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AI Fresco Ordinance

Citywide Code Amendment

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Planning and Land Use Management Committee
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Transition to Permanent Al Fresco on Private Property



Al Fresco Ordinance Overview

- Amends Zoning Code to:
 - Allow outdoor dining as a by-right use on private property.
 - Allow conversion of parking spaces to outdoor dining areas.
 - No limits on the size of outdoor dining areas.
 - Offer streamlined online process for expansion of existing alcohol authorizations to outdoor dining areas.
 - Includes targeted amendments to Restaurant Beverage Program General to support outdoor dining.
 - Provide relief from overlay or other zoning regulations which conflict with outdoor dining.

From a Temporary Program to Permanent AI Fresco: Comparisons

| | Temporary Program | April 2023 Draft Ordinance | CPC-Approved Draft Ordinance |
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| Duration of Outdoor Dining Approvals | Temporarily authorized under the Covid-19 emergency declaration | Permanent | Permanent |
| Limits on size of private property outdoor dining area | None | None | None |
| Limits on number of private property parking spaces that can be converted to outdoor dining | None | None | None |
| Hours for outdoor dining areas | Until 10:30pm if next to residential, otherwise none | Until 10:30pm if next to residential, otherwise none | No later than 11pm if within 250 ft. of a residential zone, excluding RAS zone. |
| Expanding existing alcohol permit into outdoor dining areas | Free, online process | Free for existing AI Fresco authorizations, \$400 for new service, online process. | Free for existing AI Fresco authorizations, \$400 for new service, online process. |
| Alcohol operating conditions | All alcohol to be delivered by employee to tables, patrons seated, no fixed or temporary bar installations in outdoor dining areas. | All alcohol to be delivered by employee to tables, patrons seated, no fixed or temporary bar installations in outdoor dining areas. | All alcohol to be delivered by employee to tables, patrons seated, only fixed or portable bars not used as a point of sale are permitted. |
| Private events in outdoor dining areas | Not permitted | Permitted | Permitted |
| Outdoor dining locations | Generally unrestricted on private property | Generally unrestricted on private property outside of required setbacks | Generally unrestricted on private property outside of required setbacks |
| Relationship to Other Zoning Regulations | Temporarily supersedes other regulations. | Permanently supersedes other regulations. | Permanently supersedes other regulations. |

Other CPC Changes and Instructions

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| Definition | Clarification of enclosure standards - no more than one structural wall allowed, not inclusive of movable delineators or fencing. |
| Eligibility | Restaurants with an adverse judgement regarding a wage claim are ineligible. |
| Technical Modifications | Clarification of hazardous site assessment procedures and applicability of HPOZ historic preservation review. |
| Report to City Council | City Planning instructed to prepare report to City Council with recommendations on allowing ambient music. |

Ambient Music

For Council's consideration:

- Remove prohibition on music and speakers
- Add "Ambient music is permitted in compliance with Section 112.01 of the LAMC"

SEC. 112.01. RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES.



(Amended by Ord. No. 156,363, Eff. 3/29/82.)

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person within any zone of the City to use or operate any radio, musical instrument, phonograph, television receiver, or other machine or device for the producing, reproducing or amplification of the human voice, music, or any other sound, in such a manner, as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbor occupants or any reasonable person residing or working in the area.

(b) Any noise level caused by such use or operation which is audible to the human ear at a distance in excess of 150 feet from the property line of the noise source, within any residential zone of the City or within 500 feet thereof, shall be a violation of the provisions of this section.

(c) Any noise level caused by such use or operation which exceeds the ambient noise level on the premises of any other occupied property, or if a condominium, apartment house, duplex, or attached business, within any adjoining unit, by more than five (5) decibels shall be a violation of the provisions of this section.

Thank You

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