



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 19, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Changes to the On-Street Patio Program (PED16119(b)) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 15)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 15
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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

On March 8, 2017 Council approved a recommendation to create a permanent on-street patio program in accordance with the criteria and guidelines identified in Appendix "A" to Report PED16119(a).

INFORMATION:

Staff continues to monitor the On-Street Patio Program since it became permanent in 2017 and intend to make the following operational adjustments to the program:

- a) The initial intent, although never clearly defined, was for on-street patios to be a place for consuming drink or food where boulevard patios could not be accommodated. In 2018 applications were submitted to have on-street patios to display merchandise for sale, as an extension of a store, which was not in alignment with the initial intent. Therefore, staff intends to limit applications for on-street patios to cafes and restaurants only, or non-retail public activities submitted by the BIA.
- b) The current deadline to submit completed applications is April 1st of each year. Any applications received after the deadline are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to provide staff with more time to process applications staff intends to accept applications as of March 1st annually. No further applications will be accepted after April 30th so that other street events, taking place in the summer and fall months, can properly implement their safety plans and possible road closure plans knowing the exact locations of the on-street patios.

- c) After consultation with Public Works, staff intends to implement features to the on-street patios to improve public safety and enhance the visual appearance of the patios.

Staff will be consulting with the BIA Advisory Committee on February 11, 2019 and will advise Committee if there are any concerns with the changes that staff is implementing.

Finally, staff will continue to monitor the program and will make any necessary operational adjustments to enhance the on-street patio program and will keep Committee/Council apprised.