



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Denise Lucas, Director, Development Services Department
Rob Spillar, P.E., Director, Austin Transportation Department

DATE: December 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Response to Resolution No. 20210729-116

On July 29, 2021, Council approved [Resolution No. 20210729-116](#) which directed staff to explore how the uses allowed under the Shop the Block pilot program can be offered in permanent City programs, including the creation of a new program that allows for temporary seating in private parking lots. Staff were instructed to return to Council with the ordinances and changes to the fee schedule by the December 9, 2021, City Council meeting. Staff is requesting an extension until February 17, 2022.

Staff will need additional time to continue work on calibrating application and enforcement options that ensure the appropriateness of permitted outdoor space with surrounding areas.

While the Shop the Block pilot program ended December 1, business owners currently participating in the program are entitled to keep their outdoor seating and retail until their permit expires. Shop the Block permits expire 180 days after issuance. Permit holders were encouraged to re-apply before the December 1 application deadline, and those permits will remain active until June 2022.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Brydan Summers, Consumer Services Manager with the Development Services Department at brydan.summers@austintexas.gov.