

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Planning Committee: April 4, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

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Outdoor Commercial Patios – Minor Variances and Temporary Use By-laws

WHEREAS, Outdoor Commercial Patios are regulated in size and location by Zoning By-law No. 05-200;

WHEREAS, By-law No. 20-181, as amended by By-law Nos. 20-215 and 21-143 amended the Outdoor Commercial Patio regulations in the Zoning By-law to provide temporary relief from the locational requirements for Outdoor Commercial Patios;

WHEREAS, Report PED20135(c) recommended reinstatement of the temporary locational permissions for Outdoor Commercial Patios to support local businesses by increasing operational flexibility;

WHEREAS, Council approved By-law No. 22-073 to reinstate the temporary locational permissions for Outdoor Commercial Patios on properties abutting a Residential Zone provided a minimum setback of 5 metres from a Residential Zone is provided and the patio does not obstruct a driveway, parking aisle or fire route, and the Zoning By-law restricts Outdoor Commercial Patios to the front yard of a property if the rear lot line abuts a Residential Zone, Downtown Residential (D5) Zone, or Downtown Multiple Residential (D6) Zone, or is separated by a laneway from said zones;

WHEREAS, Report PED20135(c) directed staff to report back to Council before April 2025, prior to the expiration of the Temporary Use By-law, to present staff's evaluation of the merits of establishing the temporary locational permissions for Outdoor Commercial Patios as permanent given that commercial entertainment and recreation on Outdoor Commercial Patios is now permitted in the Zoning By-laws and regulated by the Noise Control-By-law;

WHEREAS, a Minor Variance Application is required to assess variations from the requirements of the Zoning By-law;

WHEREAS, a Minor Variance Application fee is \$3,735.00.

WHEREAS, a Routine Minor Variance fee of \$675.00 is applied to pools, decks, sheds, accessory buildings, porches, eave projections, recognizing legal non-complying situations and secondary dwelling units;

WHEREAS, in 2022, four Minor Variance Applications were received to modify the zoning regulations associated with Outdoor Commercial Patio locations;

WHEREAS, a variance to the locational permissions and setback requirements for Outdoor Commercial Patios shall require varying the location requirements in the Zoning By-law and the temporary location permissions and setback requirements of the Temporary Use By-law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That staff be directed to amend the interpretation note for Routine Minor Variance applications in the Tariff of Fees By-law to include variances to the zoning by-law regulations for Outdoor Commercial Patios and the temporary use provisions where a Temporary Use By-law applies to the property for Outdoor Commercial Patios as a Routine Minor Variance.