

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	Item ID	34654	Agenda Number	74.
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Meeting Date:	8/28/2014	Department:	Transportation
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### Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14-4 related to sidewalk cafes to clarify terms, expand definitions, and move from a license agreement to a permitting process.

### Amount and Source of Funding

### Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	Resolution No. 20140306-021
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

### Additional Backup Information

Council Resolution No. 20140306-021 directed staff to conduct stakeholder meetings to consider changes to the sidewalk café ordinance, including addressing associated fees and the current licensing process. Staff conducted a meeting on March 19, 2014, and revised the ordinance to address the concerns brought forward at the meeting.

This proposed ordinance amendment of Chapter 14-4 will move away from a license agreement process and instead require a permit. This action will significantly reduce processing time for both City staff and the businesses. In addition, staff is proposing to broaden the definition of a sidewalk café and eliminate a specific number of café elements. Staff will focus on making sure that clear walk space for pedestrians is maintained, without dictating the number of tables, chairs, or other elements that are allowed within the permitted area.

Staff is currently not proposing any changes to the existing sidewalk fees. In anticipation of new requests for use of metered parking areas for sidewalk cafés, staff recommends that the City require payment for the annual loss of meter revenue.