. If a letter of credit is used, the applicant agrees to pay such amounts as invoiced within 7 days of the invoice date. An interest rate of 1½ percent shall be charged on invoices not paid within 30 days of the invoice date. The City shall access the letter of credit to pay for overdue invoices, including late penalty charges, and submit a written notice to the applicant.

If remaining monies in the cash account are insufficient to pay for current and reasonably anticipated eligible costs, the applicant agrees to deposit additional monies into the cash account in an amount as set by the zoning administrator. If the principal amount of the irrevocable letter of credit is insufficient to pay for current and reasonably anticipated eligible costs, the applicant agrees to submit a second letter of credit in an amount as set by the zoning administrator. The applicant may withdraw this application prior to final action by the City Council by submitting a written letter to the City. Upon such notice, the City shall cease all work related to the review of the application. However, withdrawal of this application does not terminate this reimbursement agreement.

If the applicant does not pay for eligible costs, the City Clerk/Treasurer shall add the outstanding balance to the tax roll as a special assessment against the subject property. In addition, the City may pursue other legal means to obtain the outstanding balance as allowed by law.

C. Termination of Guarantee.
If a cash deposit is used to guarantee reimbursement, the City agrees to reimburse the applicant any unused monies in the cash account, including earned interest, within 30 days of the date when the City Council takes final action on the application. If a letter of credit is used, the City shall send a written letter to the applicant releasing the applicant from the letter of credit when all outstanding invoices have been paid.

[Signature]
[Date]
2/23/16
Coffee Carts for Hot Sales

★ Coffee carts and Coffee Kiosks for sale
★ Indoor or outdoor street applications.
★ Commercially designed and manufactured
★ Mobile coffee Sinks.
★ Push carts come in any colour you wish

The dimensions of this portable coffee unit, (height and width), allow our mobile units to be moved easily from location to location. Our coffee units are designed and manufactured for mobile sales. You can move these mobile push cart unit between building floors, up and down elevators.
the floodplain or floodway in the FIS or on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) must be reviewed and approved by the DNR and FEMA through the Letter of Map Change process (see s. 8.0 Amendments) before it is effective. No changes to RFE's on non-FEMA maps shall be effective until approved by the DNR. These maps and revisions are on file in the office of the Public Works, City of Wisconsin Dells. If more than one map or revision is referenced, the most restrictive information shall apply.

(a) OFFICIAL MAPS : Based on the FIS

1. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)
   1.1. Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel numbers 55021C0018F, 55021C0019F, 55021C0181F, 55021C0182F, 55021C0201F, dated May 16, 2016-April 2, 2008; with corresponding profiles that are based on the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) numbers 55021CV001C and 55021CV002C dated May 16, 2016-April 2, 2014. (Columbia County)

   1.2. Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel numbers 55001C0441D, 55001C0442D, DD001C0443D, 55001C0475D, dated June 17, 2008; with corresponding profiles that are based on the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) number 55001CV000A dated June 17, 2008. (Adams County)

   1.3. Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel numbers 55111C0118E, 55111C0119E, 55111C0231E, and 55111C2232E, dated December 18, 2009; with corresponding profiles that are based on the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) numbers 55111CV001C and 55111CV002C dated October 02, 2015. (Sauk County)

   1.3.1. Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Case No 12-05-7540P effective May 28, 2013 (Hulbert Creek). This LOMR updates FIRM panel numbers 55111C0118E and 55111C0231E dated December 18, 2009 (Sauk County).

   1.3.2. Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) Case No 14-06-7014A effective August 14, 2014 (451 Trout Rd.) This LOMA documents that the Lowest Adjacent Grade Elevation of 451 Trout Rd. as of August 14, 2014 is not located within the identified Special Flood Hazard Area described by FIRM panel 55111C0231E, dated 12/18/2009 (Sauk County).

   1.4. Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number 55057C0537D, 55057C0541D, 55057C0543D dated October 16, 2012; with corresponding profiles that are based on the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) number 55057CV000A dated October 16, 2012 (Juneau County)

Approved by: The DNR and FEMA
Current Sidewalk Café Zoning definition and standards

Definition as Temporary Use

21.8 Sidewalk café An outdoor dining area located upon public property, including a sidewalk, and operated as an integral part of an adjacent restaurant where food and beverages are sold or served primarily for consumption on the premises.

19.907 Sidewalk café

1. Generally. The provisions of this section provide the opportunity for restaurants in identified areas of the city to use adjoining public sidewalks for the purpose of providing outdoor seating.

2. Purpose. The provisions of this section are intended to: (a) enhance the pedestrian ambiance of the city by promoting additional activity on city sidewalks and visual interest; (b) enhance the appropriate use of existing public spaces; and (c) increase economic activity in the area.

3. Approval. Any proposed sidewalk café must be approved by the Design Review Committee prior to the use commencing.

4. Location. The location of a sidewalk café will be reviewed by the DRC on a case by case basis, with the following guidelines: 1) A sidewalk café shall be located directly in front of or adjacent to the restaurant with which it is associated. 2) A sidewalk café may utilize public space in front of and against the building of an adjoining property ONLY if express consent is given by the adjoining property owners. 3) A sidewalk café may utilize space in front of an adjoining property, along the curb, ONLY if the property owner directly in front of that space is not utilizing that space. 4) A sidewalk café service area shall be contiguous.

5. Obstructions. A sidewalk café may not interfere with any public service facilities located within the street right-of-way, including public telephones, mailboxes, public signs, public benches, public art, public fountains, and bus stops. In addition, a sidewalk café may not interfere with fire escapes, drop ladders, building access points, and other points of normal or emergency access.

6. Pedestrian movement. No portion of the sidewalk café may impede pedestrian movement. Generally, a 4-foot wide unobstructed walkway allows adequate pedestrian movement. On Broadway a minimum 6 foot wide unobstructed walkway is required by WisDOT.

7. Planters. Planters may be used as a visual amenity and to frame off the space allocated for the sidewalk café. The size of plant materials shall be compatible in scale with the immediate area. Hanging planters are not permitted.

8. Lighting. Lighting shall be limited to table top lamps of low intensity. The building inspector may allow additional lighting to provide appropriate levels for safety.

9. Furnishings. All furnishings shall fit the character of a public streetscape. An umbrella over each table may be permitted if it does not create an obstruction.

10. Floor covering. A floor covering may not be used in the sidewalk café.

11. Tables. Round tables may not exceed 36 inches in diameter and square tables may not exceed 36 inches in width.

12. Food preparation. All food shall be prepared within the restaurant.