

Refusal of a Curbside Sidewalk Cafe Permit Application Located at 5 St. Joseph Street, Unit R5-4,.

Date: October 7, 2024

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Business Licensing and Regulatory Services, Municipal Licensing & Standards

Wards: Ward 13 – Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to report on the refusal to issue a permit by Municipal Licensing & Standards in the matter of an application for a Curbside Sidewalk Café permit located at 5 St. Joseph St., Unit R5-4.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director of Business Licensing and Regulatory Services, Municipal Licensing & Standards recommends that:

1. Community Council deny the application for the proposed Curbside Sidewalk Café permit located at 5 St. Joseph St., Unit R5-4.

OR

2. Community Council approve the application for the proposed Curbside Sidewalk Cafe permit located at 5 St. Joseph St., Unit R5-4.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

This is a new application for a Curbside sidewalk cafe permit located at 5 St. Joseph St., Unit R5-4.

COMMENTS

An application for a Curbside sidewalk café permit located at 5 St. Joseph St. Unit R5-4, was received on June 24, 2024, from the business owner representing 1000280926 Ontario Inc. operating as Lao Lao Bar. The application submitted was seeking permission to establish a sidewalk cafe for 20.22 square metres which would accommodate approximately 15 patrons. (Attachment 1 and 2).

This application meets the physical criteria for a sidewalk cafe permit, as set out in Chapter 742 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.

The City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 742-2.3 requires all applicants for a café on a local road to display a public notice posting of the application at the establishment for no less than 21 days.

Furthermore, the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 742-2.3 also requires that all property owners and occupants located within a 60-metre radius of the proposed café location on a local road be notified in writing.

A public mail-out of 2433 letters was mailed and a total of 3 objections to the public posting were received by Municipal Licensing & Standards.

A refusal letter was sent on July 23, 2024, to the business owner, advising the applicant that multiple objections were received, and that the sidewalk café permit application was denied.

On July 31, 2024, a letter was received by Municipal Licensing & Standards from the business owner, to appeal the decision of the denial for a Sidewalk Café permit.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Site Plan of Sidewalk Café location
2. Photos of Sidewalk Café location