



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

October 11, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a public walkways occupancy permit for sidewalk dining at Utopia Good Food & Fine Art located at 445 East First Street. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

The owners of Utopia Good Food & Fine Art restaurant, located at 445 East First Street, requested a first time permit to temporarily occupy part of the adjoining sidewalk for the purpose of sidewalk dining. The proposed permit area and a list of furnishings and accessories to be placed in the permit area are shown on the attached Exhibit A. Approval of this permit is based on the conditions and standards of Chapter 14.14 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, which describes temporary uses of public rights-of-way.

The width of the public sidewalk along First Street and Linden Avenue is 12 and 15 feet, respectively. Seven and one-half feet of sidewalk are to remain open to pedestrians on First Street and ten and one-half feet will remain open on Linden Avenue. Passage is reduced to the minimum clearance of five feet at only one location on First Street adjacent to a street tree.

Section 14.14.040.C specifies that the maximum height of any obstruction shall be 6 feet unless otherwise approved by the City Council. The permit applicant requests permission for three eight-foot high umbrellas, and the City Engineer recommends approval of this request based on the fact that taller umbrellas provide better clearance for pedestrians.

This permit request was reviewed and approved by the Long Beach Fire Department on July 11, 2005. The subject permit was prepared by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on September 14, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

A permit processing fee of \$500 was deposited to the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Attachment

APPROVED:



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