

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

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
10/12/2021	13:54	PH2 4. Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers	Support	I am in support of the amendment to the bylaw to allow patios for liquor manufactures. During the past 18 months we have seen the tremendous success of patios have brought to liquor manufacturers during a time when things were very bleak. The temporary patio program that was put in place to assist businesses survive during COV D made the difference for a lot of us, without the option to host customers in an outdoor space many of us might have gone out of business. The program also served as a great platform to showcase what patios could do for the community in areas that might otherwise be drab and not very lively. We seen patios having a great positive influence in our neighbourhood, they've increase public safety by reducing the number of shady characters that hang around, they've given a place for locals to consume alcohol outdoors in a comfortable and safe place, and they've brought a new and exciting sense of fun to Vancouver as a whole. On a business standpoint, having a patio has allowed us to increase revenue which very much helps us keep up with the ever increasing costs of doing business in Vancouver. In the past year we've seen our rental rates go up by 30%, our cost of goods go up by 10-15%, and all our other cost are also going up at a rapid rate. Without another source of income, like patios, it's going to be difficult for all businesses to stay afloat, especially in the uncertain times ahead. I very much hope council strongly considers making Patios for Liquor Manufacturers a permanent thing. Other city's in BC have already done so and we see those cities liquor manufacturers flourishing. Lastly, I would ask council to consider increasing the maximum ancillary use area from 80m2 to 1/3rd of total area as it is in every other City in the province. The current max area limits the number of patron to 67 people, if that were increased we would be in a much better position to increase revenue and contribute even more to the city in terms of taxes. Thank you, David Bowkett Co-Owner Powell Street Craft Brewery	David Bowkett		s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Hastings-Sunrise	No web attachments.
10/12/2021	16:33	PH2 - 4. Zoning and Development By-law	Support	While the Craft Brewers Guild is in support of the Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers, we wanted to provide some background and context in relation to our ongoing concerns as mentioned in the report (see attached).	Ken Beattie		s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Downtown	APPENDIX A
10/12/2021	16:49	PH2 - 4. Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers	Support	As as brewery located in East Van, the TEPP program made a significant positive impact on our revenues, our neighbourhood, and our customer experience during the Covid pandemic. We would not be operating today, if we had not had this opportunity. We support extending the TEPP through to Mar 31, 2022 and ongoing. Many of our customers enjoy the patio during the fall/winter season. It allows them to bring dogs and socialize comfortably. Some even bought winter coats specifically so they could enjoy our patio. The information provided has been confusing. t sounds like public property/street patios would only be allowed Apr 1-Oct 31, which is not sufficient. But one document says there will be different charges per square meter for Apr 1-Oct 31 and Nov 1-Mar 31' t's also unclear why it's required to continue to reapply twice per year. If a patio receives approval, this should be considered complete, and would reduce costs. I would like to see a reduction in these fees to support small businesses after what has been an extremely difficult time. Margins to operate in Vancouver are especially thin. We would all like to continue to see independent small businesses survive, places that provide unique experiences that make this a great city. The City of Vancouver needs to support these businesses financially and in other tangible ways like fast-tracking private and public patios, simplifying and expediting the application process, allowing coverings on street patios, and increasing capacities for interior and exterior spaces (not splitting capacities) - not to mention reducing property taxes and controlling commercial rents.	Diana McKenzie		s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.



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Re: Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers

On behalf of the BC Craft Brewers Guild, we are pleased to see the City of Vancouver working collaboratively with our members in relation to the Temporary Expedited Patio Program on private property and look forward to increased dialogue with the City on similar projects to support our local small businesses going forward.

While the Craft Brewers Guild is in support of the Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers, we wanted to provide some background and context in relation to our ongoing concerns as mentioned in the report: *"Concerns for ongoing patios related to the permitting process (review time), and processing questions (capacity/ occupancy, washroom requirements and parking)."*

1. **Washroom Requirements:** Many of our members chose to open patios as their only option to remain in business during the various Public Health Orders in place throughout ongoing pandemic. With most of these Orders now rescinded or relaxed, many breweries could now be unable to meet the existing washroom requirements. To support these businesses, we recommend a relaxation on washroom requirements for establishments that have already met the 75-person occupant load.
2. **Parking Requirements:** Many of our members built new patios - or expanded existing ones - that are on private property areas designated for loading or parking purposes. We recommend that any new policies be updated to make it clear that zoning bylaws for parking should be relaxed to support further patio development.
3. **Streamlining Application Process:** As the TEPP has been extraordinarily successful and supported by both businesses and patrons, we would encourage a streamlining of the application process for private patios where no issues have been reported or identified. In those cases where no changes are being made to the current patio, we see no reason why a lengthy application and review process would be necessary.

Overall, we are pleased to work closely with the City of Vancouver on this project but remained concerned about the implementation which remains opaque, and the overall red tape that may be associated with TEPP.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide our feedback and we look forward to working collaboratively with you to support small businesses across British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Ken Beattie, Executive Director
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