



Department Source: Community Development - BSD

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 3, 2018

Re: Report - Draft revisions to sidewalk café ordinance

Executive Summary

Upon receiving correspondence from the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID), Council directed staff to prepare appropriate revisions to the downtown sidewalk café provisions in the Code of Ordinances. Attached is correspondence received from the former director of the CID requesting the change, a list of the Downtown CID Board of Directors' recommendations, and a working draft of the revised ordinance.

Discussion

City staff have worked with the Downtown CID to revise the existing sidewalk café provisions in the Code of Ordinances. These provisions are primarily found in Chapter 4 (Alcoholic Beverages) with a paragraph in Chapter 24 Streets Sidewalks and Public Places to provide for sidewalk dining which may or may not involve the serving of alcoholic beverages.

The draft ordinance makes the following changes:

- Requires an annual "sidewalk café license" which must be renewed annually and may be revoked for violations;
- Clarifies that a right-of-use permit shall be required for any non-portable sidewalk café installation (i.e., for any permanently fastened or affixed furniture or associated improvements);
- Requires an application, site plan, and annual fee;
- Continues to require barriers if (and only if – otherwise optional) alcoholic beverages are served, and provides more flexibility in choice of material and colors;
- Prohibits advertising within the café area;
- Continues to provide for an unobstructed 60-inch pathway which is to be both physically and visually unobstructed (i.e., can be perceived from end-to-end) around the café area;
- Cross references Chapter 24 provisions in the Chapter 4 provisions.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No significant impact; fee would offset staff time

Long-Term Impact: No impact anticipated.



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Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Downtown, Secondary Impact: Community Character, Tertiary Impact: Economic Development

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Infrastructure

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Comment on the draft and direct staff to schedule the required public hearing.