

# Rooftop Dining Report



Staff direction was adopted at the RE&E Committee Meeting held April 18, 2011 for Regulatory Services staff, working in conjunction with Zoning staff, to review of best practices and develop recommendations for criteria for business license operating conditions for outdoor rooftop dining.

# Minneapolis Rooftops & Outdoor Dining Area



14 Operating Rooftop Dining Establishments  
Located in Downtown and Uptown  
3 with customized conditions

300 Sidewalk Café and Outdoor Areas

# Minneapolis Zoning Regulations

## 548.180 (b) (1) Outdoor Dining



Distance Restriction: No closer than (20) feet

# Minneapolis Licensing Tools

Business Plan  
Public Hearing  
Conditions



Outdoor areas have been approved, with or without conditions.



# Comparative Cities Study

Only Chicago and Toronto  
Restricted Rooftops specifically

All others abated issues through conditions



# Enhancing Review Process



- \*Revise License Application Form
- \*Ensure Consistent Review and Consideration
- \*Tracking Mechanism for Outdoor Areas

# Recommendation

Finalize Enhanced Business Application Materials and Standard Operating Procedures for Outdoor Areas.