Sidewalk Café Amendment

March 8th, 2022
Removing Sidewalk Cafes from Zoning Code - Why?

• In February 2022, legislation (2022-0073) was passed by City Council and signed by the Mayor changing the regulations around sidewalk cafes as regulated by the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI).

• These changes are in some ways duplicative and in other ways in conflict with the regs in the Zoning Code.

• All of the important regulations (minimum sidewalk width, etc) are now included in the DOMI regs.

• Sidewalk cafes are still regulated by Permits, Licenses, and Inspection (PLI).

• Proposed change will increase efficiency in review, as only two departments need to review.
Details of Amendment

• Sidewalk Café is defined as "Sidewalk Cafe means an establishment serving food and/or beverage on public sidewalk space.

• This amendment before Commission today removes Sidewalk Cafes from the Zoning Use Table.
  • Removes Sidewalk Cafes from Public Realm Districts (Section 908)
  • Removes Sidewalk Cafes from Specially Planned Districts (Section 909)
  • Remove Sidewalk Cafes from Use Table and Use Standards (Section 911)