

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

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10/06/2021	06 51	PH2 - 4. Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers	Other	<p>Regarding TEPP for Liquor Manufacturers - The proposal by the City of Vancouver is a good start, but doesn't go far enough for liquor manufacturers. I hope that council can reconsider and go further with their amendment to allow for greater capacity when patios and lounges concurrently open, with fewer roadblocks. Running a business is tough in the Province of BC, and specifically Vancouver: Minimum wage has increased by almost 50% over the past 4 years, property taxes, which breweries pay for, are at an all time high, we now pay a provincial employer health tax, the excise tax we pay now increases yearly, our lease rates are among the highest in all of Canada, quality employees are harder than ever to attract, retain and keep happy, the cost of all our inputs (raw materials, wholesale food, packaging, marketing, labour and delivery) are all up due to shortages throughout the supply chain, and our suppliers have passed along their cost increases. Add to this list, all the challenges we've experienced since the start of COV D that have made both the hospitality and manufacturing business we are in even more challenging. We've had to deal with the mental health of our staff, customers and resellers, finding people to work, forced closures due to restrictions, checking and policing the vaccination rules, reduced capacity, sales that have dropped from pre-pandemic levels, accounts that are not paying their bills, and increased competition from multi national players that make their products in faceless warehouses without the challenges of local hands on production. All of this has made it incredibly hard to run our brewery successfully. Circling back to my point, I guess we were expecting more support than this little bit of help that the City of Vancouver is offering. We are thankful the City has done anything and we appreciate the changes they have made to let our businesses survive this pandemic. Full stop. However, They should be viewed as a starting point and not as what is sufficient to help our business survive while at the same time keeping guests safe. The fact that I can go to brewers row in Port Moody and sit on a patio with 100 other people outside, along with full capacity inside, with no issues, makes this allowance they plan to give us seem quite diminished, and to be quite honest, not enough. We need the support and help of the City of Vancouver, and unless that starts to come faster, I am afraid that the manufacturing of beer in the City of Vancouver will have already had its day. We would seem likely to be on the back-side of the glory days of Vancouver beer production. Of all the breweries in Yeast Vancouver, most experienced a decline of 10% or greater from 2020 to 2021, highlighting the need for support from the City of Vancouver. I implore the City of Vancouver to do more than what they are proposing, and to take into account the plight of businesses that help support a dynamic and vibrant City</p>	Aaron Jonckheere		aaron@strangefellowsbrewing.com 6047672117	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
10/06/2021	17 38	PH2 - 4. Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers	Other	<p>My main concerns re making outdoor patios permanent are: 1) SAFETY: goes without saying. Protection from high-speed vehicles passing by. Plus the ability for public safety vehicles such as ambulances and firetrucks to be able to pass or turn in to a street or lane where there's an outdoor patio. On the street where I live (s. 22(1) Personal a, I've often seen a firetruck having to shuttle back and forth in order to turn onto Morton from Denman. There's a concrete street barricade there as well as an outdoor patio, making the turn very tight . The patio seems to be the main obstacle. Precious seconds are lost negotiating this hindrance, which could impact people's lives. 2) NOISE: Noise from patrons, loudspeakers, and various instruments is a seriously major problem coming from many outdoor patios in residential areas such as the West End. Before allowing a patio to be established, there must be strict rules for their operators to keep the noise very low by disallowing loudspeakers and loud instruments of all kinds on or near the patio, and also managing the behaviour of their patrons (suppress shouting, chanting, loud singing). The onus should be on the operators of the patios to control the noise and respect the local neighbourhood. Those that don't comply should lose their licence to operate. Patios in/near residential areas should stop serving by 9pm on weeknights (Sun-Thurs inclusive), and 11pm Fri & Sat nights, and be vacated one hour later. Noise abatement is critical. I am NOT in favour of any noisy patios!! 3) AESTHETICS: Most of the street patios set up during the Covid pandemic are eyesores. Why allow ugly patios? They don't enhance the streetscape in any way. There should be rules and guidelines to make Vancouver's streets more aesthetically pleasing. Nicer guard rails, more greenery/flowers, colourful parasols... I hope these issues will be addressed at the public hearing, as I cannot attend.</p>	Frank Farmer		s. 22(1) Personal and Con	West End	No web attachments.