

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0772

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Arias

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2025

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendments

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 154.108, *Ordinance Code*, to expand the premises area. It also amends Section 250.801, *Ordinance Code*, to expand the Downtown areas for sidewalk cafes and bars.

Background Information: This bill amends Section 154.108, which governs the consumption of alcohol on a vendor's premises. Currently, the *Code* allows consumption of alcohol on a patio adjacent to a building, which is the address of a vendor. This bill deletes the phrase "on a patio" and inserts the phrase "as set forth in Section 250.801 of the Ordinance Code" to reflect a more expansive definition of *adjacent* areas where alcohol consumption is permissible.

The bill amends Section 250.801, which provides definitions for Downtown Sidewalk Cafes. To the definition of *adjacent*, the bill adds "any sidewalk extension that provides more space and amenities for people using the street for extended seating, as approved by DIA." To the *Code's* definition of *bar*, this bill updates the location requirements by deleting language specifying that a downtown bar is one "located within the boundaries of the E-Town (Entertainment Town) Zone." It adds that a bar is a bona fide standard bar, "which does not have a requirement to derive any portion of its sales from food or other non-alcoholic beverages within the Downtown Overlay as defined by section 656.361.2."

The bill also amends the definition of *café or restaurant* by updating the location requirements through deletion of language specifying that a café or restaurant must be located within the boundaries of the "Central Business District, as defined by the Comprehensive Plan, the boundaries of which are coterminous with the" Downtown Overlay as defined by Section 656.361.12. The amended *Code* would define a café or restaurant as one located within the boundaries of the "Downtown Overlay as defined by Section 656.361.2."

Finally, the bill deletes the entire definition of the E-Town Zone in Section 250.801, *Ordinance Code*.

Policy Impact Area: *Ordinance Code* amendment, alcoholic beverages, and business regulations

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City.

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