

Petition - Outdoor Dining & Outdoor Blinds Tax

Tuesday, 14 November 2023
Council

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a petition for Council to receive. The petition asks Council to:

- Support and work with hospitality businesses and remove the outdoor dining fees. Bringing back this fee in full with an increase has heavily impacted businesses that have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic is not financially viable for businesses. This fee in addition to encroachment fees and other associated charges such as lineal meterage fees for café blinds, comes at a time when hospitality businesses remain extremely vulnerable. Adelaide's City Council's own research and data shows a reduction in foot traffic and trends such as working from home increasing and normalising, which has a direct and significant impact on hospitality businesses that rely on city workers and stifle the ability for businesses to create spaces for community connection.

There are 35 signatories to the petition.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the petition containing 35 signatories, distributed as a separate document to Item 10.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 14 November 2023.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	<p>Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities</p> <p>The presentation of the petition aligns with the Strategic Plan objective that community consultation underpins everything we do.</p>
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The petition is presented for receipt in accordance with the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures and the <i>Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 (SA)</i> .
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
22/23 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. A petition containing 35 signatories was received on 2 November 2023 that asks Council to do the following:
 - Support and work with hospitality businesses and remove the outdoor dining fees. Bringing back this fee in full with an increase has heavily impacted businesses that have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic is not financially viable for businesses. This fee, in addition to encroachment fees and other associated charges such as lineal meterage fees for café blinds, comes at a time when hospitality businesses remain extremely vulnerable. Adelaide's City Council's own research and data shows a reduction in foot traffic and trends such as working from home increasing and normalising, which has a direct and significant impact on hospitality businesses that rely on city workers and stifle the ability for businesses to create spaces for community connection.
2. The Chief Executive Officer must ensure the petition is placed on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting of the Council.
3. The original petition was distributed to all Council Members separately.
4. Members of the public may seek a copy of the original petition upon written request to the Chief Executive Officer.
5. The petition has been considered pursuant to Regulation 10 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013 (SA)* and with the requirements of the Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures.

ATTACHMENTS

Petition distributed separately to Lord Mayor and Councillors.

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