

1. Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to allow Temporary Patios for Businesses on Private Property

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10/16/2020	15:13	PH1 - 1. Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to allow Temporary Patios for Businesses on Private Property	Other	<p>Generally, I support small businesses having temporary outdoor patios during the Covid pandemic period to help their business during this difficult time. However, my major concern is NOISE from these patios, especially near residential buildings. I want to see VERY STRICT noise abatement rules enforced for these premises. NO loudspeakers, NO loud music (that can be heard beyond 10m), NO loud vocal or instrumental sounds. Some establishments treat these patios as entertainment venues and have loud music etc to "attract" potential customers from blocks away. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE for nearby residents. It's like having someone's "ghetto blaster" outside your windows for long periods, day and night. Extremely annoying. It's already happening now. It's dreadful to think this could continue till October 2021. Please guarantee that noise offenses will be dealt with severely and promptly, with fines, including the suspension of business license for at least a month for repeat offenders. They need to respect the neighbourhood in which they operate. At the end of the pandemic period, I expect many establishments will fight hard to retain their outdoor patios. More tables, more customers, more income. I expect this current allowance is not necessarily a "temporary" thing in every case. That may be OK, so long as noise is not a problem for local residents. NO outdoor patios should be allowed to remain open after 11pm, even if the establishment itself is open later. NOISE is a significant issue in today's cities, and is also an established health issue. Noise Abatement must be a top priority for a more livable city. If the city cannot promise to enforce strict noise abatement laws, then I (and my neighbours) strongly oppose outdoor patios.</p>	F Farmer		s.22(1) [REDACTED] Personal and	West End	No web attachments.