

## **McMinnville Downtown Association's**

# **SIDEWALK GUIDELINES**

*The McMinnville Downtown Association works on behalf of the City of McMinnville to manage objects in the public right of way within the Historic Downtown and ensure that downtown businesses are in compliance with the following guidelines. These guidelines were developed with the goal of keeping our downtown pedestrian friendly and attractive and are based on these four key provisions;*

1. **No object may impede pedestrian, wheelchair and stroller access to the sidewalk.**
2. **Vehicles using on-street parking must be able to open their doors freely.**
3. **No object shall interfere with sight lines for pedestrians and vehicles at intersections.**
4. **The Historic Downtown should retain an authentic, tasteful character.**

### **Sandwich board Sign Guidelines**

- Sidewalk signs or sandwich boards must be professionally created with a **maximum** size of 46" high X 24" wide. Signs should be made of wood and in keeping with the historic downtown and your building. **We encourage you to contact the MDA for guidance prior to construction.**
- Back-lit, plastic and metal signage is not allowed. Whiteboards and chalkboards may be an element of a larger sign, but they must be pre-approved by the MDA Design Committee.
- Signs must not be placed more than one half block from your business.
- You may not place more than one sandwich board sign outside your business.
- Signs shall not be placed at bulb outs or blocking the pedestrian path. Signs should be placed along the curb in the yellow painted zone.
- Signs must not be left outside overnight or any time when your business is closed.

### **Additional Guidelines**

- Business and property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks in front of their businesses, including grinding and filling cracks, and removing snow and ice.
- Tables for sidewalk seating must be placed close to your building and at least 42" from the curb. Be sure to leave plenty of space for pedestrians and wheelchairs.
- Tables and chairs may not be placed near tree wells.

**For more information or resource referrals, call the  
MDA Design Committee at 503-472-3605**