

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

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File type: Receive & File
Subcategory: Business Licenses

Subject:

Street Café Pilot Program

Description:

Receiving and filing 2016/2017 Street Café Pilot Program presentation and Street Café Supplement to the Parklet Application Manual.

Previous Actions:

February 27, 2015 – Received and filed the Parklet Application Manual. (15-00187)
July 2006 – Approved process and criteria for Sidewalk Café Licenses.

Ward/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

A Street café is a structure placed in the roadway that serves as seating for ground floor serving businesses while maintaining a comfortable pedestrian environment. Street Cafes are placed adjacent to the curb in an unrestricted parking lane along the frontage of the serving business. Street cafes must be positioned at the same grade as the sidewalk and be ADA accessible, meeting all Parklet siting and design guidelines.

Street Cafes are different than Parklets. Parklets are public spaces, open to all individuals in the public realm. Street Cafes are permitted areas that function as seating for an adjacent restaurant or business. Street Cafes are permitted to allow seating for restaurant and café customers. These are not open to the public but function as an extension of the restaurant or café.

The City of Minneapolis Street Cafe Pilot Program Supplement is intended to be used in conjunction with the Parklet Application Manual and Sidewalk Café License Process and Criteria to guide applicants through the process and procedures for applying for a Street Cafe.

The Street Café Pilot Program may begin as early as August 2016 with up to 5 Street Café pilot locations, and return in the 2017 season for a second phase, expanding the pilot program to include up to 5 additional Street Café pilot locations.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

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Attachments:

1. DRAFT Street Café Pilot Program Supplement.

2. Presentation.