

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Kensington Market Restaurant Study - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Planning staff, in consultation with appropriate staff in Municipal Licensing and Standards, Toronto Buildings, Economic Development and Legal Services, conduct an analysis of restaurant and bar uses in Kensington Market and report back on the actions to protect the mix of uses in Kensington Market and control the impacts of bar and restaurant uses.

Summary

In recent years there has been a growing concern from local residents about an increase in the number of restaurants and bars within Kensington Market, which have created conflicts with adjacent commercial and residential uses.

Residents and businesses are looking to protect the vibrancy and character of Kensington Market's main streets, which contain a broad mix of uses to meet the daily needs of area residents and visitors to the market.

In particular, it has been raised that an increase in restaurants and bars has contributed to unruly behaviour of patrons that spills out onto residential streets, or noise impacts from back patios on nearby residential properties. In addition, there has also been concern related to large numbers of restaurants clustered close together as this can result in garbage and traffic nuisances, and can also impact the viability of other commercial activity in the neighbourhood.

Background Information (City Council)

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