

From: The Downtown Leadership Council (DLC)
To: Mayor and City Council
Date: April 7, 2021
Re: Restaurant Right of Way Ordinance

Dear Mayor Treece and Members of the Council:

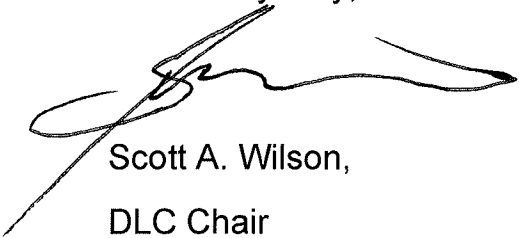
The DLC has reviewed and discussed allowing restaurants to utilize parking spots for additional seating or capacity, particularly during the COVID pandemic given the social distancing requirements which greatly limit their usual capacity.

The DLC strongly supports allowing restaurants to use parking spots and would not limit the permits to just 20 days, given that the pandemic has taken a devastating toll on most restaurants. We believe the City should provide them as much relief and leeway as possible, as quickly as possible. Given that the initial set up costs would be prohibitive for most if not all restaurants if limited to just 20 days, the City should grant extensions beyond the 20 days, unless problems arise.

The DLC would encourage the City to also grant restaurants a lower per day special meter hood fee, as well, during the pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,



Scott A. Wilson,
DLC Chair