

March 23, 2010

Zoning Administration
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Room LL-100
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Madison, WI 53701-2985

Dear Zoning Administration,

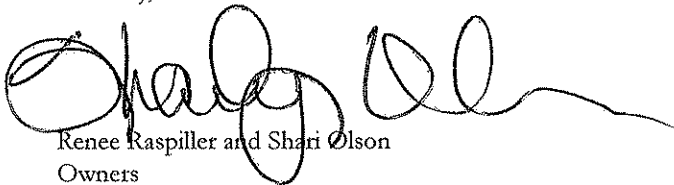
Java Cat is a small, independently owned coffee shop located on Monona Drive. In addition to serving gourmet coffee beverages, we serve breakfast and lunch sandwiches as well as hand-crafted gelato. Indoor seating at Java Cat is limited. In the summertime, when patrons gather by car, bus, bike and feet to meet with their friends and family; partake in our fun, friendly atmosphere; and enjoy our delicious gelato the need for seating is greater and people tend to want to sit outdoors and enjoy the sunshine.

In front of Java Cat, there is approximately 620 square feet between our building and the sidewalk that runs along Monona Drive. We are requesting a conditional use zoning permit to ease the need for seating in the store. We will use the space for tables and chairs so that outdoor seating is an option for our patrons. We understand that this permit does not include any outdoor events, performances or activities and will be strictly used for customer seating. We have removable tables and chairs we will use and believe that a permit allowing for the seating of 15 to 20 people will suffice.

Java Cat currently employs eleven people with the intent of hiring an additional three employees to aid with the summer traffic. Our current hours of operation are from 5:30 am to 8 pm Monday through Thursday, 5:30 am to 9 pm Friday, 7 am to 9 pm Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday. Typically, in the summer we increase our hours so that we are open an hour or two later each day of the week. We have twelve parking stalls on our lot, which is limited, so in addition to driving to our store, our patrons will walk and bike here as well.

When the sun is shining and the birds are chirping, Madison and Monona residents like to gather at the Java Cat to enjoy gourmet coffee beverages and hand-crafted gelato. Unfortunately our store is not capable of seating all of our guests who come by car, bus, bike and feet. And who really wants to sit in the stuffy indoors when the winter frost has finally melted? We sincerely thank you for your consideration in granting us a conditional use zoning permit to allow for the outdoor seating of our patrons.

Sincerely,



Renee Raspiller and Shari Olson
Owners
Java Cat



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