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MEMORANDUM

TO: Youth Commission
FROM: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
DATE: January 24, 2023
SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following, which at the request of the Youth Commission is being referred as per Charter Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 230025

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to extend the grace period for an additional 120 days for permit applicants to operate under pandemic shared spaces permits, including any Just-Add-Music approvals related to these spaces, and convert the shared space use into a post-pandemic permit; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee at Erica.Major@sfgov.org.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: 2/6/2023

No Comment
Recommendation Attached

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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

CC: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director

FROM: 2022-2023 Youth Commission

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2023

RE: SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS File No. 230025

The San Francisco Youth Commission voted 12-to-3, with Commissioners Adair, Miller, and Nguyen in descent, to support File No. 230025 “ Amending Code to extend the grace period for additional 120 days to permit applicants to operate under pandemic shared spaces permits”. Commissioners provided the following feedback on the legislation:

1. The Youth Commission appreciates the value Shared Spaces provide to communities and the economic benefits they provide for small businesses and appreciates city staff’s work on the program
 2. The Youth Commission has significant concerns around delays to the implementation and enforcement of restrictions on Shared Spaces that obstruct corner visibility by not providing a 20’ corner clearance, as they pose a safety hazard to young people walking and biking.
 3. The Youth Commission has significant concerns around delays to the implementation and enforcement of restrictions on Shared Spaces that obstruct Muni or other public transit stops including flag stops as this creates access issues for transit riders, many of who are youth, and is contrary to the city’s Transit First Policy.
 4. The Youth Commission has significant concerns around delays to the implementation and enforcement of requirements that Shared Spaces provide public benches or public access to the shared space.
 5. The Youth Commission acknowledges that Shared Spaces are preferable to private vehicle parking in creating a vibrant and welcoming city, but has concerns that Shared Spaces privatize public spaces in ways not previously allowed by the pre-pandemic parklet program.
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[Attachments] Examples of problematic shared spaces



Shared Space blocks Muni flag stop and corner visibility



Shared space blocks Muni flag stop and corner

Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff (415) 554- 6446 with any questions. Thank you.