FW: Booths on sidewalk outside Urban Woody

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So is the brewery in violation of this ordinance, is there a newer ordinance or was he granted a variance or privilege to line the curb with a plastic fence and set tables in the path? It has been getting busier downtown and my wife and I try to park down past State Farm and near the brewery entrance on weekdays but you have to park the car at least 2 1/2 feet from the curb because you can't step out on the sidewalk as there are fences and tables in the way. And then walk the street 30 40 feet to get on the sidewalk. The ordinance says Sidewalks shall be four feet wide with the line nearest the street right of way to be one foot from said street right-of-way line. So the furniture is in the walk path. You have to walk thru his setup instead of around if you want to use the sidewalk. I have some other folks opening up a bar and they also wanted to know that this placement of fencing and tables is approved and they will also be able to do the same thing without any hassles or applying for a variance or whatever. I also asked about info on putting steps down to our basement as I have a prospect buyer that has great interest in developing the basement but wants to know the particulars and what is involved. If I don't get a response here I will try to call in the next couple days and make an appointment to chat. thanks again, Don

From: Don

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913.01 ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBILITY.

The owner of each lot or parcel of land abutting upon any public street of the City, whether the land is platted or not, shall construct good and sufficient sidewalks along the street so far as the lot or parcel of land abuts thereon, and shall do the necessary grading in accordance with the ordinances upon the subject of sidewalks, whenever required so to do by resolution of the Council. See Exhibit A, attached to original Ordinance 2000-92.

All new construction of undeveloped lot(s) and/or underdeveloped lots of record shall be required to have sidewalks on both sides of the street right of way. Sidewalks shall be four feet wide with the line nearest the street right of way to be one foot from said street right-of-way line. This includes both residential and commercial buildings.

(Ord. 2000-92. Passed 11-21-00.)

Hello, and have concerns about legality and use of Urban woody for the prolonged and seems permanent use of public sidewalk for sitting booths for drinking his beer only and though they are on public property, they do not allow to or are designated for public use. I always thought that anything on the sidewalk like signs or whatever must be removed by night fall. I appreciate what the brewery is helping with the downtown but feel that it is obstructing free flow of traffic and not intended for public use without paying or purchasing. I own the bank building at 125 South Main. If I were to open a restaurant and line the sidewalks with booths front and side it would be ugly, and definitely not permitted. I wasn't allowed to put a sign in a planter but these folks can block 100" sidewalk all year long for

personal use. I think it is an eyesore and esp thru winter season. I need to be schooled on how this is allowed to continue. And if so it will give us insights on how to utilize our sidewalks to benefit the businesses A concerned property owner. thanks, Don Hanson 419-619-8822