

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Shared Spaces Program]

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.

Existing Law

The “Shared Spaces” program, initially implemented in 2020 as part of the City’s emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, was a temporary program authorizing the use of the right of way for retail, dining, and other purposes. In 2021, The Board of Supervisors codified the program in Administrative Code Chapter 94A. Under Chapter 94A, permittees under the temporary program must apply to the permanent program no later than 60 days after the emergency proclamation expires or March 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to extend the grace period for current permittees to operate under the pandemic shared spaces program, including approvals for Just-Add-Music or JAM, for an additional 120 days. The grace period also would allow more time for the shared space permittees to obtain a post-pandemic shared spaces permit. The new grace period would be for a total of up to 180 days from the end date the Mayor’s Local Emergency Proclamation related to the COVID pandemic.

This legislation also would make several clerical amendments.

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