

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

December 13, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 14.14 to remove seasonal restrictions on canopy and windbreak structures over permitted public sidewalk dining areas. (Districts 1 and 2)

DISCUSSION

Section 14.14.050 of the Municipal Code allows canopies over the public sidewalk, in the downtown area only, as part of a public walkways occupancy permit. Presently, overhead structures are limited to the period of November 1st through April 30th. Both the Planning and Building Department and the Fire Department have no objection to eliminating this seasonal limit and will continue to review and approve plans for these canopies on a case-by-case basis.

The Promenade area of the downtown is subject to additional Redevelopment Agency approved master plans and design guidelines that may, in some cases, supercede Chapter 14.14 or impose additional requirements.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on September 31, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

GERALD R. MILLER CITY MANAGER

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