

**PH2 4. Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers - OPPOSED**

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10/12/2021	16:56	PH2 - 4. Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers	Oppose	<p>To whom it may concern, I had been hoping to write a message that described particular problems that we would encounter trying to keep our private property patio under the proposed regulations. Unfortunately, we have been unable to even identify what those exact problems might be. Our architect has spent hours trying to figure out patios in the City of Vancouver, and they cannot give us any straight answers or propose any concrete budget due to the complexity of existing regulations. City staff have been helpful to answer some questions, but in many cases we are told to just apply and see what happens, or to hire additional professionals. Any question asking whether there will be financial help to navigate this process has been ignored. While I believe city staff are acting in good faith, I don't think they are aware of how much of a struggle operating a hospitality business has been over the past year and a half. As small independent brewers, we have mortgaged houses, put off having kids, emptied retirement savings accounts, and sold off large chunks of our equity to investors to stay afloat. There simply is not another \$500 available for a code consultant. There is not another \$1500 available for a development permit. In the spring of 2020 when temporary patios were first implemented, the city seemed to understand this. There was an urgency towards getting us up and running while minimizing the amount of time spent on paperwork and money spent on permits. Perhaps the pandemic has seemingly passed for some, but for many hospitality businesses, we are still in the thick of it. In many cases we are worse off than in May 2020, as we are in the same position, but with an added mountain of debt. Why the city has decided that now is the time to declare that 'the pandemic is over' and that it's acceptable to throw us back into the meat grinder of interminable, expensive permitting processes, is beyond me. In our case, we have no intention of building a fancy chain restaurant style patio structure, we have no intention of increasing capacity, we have no intention of operating on public property. We just have 6 picnic tables in our private driveway and want to keep operating as is. We have had no complaints relating to our patio from the public or our neighbours. We do not have the money to spend to go through a development permit process (having experienced going through one before!), and do not understand why there cannot be a mechanism to simply roll our existing patio into a permanent permit, or at least extend the temporary permit until after the pandemic is actually behind us. Chris Charron Owner &amp; Brewer Slow Hand Beer Company</p>	Chris Charron		<p>s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential</p>	Unknown	No web attachments.